

BSc in Biological Sciences
Recommended Study Plan For Normative 4-year Degree
For Students Admitted from Semester A 2022/23

Version as of
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Year 1 (2022/23)			
Semester A	CU	Semester B	CU
CHEM1300 Principles of General Chemistry *	3	PHY1400 Introductory Physics for Biologists*	3
CHEM1200 Discovery in Biology*#	3	BMS2004 Biochemistry	3
BMS1901 Calculus For Life Sciences	3	GE2401 English for Science ▲	3
GE1401 University of English▲	3	GE1501 Chinese Civilization – History and Philosophy ▲	3
GE Distributional Requirements § /		GE Distributional Requirements § /	
Major Elective /	3	Major Elective	3
Free Elective		Free Elective	
<i>Total</i>	15	<i>Total</i>	15
Year 2 (2023/24)			
Semester A	CU	Semester B	CU
BMS2005 Human Physiology	3	BMS2201 Molecular Biology of the Cell	3
BMS2202 Diversity of Life & Evolution	3	BMS2205 Essential Techniques in Biomedical Sciences	4
BMS2204 Diversity of Life and Microbiology Laboratory	2	BMS2901 Introductory Biostatistics and Data Analysis	3
CHEM2013 Microbiology	3	GE Distributional Requirements § /	
CHEM2071A Biological Chemistry	3	Major Elective /	6
		Free Elective	
<i>Total</i>	14	<i>Total</i>	16
Year 3 (2024/25)			
Semester A	CU	Semester B	CU
BMS4303 Neuroscience	3	BMS3301 Bioinformatics	3
BMS3203A Genetics	3	BMS4008 Clinical Immunology	3
CHEM3068 General Ecology	4	BMS4301 Cancer Biology	3
GE Distributional Requirements § /		BMS3204 Molecular Biology	3
Major Elective /	6	GE Distributional Requirements § /	
Free Elective		Major Elective /	3
		Free Elective	
<i>Total</i>	16	<i>Total</i>	15
Year 4 (2025/26)			
Semester A	CU	Semester B	CU
BMS4206 Final Year Project in Biomedical Research <u>OR</u>	(IP) 4	BMS4206 Final Year Project in Biomedical Research <u>OR</u>	4
BMS4304 Industrial Attachment: Biotechnology and Health Sciences		BMS4304 Industrial Attachment: Biotechnology and Health Sciences	
GE Distributional Requirements § /		GE Distributional Requirements § /	
Major Elective /	11	Major Elective /	10
Free Elective		Free Elective	
<i>Total</i>	15	<i>Total</i>	14

Minimum number of credit units required: 120

- (1) Students should pay special attention to the prerequisite of courses as specified in the syllabuses.
- (2) The curriculum information is subject to periodic review and changes.
- (3) Students must choose to take BMS4206 FYP in Biomedical Research (8 CU) or BMS4304 Industrial Attachment: Biotechnology and Health Sciences (8 CU) as one of their major elective courses to fulfill graduation requirement.

Students who intend to choose the BISI major are advised to take CHEM1200 in the first year which is a prerequisite for core courses schedule in Year 2 Semester A.

▲ **Gateway Education – University Requirements (9 Credit Units)** – Students are recommended to register in these courses in their first year of study or as soon as possible.

* **Gateway Education – College/School-specified courses (9 Credit Units)**

§ **Gateway Education – Distributional Requirements (12 Credit Units)**
 minimum 3 credit units from each area:

[Area 1: Arts and Humanities](#)

[Area 2: Study of Societies, Social and Business Organizations](#)

[Area 3: Science and Technology](#)

IP → "In Progress" for a year-long course

Degree Requirements	Normative 4-year Degree
Gateway Education requirement	30 credit units
College/School requirement	Not Applicable
Major requirement	72 credit units (Core: 52 Elective: 20)
Free electives / Minor (if applicable)	18 credit units
Minimum number of credit units required for the award	120 credit units