

MICROBIOLOGY/CELL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2024-2025. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| General Education Requirements | | |
| <i>English Composition</i> | | |
| See Academic Regulation 3.5 (http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition) | | |
| ENGL 1113 | Composition I | 3 |
| or ENGL 1313 | Critical Analysis and Writing I | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ENGL 1213 | Composition II | |
| ENGL 1413 | Critical Analysis and Writing II | |
| ENGL 3323 | Technical Writing | |
| <i>American History & Government</i> | | |
| HIST 1103 | Survey of American History | 3 |
| or HIST 1483 | American History to 1865 (H) | |
| or HIST 1493 | American History Since 1865 (DH) | |
| POLS 1113 | American Government | 3 |
| <i>Analytical & Quantitative Thought (A)</i> | | |
| MATH 1513 | College Algebra (A) (or higher) ¹ | 3 |
| <i>Humanities (H)</i> | | |
| Courses designated (H) | | 6 |
| <i>Natural Sciences (N)</i> | | |
| Must include one Laboratory Science (L) course | | |
| BIOL 1113 | Introductory Biology (N) | 4 |
| & BIOL 1111 | and Introductory Biology Laboratory (LN) ¹ | |
| or BIOL 1114 | Introductory Biology (LN) | |
| PHYS 1114 | College Physics I (LN) ¹ | 4 |
| <i>Social & Behavioral Sciences (S)</i> | | |
| Course designated (S) | | 3 |
| <i>Additional General Education</i> | | |
| Courses designated (A), (H), (N), or (S) | | 8 |
| Hours Subtotal | | 40 |
| Diversity (D) & International Dimension (I) | | |
| May be completed in any part of the degree plan | | |
| Select at least one Diversity (D) course | | |
| Select at least one International Dimension (I) course | | |
| College/Departmental Requirements | | |
| <i>First Year Seminar</i> | | |
| (Transfer students with 15 hours exempt) | | 1 |
| <i>Arts & Humanities</i> | | |
| See note 2.a. | | 3 |

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| <i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i> | | |
| CHEM 1314 | Chemistry I (LN) | 9 |
| & CHEM 1515 | and Chemistry II (LN) | |
| <i>Foreign Language</i> | | |
| See note 3 | | |
| 0-6 hours | | |
| <i>Upper-Division General Education</i> | | |
| Select 6 hours outside major department | | |
| See note 2.c. | | |
| Hours Subtotal | | 13 |
| Major Requirements ² | | |
| A minimum grade of "C" in each course | | |
| BIOC 3653 | Survey of Biochemistry (or) | 3 |
| BIOC 3713 | Biochemistry I | |
| & BIOC 3813 | and Biochemistry II | |
| BIOL 3023 | General Genetics | 3 |
| or ANSI 3423 | Animal Genetics | |
| PBIO 1404 | Plant Biology (LN) | 4 |
| or BIOL 1604 | Animal Biology | |
| Select one of the following: | | 5 |
| CHEM 3013 | Survey of Organic Chemistry | |
| & CHEM 3012 | and Survey of Organic Chemistry Laboratory | |
| CHEM 3053 | Organic Chemistry I | |
| & CHEM 3112 | and Organic Chemistry Laboratory | |
| & CHEM 3153 | and Organic Chemistry II | |
| MICR 2123 | Introduction to Microbiology | 3 |
| MICR 2132 | Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory | 2 |
| MICR 3033 | Cell and Molecular Biology | 3 |
| MICR 3223 | Advanced Microbiology | 3 |
| MICR 3253 | Immunology | 3 |
| MICR 4001 | Professional Transitions in Microbiology and Cell and Molecular Biology | 1 |
| MICR 4012 | Molecular Microbiology Laboratory I | 2 |
| or MICR 4990 | Special Problems | |
| MICR 4112 | Molecular Microbiology Capstone | 2 |
| or MICR 4990 | Special Problems | |
| MICR 4233 | Advanced Cell and Molecular Biology | 3 |
| MICR 4253 | Concepts in Medical Genetics | 3 |
| or MICR 4263 | Microbial Genetics: from Genes to Genomes | |
| Select 10 hours upper-division MICR (except MICR 3103) or upper-division hours from BIOL, BIOC, CHEM, ANSI, PHYS, PBIO, NSCI, STAT, CS, or MATH | | 10 |
| Hours Subtotal | | 50 |
| Electives ² | | |
| Select 17 hours | | 17 |
| May need to include 6 hours of a foreign language (see note 3) | | |
| May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.) | | |
| Hours Subtotal | | 17 |
| Total Hours | | 120 |

