

# Biology Major: Environmental Science Concentration - Bachelor of Arts (BA)

## Major requirements

(All colleges, excluding teacher certification programs)

39 credits (67 total credits including CHM, MTH, and GEO requirements)

*Each student must have a minimum of three 400 level BIO credits (excluding BIO 450, BIO 479, BIO 489, BIO 491, BIO 495, and BIO 499) to fulfill requirements of the major.*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core</b>		
BIO 105	General Biology	4
BIO 203	Organismal Biology	4
BIO 306	Genetics	4
BIO 307	Ecology	3
BIO 315	Cell Biology	4
BIO 419	Quantitative Methods in Ecology	3
BIO 491	Capstone Seminar in Biology	1
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 16 credits of elective from the following:		16
BIO 302	Introductory Plant Identification	
BIO 304	Plant Biology	
BIO 321	Ornithology	
BIO 337	Plant Physiology	
BIO 341	Limnology	
BIO 401	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy	
BIO 404	Plant Taxonomy	
BIO 405	Aquatic and Wetland Vascular Plants	
BIO 406	Parasitology	
BIO 412	Mycology	
BIO 414	Freshwater Invertebrate Zoology	
BIO 422	Ichthyology	
BIO 429	Evolution	
BIO 441	Environmental Toxicology	
BIO 442	Plant Microbe Interactions	
BIO 444	Entomology	
BIO 446	Animal Behavior	
BIO 447	Standard Methods/Quality Assurance Water Analyses	
BIO 456	Plant Ecology	
BIO 458	Comparative Animal Physiology	
BIO 464	Stream and Watershed Ecology	
BIO 473	Marine Biology	
BIO 476	Ecosystem Ecology	
BIO 488	Mammalogy	
MIC 230	Fundamentals of Microbiology	

BIO 499 Independent Research (up to two credits may apply)

MIC 350 Bacterial Diversity

MIC 434 Aquatic Microbial Ecology

### Chemistry requirement

Select three semesters of chemistry, including: 15-18

CHM 103 General Chemistry I

CHM 104 General Chemistry II

And one of the organic chemistry options:

Option A (5 credits) <sup>1</sup>

CHM 300 Fundamental Organic Chemistry  
& CHM 302 and Fundamental Organic Chemistry Laboratory

Option B (7 credits)

CHM 303 Organic Chemistry Theory I  
& CHM 304 and Organic Chemistry Theory II  
& CHM 302 and Fundamental Organic Chemistry Laboratory

Option C (8 credits)

CHM 303 Organic Chemistry Theory I  
& CHM 304 and Organic Chemistry Theory II  
& CHM 305 and Organic Chemistry Laboratory

### Math requirement

Select eight credits of mathematics including the following: 8

STAT 145 Elementary Statistics

or MTH 265 Mathematical Models in Biology

MTH 175 Applied Calculus

or MTH 207 Calculus I

### Environmental science requirement

Select a minimum of five credits of environmental science support courses, including one of the following options: 5

Option A:

CHM 301 Analytical Chemistry

Option B: Select two of the following:

GEO 305 Geographic Information Systems and Science I

GEO 405 Geographic Information System and Science II

GEO 415 Remote Sensing of the Environment I

GEO 485 Geographic Information System and Science III

Option C: Select two of the following:

CS 120 Software Design I

CS 220 Software Design II

STAT 405 Statistical Methods

STAT 445 Correlation and Regression Analysis

STAT 446 Analysis of Variance and Design of Experiments

STAT 447 Nonparametric Statistics

STAT 448 Operations Research

**Total Credits 67**

<sup>1</sup> This is the recommended option for most biology majors, but students should consult with their biology advisor before enrolling.

## Degree requirements

All students must complete the general education, college core, major/minor, and university degree requirements in order to qualify for a degree. The easiest way to track all of these requirements is to refer to the Advisement Report (AR) found in the Student Information System (WINGS) Student Center. All enrolled students have access to the AR.

- General education (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation/>)
- College core (p. 2)
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## College of Science and Health (CSH) Bachelor of Arts core requirements

B.S. and B.A. students graduating from the College of Science and Health are required to take two natural laboratory science courses selected from the general education laboratory science category (GE 05) and/or from BIO 203, BIO 210, BIO 304, CHM 104, ESC 221, ESC 222, PHY 104 or PHY 204, and they either must take two mathematics courses or one math course and one computer science course from the math/logical systems category of the general education requirements (GE 02). One of the two science courses must be from a department outside of the student's major department.

**Note:** Math courses can be pairs, i.e. 150 and 151; MTH/CS majors can use two science courses from same department.

**For the Bachelor of Arts degree**, students must complete a major from the college and proficiency in a world language at the 202 level or an ESL proficiency score of 80 or above on the La Crosse Battery of exams for non-native speakers of English. Contact the *“English as a Second Language Institute”* for eligibility and regulations. Students must also complete one of the following options. It is recommended that courses are selected in consultation with your advisor.

1. Complete a minor in the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities/School of Visual and Performing Arts; or
2. Complete an individualized option, consisting of 15 credits.
  - a. These courses must be from the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities/School of Visual and Performing Art.
  - b. At least 9 credits must be earned at the 300/400 level.
  - c. General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements.
  - d. Internship credits may not count toward the individualized option.

