BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY EMPHASIS, COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR

Liberal Arts (Code 080-001)

University Requirements

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Credit Requirements

Minimum total for graduation 1 120
Upper division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher) 39
Liberal Education Core 36

Grade Point Requirements 2

Total 2.00 average
Resident 2.00 average
Major 2.00 average
Minor 2.00 average
Certificate 2.00 average

University Residency Requirements 3

Minimum total 30
Senior year 23
Major, Standard, upper division in residence 12
Major, Comprehensive, upper division in residence 21
Certificate 25 percent of credits

Procedures Required for Graduation

Obtain admission to the degree program and/or the College offering it.
Apply for graduation on CampS.

1  Certain programs exceed this minimum.
2  See special requirements in each College.
3  See special requirements for the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Liberal Education Core

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire measures learning outcomes to ensure that its graduates have achieved a liberal education and prepared themselves to contribute to a complex society. Upon graduation, each undergraduate will have met the four learning goals of our liberal education core and the 11 learning outcomes they comprise.

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Knowledge Goal

Knowledge Outcome 1 (K1): Natural Sciences Two (2) learning experiences

Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences Two (2) learning experiences

Knowledge Outcome 3 (K3): Humanities Two (2) learning experiences

Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts One (1) learning experience

Skills Goal

Skills Outcome 1 (S1): Written and Oral Communication Two (2) learning experiences

Skills Outcome 2 (S2): Mathematics One (1) learning experience

Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity One (1) learning experience

Responsibility Goal

Responsibility Outcome 1 (R1): Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Two (2) learning experiences

Responsibility Outcome 2 (R2): Global Perspectives One (1) learning experience

Responsibility Outcome 3 (R3): Civic and Environmental Issues One (1) learning experience

Integration Goal

Integration Outcome 1 (I1): Integration Two (2) learning experiences

Service-Learning Goal

Service-Learning 30 hours

College Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree (B.A./B.S.)

University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements.

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and the certificate are computed similarly.

Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements. A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.
Certain degree programs which include Comprehensive Majors may require more than the minimum of 120 credits for graduation.

Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available) may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here.

**College Credits.** Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.A.)**

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); foreign language competency at the 102 level. Foreign language competency may be met in one of two ways: (1) Achieve a score on the foreign language placement test that qualifies the student to enter the 201-level course in a foreign language. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in a 102-level foreign language course (or AIS 112 or AIS 122 / LANG 122 or CSD 103).

**Bachelor of Science Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.S.)**

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); mathematics competency at the MATH 111, MATH 112 or MATH 113 level. Mathematics competency can be met in one of three ways: (1) Achieve a score on the mathematics placement test that qualifies the student to enter MATH 114. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in MATH 111, MATH 112, or MATH 113. (3) Achieve a satisfactory score on the MATH 112 competency test. This test may be attempted no more than two times.

**Major Requirements**

This emphasis provides extensive exposure to topics in ecology, field biology, and biological conservation. It is intended for students who are interested in field research, environmental monitoring and management, or natural resource conservation, or who desire strong preparation for graduate programs in ecology, environmental biology, or related fields. Requires completion of the core, the required credits as listed below, and biology electives to total at least 60 credits.

**Core Requirements for All Biology Majors**
Ecology and Environmental Biology Emphasis (Code 080-001); Microbiology Emphasis (Code 080-002); Biology, Liberal Arts (Code 080-203); Biology, Teaching (Code 080-205).

- **BIOL 221** Foundations of Biology I 4
- **BIOL 222** Foundations of Biology II 3
- **BIOL 223** Foundations of Biological Inquiry 2

**Total Credits** 9

**Core Requirements for Biology, Liberal Arts**
All students who pursue a Liberal Arts Comprehensive Major in Biology are also required to complete MATH 114, and CHEM 103 and CHEM 104, or CHEM 115, in addition to the 60 credits required for the major.
GEOG 338  Remote Sensing of the Environment
GEOG 350  Soils and the Environment
GEOG 361  Environmental Hazards
GEOG 363  Watershed Analysis
GEOG 435  Geographic Information Systems III
GEOG 438  Advanced Remote Sensing
GEOG 455  Web Geographic Information Systems
GEOL 115  Environmental Geology
GEOL 301  Earth Resources
GEOL 304  Global Environmental Change
GEOL 308  Water Resources
GEOL 315  Hydrogeology I
GEOL 336  Introduction to Geochemistry
PHYS 211  General Physics
PHYS 231  University Physics I
CHEM 304  Environmental Chemistry
CHEM 325  Organic Chemistry I with Laboratory

\(^1\) only 12 credits maximum will be applied toward the major

Research or internship experience strongly recommended.