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College and Departmental Requirements that may be used to meet General Education Requirements.

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With approval from the advisor and department head, a maximum of 30 hours from an accredited doctoral health program may be substituted for major requirements.

Additional courses may be required for professional and/or graduate degrees.

Other Requirements

- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
 - a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
 - b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
 - c. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**
 - a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.).

- Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
- b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
 - c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. **Exclusions.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2030.

Example Plan of Study

Finish in Four Plan of Study

The plan below is an example of how students can successfully complete degree requirements in four years. This suggested class schedule plan may be used as a guide and can be adjusted based on individual needs. Students are required to meet with an academic advisor prior to enrollment each semester to plan their class schedule, and students are ultimately responsible for completing all degree requirements.

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| Freshman | | |
| Fall | | |
| MATH 1513 | College Algebra (A) | 3 |

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| BIOL 1113 & BIOL 1111 or BIOL 1114 | Introductory Biology (N) or Introductory Biology (LN) | 4 |
| MICR 1211 | First Year Microbiology Laboratory Experience (elective) | 1 |
| General Education courses | | 7 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| CHEM 1314 | Chemistry I (LN) | 4 |
| MICR 2123 & MICR 2132 | Introduction to Microbiology and Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory | 5 |
| General Education courses | | 6 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Sophomore | | |
| Fall | | |
| MICR 3033 | Cell and Molecular Biology | 3 |
| CHEM 1515 | Chemistry II (LN) | 5 |
| General Education courses | | 6 |
| Hours | | 14 |
| Spring | | |
| CHEM 3013 or CHEM 3053 | Survey of Organic Chemistry or Organic Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 3012 | Survey of Organic Chemistry Laboratory (If taking CHEM 3013) | 2 |
| PHYS 1114 | College Physics I (LN) | 4 |
| Major, General Education, and Elective courses | | 6 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Junior | | |
| Fall | | |
| MICR 4001 | Professional Transitions in Microbiology and Cell and Molecular Biology | 1 |
| MICR 4012 | Molecular Microbiology Laboratory I (Fall only) | 2 |
| BIOC 3653 or CHEM 3153 | Survey of Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry II | 3 |
| BIOL 1604 or BIOL 3204 or PBIO 1404 | Animal Biology or Physiology or Plant Biology (LN) | 4 |
| Major, General Education, and Elective courses | | 6 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Spring | | |
| MICR 4233 | Advanced Cell and Molecular Biology (Spring only) | 3 |
| MICR 4112 | Molecular Microbiology Capstone (Spring only) | 2 |
| BIOL 3023 or ANSI 3423 | General Genetics or Animal Genetics | 3 |
| Major, General Education, and Elective courses, or BIOC 3653 | | 7 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Senior | | |
| Fall | | |
| MICR 3223 | Advanced Microbiology | 3 |
| MICR 4253 | Concepts in Medical Genetics (Fall only) | 3 |
| or General Education course | | |
| General education and Elective courses | | 9 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| MICR 3253 | Immunology (Spring only) | 3 |
| MICR 4263 | Microbial Genetics: from Genes to Genomes (Spring only) | 3 |
| or General Education course | | |
| Major, General Education, and Elective courses | | 9 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Total Hours | | 120 |

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Speak with academic advisor about saving General Education electives and Humanities (H) for Upper-division courses with International (I) and Diversity (D) dimensions.