## Baccalaureate degree requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degrees must accomplish the following:

1. Fulfill the general education requirements.
2. Complete at least one ethnic studies (diversity) course.
3. Complete the courses prescribed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the degree desired in the respective school or college. (No substitutions for graduation may be made in course requirements for a major or minor after the fourth week of the last semester of the senior year.)
4. Earn a minimum of 120 semester credits with at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA.<sup>1,2</sup>
5. At least 40 credits must be earned in 300/400 level courses. Transfer courses earned or transferred at the 300/400 level apply to this requirement.

6. Complete major and minor requirements with at least a 2.00 GPA<sup>1, 2</sup> in each major and minor (and concentration or emphasis, if selected).
7. A minimum of 30 semester credits in residence at UWL is required for graduation. (See undergraduate resident requirement (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/graduation/#undergraduate-residence-requirement>.)
8. Submit an application for graduation via the "Apply for Graduation" link in the WINGS Student Center as soon as the student has registered for his or her final semester or summer term in residence. December and winter intersession graduates should apply by May 1. May and summer graduates should apply by December 1.

- <sup>1</sup> Grade point average requirements for some programs will be considerably higher than 2.00. Re-entering students may be required to earn credits in excess of the 120 needed for graduation in any curriculum in order to replace credits earned in courses in which the content has changed substantially in recent years. Each case will be judged on its own merit.
- <sup>2</sup> The grade point average recorded at the time the degree is awarded will not be affected by future enrollment.

**No degree will be awarded unless all requirements are fulfilled and recorded within 30 days after the official ending date of each term.**

## Sample degree plan

Below is a sample degree plan that can be used as a guide to identify courses required to fulfill the major and other requirements needed for degree completion. A student's actual degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected (second major, minor, etc.). Also, this sample plan assumes readiness for each course and/or major plan, and some courses may not be offered every term. Review the course descriptions or the class timetable (<http://www.uwlax.edu/Records/registration/>) for course offering information.

The sample degree plans represented in this catalog are intended for first-year students entering UWL in the fall term. Students should use the Advisement Report (AR) in WINGS (<https://wings.uwlax.edu/psp/csprod/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG&>) and work closely with their faculty advisor(s) and college dean's office to ensure declaration and completion of all requirements in a timely manner.

### General Education Program

The general education curriculum (Gen Ed) is the common educational experience for all undergraduates at UWL. Sample degree plans include Gen Ed placeholders to ensure completion of the general education requirements. Courses may be rearranged to fit the needs or recommendations of the student's program of study. Gen Ed courses may be taken during winter term (January between the semesters) and summer to reduce the course load during regular terms (fall and spring). Students should consult with their advisor and/or the college academic services director in their college/school for assistance with course and schedule planning. Refer to the general education requirements (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation/>) for more specific details.

At least 40 credits of the 120 credits required must be earned at the 300/400-level.

**Note:** New students and transfer students with 15 or fewer credits earned are required to take FYS 100 First-Year Seminar (3 cr.) during one of their first two semesters at UWL.

*This sample degree plan does not establish a contractual agreement. It identifies the minimum requirements a student must successfully complete,*

to qualify for a degree, in a format intended to assist the student in planning their academic career. Actual degree plans may differ.

<sup>1</sup> See CSH BA Core Requirements (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/scienceandhealth/#Core>) for information on completing the individualized option. 300/400 requirements for graduation may be impacted.

Year 1			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIO 105 (Gen Ed Natural Lab Science)		4 CHM 103 (Gen Ed Natural Lab Science)	5
CST 110 (Gen Ed Literacy-Oral)	3	Gen Ed Self & Society	3
MTH 207 or 175 (Gen Ed Math)	5	BIO 203	4
FYS 100 (Gen Ed First-Year Seminar)	3	ENG 110 or 112 (Gen Ed Literacy-Written)	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Year 2			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
STAT 145 or MTH 265 (Gen Ed Lang/Logical Systems)		4 CHM 300	4
BIO 307	3	CHM 302	1
CHM 104	5	BIO 306	4
Gen Ed Arts	2-3	202-Level Language (CSH BA Core)	4
		Gen Ed Minority Cultures	3
		<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>

Year 3			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIO Elective from list	3	BIO 315	4
Environmental Support Course (see list)	3	BIO Elective from list	4
CSH Core (300/400 CASSH elec) or CASSH Minor	3	Gen Ed Health & Well-Being	3
Gen Ed Humanistic Studies	3	Gen Ed Global Studies	3
Gen Ed World History	3	Environmental Support Course (see list)	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>

Year 4			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIO Elective from list	3	BIO 491	1
BIO 419	3	BIO Elective (400 level from list)	3
CSH Core (300/400 CASSH elec) or CASSH Minor	3	BIO Elective from list	3
CSH Core or CASSH Minor <sup>1</sup>	3	CSH Core (300/400 CASSH elec) or CASSH Minor	3
University Elective	1	CSH Core or CASSH Minor <sup>1</sup>	3
		Gen Ed Arts	2-3
		<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

Total Credits: 120