This degree is applicable to students planning to prepare for upper division Bachelor’s degree majors in Biology. Students must earn 90 credits and a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.00. Specific grade requirements vary from course to course and among transfer institutions. Students must check with the transfer institution. Note that admission to specific upper division Biology programs may be competitive; therefore, no particular GPA can guarantee admission to any specific program. Certain schools may have additional “university-specific” requirements for admission to the institution that are not prerequisites specifically identified in the DTA requirements. Contact with advisors from individual schools for institutional requirements is highly recommended since this DTA may not meet every institution-specific graduation requirement. Baccalaureate institutions party to this agreement include: Central Washington University; Eastern Washington University; The Evergreen State College; University of Washington Seattle; Washington State University Pullman; Western Washington University; Saint Martin’s University; Seattle University; and Whitworth University.

Communication Skills (10 credits)

* ENGL& 101 (5)
* ENGL& 102 (5)

Quantitative Skills (5 credits)
Intermediate Algebra Proficiency leading to a pre-calculus math course is required. Note: Statistics (a course that includes descriptive and inferential statistics) may substitute for Calculus I at some institutions; students are encouraged to check with the transfer institution early in their decision process to confirm requirements.

* MATH& 151 (5)

Humanities¹ (15 credits)
Course selections must meet the Humanities distribution requirements for the AA degree:

A minimum of 15 credits selected from at least two different subject areas. No more than 5 credits allowed in modern languages at the 100 level. Up to 5 credits can be taken from selected performing/fine arts classes. No more than 10 credits allowed from any one subject area.

Social Sciences¹ (15 credits)
Course selections must meet the Social Science distribution requirements for the AA degree.

A minimum of 15 credits selected from at least two different subject areas. No more than 10 credits allowed from any one subject area.
Natural Sciences (30 credits)

* BIOL& 211, 212, 213 (15)
* CHEM& 161, 162, 163 (15)

A full year sequence at a single college is the best preparation for the baccalaureate biology degree.

Electives (15 credits)

These 15 additional credits should be planned in consultation with an advisor. Electives allow students to include additional courses to prepare for the biology major based on college selection. Examples include a full year sequence of organic chemistry for majors; a full year sequence of physics for science majors; or further math at the pre-calculus level or above or statistics.

¹ In order to better prepare for successful transfer, students are encouraged to consult with the institution(s) to which they wish to transfer regarding the humanities and social science courses that best support or may be required as prerequisites to their Biology curriculum.

Students should check with the transfer institution prior to taking any further biology courses beyond the one-year sequence. Some colleges require all continuing biology courses be taken at the 300 level.

Total 90 credits