University of Houston DOWNTOWN

Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology

(120 hours)

This is a recommended course sequence based on the UHD 2024-25 Undergraduate Catalog for a degree in biotechnology which equips students to pursue careers in lab research, with applied areas such as health, microbiology, and DNA technology. Courses with asterisks (*) indicate Common Core courses.

First Year								
Semester 1	Hours	Grade	Semester 2	Hours	Grade			
ENG 1301* (Composition I) P: A TSIA2 score meeting college readiness in Reading and Writing, or TSIA2 Reading and Writing complete, or TSIA2 Reading and Writing exempt	3		ENG 1302* (Composition II) P: A grade of C or better in ENG 1301 or placement by examination	3				
MATH 2411 or MATH 2401*			BIOL 1302/1102* (General Biology I					
(Calculus I for Natural Sciences or Calculus I) P: A grade of C or better in MATH 1505 or placement by exam taken at UHD; Refer to catalog	4		Lecture/Lab) <i>P: BIOL 1101, BIOL 1301 and enrollment in BIOL 1102</i>	4				
BIOL 1301/1101* (General Biology I			CHEM 1307/1107					
Lecture/Lab) P: Credit or enrollment in BIOL 1101, ENG 1301 (or 010 core complete) and MATH 1301	4		(General Chemistry I Lecture/Lab) P: Credit or enrollment in MATH 1301 and CHEM 1107, ENG 1301 (or 010 core complete), and one year of high school chemistry or CHEM 1305/CHEM 1105	4				
UHD First-year Seminar* Refer to catalog for approved options	3		CS 1411 (Intro Introduction to Computer Science with Python) Or CS 1311 or CS 1408	4				
Total Hours	1/		Refer to catalog for approved options	15				
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Second Year								
Semester 1	Hours	Grade	Semester 2	Hours	Grade			
CHEM 1308/1108 (General Chemistry II Lecture/Lab) P: A grade of C or better in CHEM 1307 and credit or enrollment in CHEM 1108	4		MBIO 2305/2105 (General Microbiology Lecture/Lab) P: BIOL 1302/BIOL 1102 and CHEM 1308/CHEM 1108 and credit or enrollment in MBIO 2105	4				
PHYS 1307/1107 (General Physics I Lecture/Lab)	4		PHYS 1308/1108 (General Physics II Lecture/Lab)	4				
P: Credit or enrollment in MATH 1302 or the equivalent, enrollment in PHYS 1107	-		P: PHYS 1307 and credit or enrollment in PHYS 1108	-				
POLS 2306* (Texas Government) (Summer Option) P: Enrollment in or completion of ENG 1301 or 010 complete	3		BIOL 2303/2103 (General Genetics Lecture/Lab) P: BIOL 1302/BIOL 1102, CHEM 1308/CHEM 1108, and credit or enrollment in BIOL 2103.	4				
Approved Language, Philosophy, and Culture course* (Summer	3		Approved Creative Arts course* (Summer Option)	3				
Option) Refer to catalog for approved options			Refer to catalog for approved options					
Total Hours	14		Total Hours	15				

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Semester 1	Hours	Grade	Semester 2	Hours	Grade			
BIOL 4220 (Introduction to Genomics and Bioinformatics) <i>P: BIOL 2303/BIOL 2103</i>	2		BIOL 3306 (Biological Evolution) P: BIOL 2303	3				
CHEM 2301/2101 (Organic Chemistry I Lecture/Lab) P: A grade of C or better in CHEM 1308 and CHEM 1108. Enrollment in CHEM 2101 is recommended.	4		CHEM 4340/4140 (General Biochemistry I w/Lab) P: BIOL 1102 and BIOL 1302 and CHEM 2101 and CHEM 2301	4				
STAT 3311 (Statistical Analysis for Natural Sciences) P: A grade of C or better in MATH 1404 or MATH 1505.	3		Focus Area 1 Course W/Lab Refer to catalog for approved options	4				
Approved UL Biology Course BIOL 3300,4201,4230, 4232, 4260, 4399	2-3		Approved American HistoryCourse* Refer to catalog for approved options	3				
POLS 2305* (Federal Government) (Summer Option) P: Enrollment in or completion of ENG 1301 or 010 core complete.	3		Approved Social & Behavioral Sciences Course* (Summer Option) Refer to catalog for approved options	3				
Total Hours	14-15		Total Hours	17				
Fourth Year								
Semester 1	Hours	Grade	Semester 2	Hours	Grade			
Focus Area Course 3 Refer to catalog for approved options	3		MBIO 4310 (Microbial Biotechnology) P: A grade of C or better in MBIO 2305/MBIO 2105, BIOL 2303/BIOL 2103 and 8 additional hours of upper	3				
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Refer to catalog for approved options Approved American History Course* Refer to catalog for approved options BIOL 4311 (Biology Seminar) Or MBIO 4311 or SUST 4301 P: Senior standing and majoring in an area of life science	3		MBIO 4310 (Microbial Biotechnology) P: A grade of C or better in MBIO 2305/MBIO 2105, BIOL 2303/BIOL 2103 and 8 additional hours of upper level science BIOL 4320 (Cellular Biology) Of BIOL 4330 (Molecular Biology)	3				
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Refer to catalog for approved options Approved American History Course* Refer to catalog for approved options BIOL 4311 (Biology Seminar) Or MBIO 4311 or SUST 4301 P: Senior standing and majoring in an area of life science Approved Oral Communication Course* (Summer Option)	3		MBIO 4310 (Microbial Biotechnology) P: A grade of C or better in MBIO 2305/MBIO 2105, BIOL 2303/BIOL 2103 and 8 additional hours of upper level science BIOL 4520 (Cellular Biology) Or BIOL 4330 (Molecular Biology) Refer to catalog for approved options Focus Area 2 Course W/Lab Refer to catalog for approved options Chemistry, Mathematics and Computer Science Content Course 2	3 3 4				