

PREPARING FOR A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY

WHAT IS BIOLOGY?

Biological Sciences is the study of all living things-how they reproduce, grow, and evolve and how they relate to each other and to their environment. Students develop an understanding of scientific facts and principles relating to life and life processes from molecules to ecosystems.

CAREERS IN BIOLOGY

Biological Scientist

- General Practitioner
- Medical Scientist

- Clinical Lab Technologist
- Veterinarian

For more Career Resources to help you explore the possibilities, see the other side.

WHAT DEGREE DO I GET AT WWCC?

For transferring to a university to pursue a major in Biology, you may want to complete an Associate in Arts-DTA at WWCC. Below are recommended courses to prepare you for this major. Check out www.wwcc.edu/associateinarts for specific degree requirements.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

Every university and major may require slightly different prerequisites. It is highly recommended that you speak with a representative at the future institution to identify specific prerequisite coursework or other requirements to be ready for your major (eg-minimum GPA requirements) and work with your advisor to develop an Education Plan including proper courses. The courses listed below are recommended only, completion of these courses does not guarantee admissions to institutions or programs.

COMMUNICATIONS (13 CREDITS REQUIRED)	QUANTITATIVE (5 CREDITS REQUIRED)
 ENGL&101-Composition I ENGL&102-Composition II or ENGL&235- Technical Writing Select a Communications course with your Advisor. 	☐ MATH&141-Pre-Calculus I
HUMANITIES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED) Select a Literature course and two other Humanities courses with your Advisor.	SOCIAL SCIENCES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED) Select a Psychology, Sociology, History, or Anthropology course and two other Social Sciences courses with your Advisor.
Natural Sciences (15 credits required)	ELECTIVES (24 CREDITS REQUIRED)
■ BIOL&211-Major Cellular ■ BIOL&212-Majors Animal ■ CHEM&161-General Chemistry I w/ Lab The AA degree requires an additional 3 credits for Physical Activity courses, First Year Experience, and a Diversity course for completion.	 □ BIOL&213-Majors Plant □ CHEM&162-General Chemistry II w/ Lab □ CHEM&163-General Chemistry III w/ Lab □ MATH&142-PreCalculus II □ PHYS&114-General Physics I OR MATH&146-Statistics

Important Notes:

While an advisor is available to help research and plan courses, it is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with schools and programs to which they intend to apply to verify prerequisites and requirements as these vary and are subject to change.

SOME SCHOOLS WITH A BIOLOGY PROGRAM:

- Boise State University
- Eastern Oregon University
- Eastern Washington University

- Lewis~Clark State College
- Oregon State University
- Washington State University

Western Washington University

This is general guide for planning purposes and does not include specific dates for specific schools; that information must be obtained from your prospective colleges and universities. There are more schools offering a major in Biology. For more Transfer Tips and Resources including schools with this pathway, see the other side or visit www.wwcc.edu/transfer-center/programs

CAREER RESOURCES

American Institute of Biological Sciences - www.aibs.org

For more information and resources, please visit our Career website at: www.wwcc.edu/career-services

TRANSFER TIPS & RESOURCES

Please visit the Transfer Center at www.wwcc.edu/transfer

By the end of the First year or 3rd quarter.....

- ✓ Select a major or area of study and select the appropriate WWCC degree to meet your goals
- ✓ Narrow your potential transfer schools to 3-5 schools
- ✓ Make a list of transfer requirements for your school(s) and major
- ✓ With your advisor, draw up an education plan to plot out the courses for degree completion and major readiness

Other things to do:

- Talk with college representatives that visit WWCC
- Contact an advisor at the transfer institution in which you are interested, make sure your education plan will work for the major
- Visit the campus (if applicable) of your potential transfer school
- Fill out interest cards to receive information from schools
- Apply for TRiO and/or the Honors program if eligible

In the Second Year....

Fall

- ✓ Apply for admissions to your transfer school(s) of choice, (providing copies of official transcripts from all schools you have attended)
- Contact an advisor at your prospective transfer school
- ✓ Research scholarship eligibility and deadlines, prepare to apply

Winter

- ✓ Complete the FAFSA and additional financial aid material required by your transfer school
- ✓ Complete scholarship applications
- ✓ Start considering housing options at your transfer school
- ✓ Apply for your degree at WWCC

Spring

- ✓ Complete graduation requirements for WWCC
- ✓ Accept/reject university offers
- ✓ Apply for housing (If needed)
- Request final transcript from WWCC after grades and degree(s) are posted
- ✓ Attend an Orientation session at transfer institution

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