

MARINE BIOLOGY

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science (BS)

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

	Fire	st Year	
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
BIOL 110 Principles of Biology 1	4	BIOL 111 Principles of Biology 2	4
CHEM 121 General Chemistry 1	4	CHEM 122 General Chemistry 2	4
WRIT 103	3	General Education Course	3
FYS 100	3	General Education Course	3
Semester Total	14	Semester Total	14
	Seco	ond Year	
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
BIOL 211 Cell Biology	4	BIOL 209 Genetics	3
CHEM 231 Condensed Organic Chemistry	4	BIOL 201 Introduction to Biological Research	3
STAT 141 Intro to Statistics	3	Biology Elective	3
General Education	3	MATH 150 Essentials of Calculus	3
General Education	3	General Education Course	3
Semester Total	17	Semester Total	15
		Summer courses - CBFS courses, 9 credits total***	
***At least one summer of Biology classes offered at Chincoteagu	e Bay Field S	tation (CBFS) or other marine station (Minimum total of 9 SH for the deg	ree) ***
	Thi	rd Year	
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
BIOL 301 Ecology	4	Biology Elective	3
PHYS 208 Intro to Physics 1 or PHYS 211 General Physics 1	4	Biology Elective	3
Biology Elective	3	Biology Elective	3
BIOL 321 Marine Biology or EGGS 259 Oceanography	3	General Education Course	3
		General Education Course	3
Semester Total	14	Semester Total	15
	Fou	rth Year	
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Biology Elective	3	Biology Elective	3
Biology Elective	3	Biology Elective	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	1		
Semester Total	16	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

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Curriculum Checklist

Fall 2023 Commonwealth Courses (120 credits)		
Biology Core Requirements (25 credits)		
BIOL 110 Principles of Biology 1 (4)		

- ____ BIOL 111 Principles of Biology 2 (4)
- ____ BIOL 201 Intro to Bio Research (3)
- ____ BIOL 209 Genetics (3)
- BIOL 211 Cell Biology (4)
- ____ BIOL 301 Ecology (4)
- BIOL 361 Marine Biology OR EGGS 259 Oceanography (3)

Related Core Requirements (22 credits)

- ____ CHEM 121 General Chemistry 1 (4)
- CHEM 122 General Chemistry 2 (4)
- ____ CHEM 231* Condensed Organic Chem (4)
- ____ PHYS 208 Intro to Physics 1 (4)
- ____ STAT 141 Intro to Statistics (3)
- MATH 150** Essentials of Calculus (3) *CHEM 281 Organic Chemistry 1 can be substituted
- **MATH 160 Calculus 1 can be substituted

Fall 2023 Commonwealth Elective Courses (28 credits)

A. Block A Skill Development (19 Credits)

Required (3 Credits)

- ____ BIOL 438 Environ. Policy & Reg (3)
- ____ BIOL 439 Hum. Dim. Fisheries Mgt (3)
- ____ BIOL 443 Molecular Biology (3)
- ____ BIOL 444 Molecular Biology Lab (1)
- BIOL 446 Immunology (3)
- ____ BIOL 486 Analy & Comm of Bio Data (3)
- BIOL 489 Special Topics in Biology (3)

B. Block B Practical Application (10-18 Credits)

- Required (3 Credits)
- ____ BIOL 112 Aquaculture (3)
- ____ BIOL 113 Applied Aquaculture (3)
- ____ BIOL 493 Undergrad Res in Bio (1-6cr)
- ____BIOL 498 Internship in Bio (3-6cr)

C. Block C Organismal Courses (55 Credits) Required (6 Credits)

- ____ BIOL 206 Botany (3)
- _____BIOL 207 Zoology (3)
- _____ BIOL 213 Intro to Parasitology (3)
- ____ BIOL 314 Comp. Bio of Invertebrates (3)
- BIOL 315 Comp. Vert. Anatomy (3)
- BIOL 340 Microbiology (4)
- ____ BIOL 350 Plant Pathology (3)
- ____ BIOL 400 Dendrology (3)
- ____ BIOL 401 Entomology (3)
- ____ BIOL 431 Mycology (3)
- BIOL 432 Ornithology (3)
- ____ BIOL 433 Ichthyology (3)
- ____ BIOL 434 Herpetology (3)
- ____ BIOL 453 Freshwater Entomology (3)
 ____ BIOL 454 Algae of Freshwater Eco (3)
- _____ BIOL 460 Plants, An. Nat. His. of PA (3)
- ____ BIOL 473 Environmental Physiology (3)
- BIOL 477 Plant Physiology (3)

D. Block D Ecology/Evolution (15 Credits)

- Required (3 Credits)
- ____ BIOL 430 Evolution (3)
- ____ BIOL 450 Developmental Biology (3)
- ____ BIOL 452 Freshwater Ecology (3)
- ____ BIOL 455 Community Ecology (3)
- ____ BIOL 461 Animal Behavior (3)

E. Block E Conservation/Biodiversity (18 Credits)

Required (3 Credits)

- ____ BIOL 263 Field Botany (3)
- ____ BIOL 419 Ecosystems (3)
- ____ BIOL 420 Global Change Biology (3)
- ____ BIOL 435 Conservation Genetics (3)
- ____ BIOL 451 Conservation Biology (3)
- ____ BIOL 456 Environmental Toxicology (3)

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F. Block F Chincoteague Bay Field Station (9 Credits) Required (9 Credits)

- __ (3)
- ____(3)
- (3)

G. Block G Free Electives

- Required (10 Credits)
- ____ BIOL
- ____ BIOL
- ____ BIOL
- ____ BIOL

OR choose any of the courses below:

- ___ BIOL 208 Human Genetics (3)
- BIOL 210 Genetics Laboratory (1)
- ____ BIOL 252 Watershed Ecology Techniques (3)
- BIOL 337 Basic Virology (3)
- BIOL 361 Marine Biology (3)
- BIOL 442 Advanced Virology (3)
- BIOL 448 Advanced Parasitology (3)
- ____ EGGS 259 Oceanography (3)

<u>General Education Requirements</u>

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - MATH 150; MATH 160; STAT 141 (3)
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility

Degree Requirements

Campus Locations

requirements.

Bloomsburg

Lock Haven

Mansfield

Clearfield

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- (6 credits from at least two goals)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - BIOL110 Principles of Biology I (4)
 - o CHEM 121 General Chemistry 1 (4)
 - PHYS208 Intro to Physics I (4)

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all

General Education requirements, and all requirements for the

selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.

□ Online; ⊠ In-person; □ Blended

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Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation

• Creativity & Expression (6 credits)