

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, BS: PUBLIC HEALTH MICROBIOLOGY

Students in the Biomedical Sciences major are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree upon completion of all requirements. Students choose from one of the following seven areas or submajors:

- Medical Laboratory Science
- Biomedical Science
- Cytotechnology
- Radiologic Technology
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Diagnostic Imaging (degree completion program)
- Health Science (degree completion program)
- Public Health Microbiology

All students will be required to comply with a background check, drug screen, and maintain health insurance during the professional training experience.

Public Health Microbiology

Public health microbiology prepares students for a career in the laboratory disciplines of public health. Specifically, students will be educated in a broad range of sciences in order to perform investigatory and laboratory-based analyses of environmental samples for microbial contaminants of interest. Emphasis is placed on pathogenic disease and the human populations that they affect. Graduates can work in a variety of settings, such as public health, hospital and research laboratories. Students successfully completing this program may sit for the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP-BOC) Technologist in Microbiology national certification exam.

Requirements

Students must achieve the satisfactory completion of 130 credits.

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The process of application to the professional training occurs at the end of the first semester of the junior year.

Entry into professional training or internship is competitive and dependent upon:

1. Completion of UWM's General Education Requirements (GER) (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#bachelorsdegreegeneraleducation>);
2. A cumulative UWM minimum grade point average of 2.5;
3. A cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.5 in specific, required science courses;
4. Completion of:

- a. all required courses and electives (87 credits) through the second semester of junior year for students pursuing Cytotechnology, or Medical Laboratory Science;
 - b. all required courses and electives (114 credits) through the first semester of senior year for students pursuing Public Health Microbiology; and
5. A grade of C or better in all junior-level courses.

Students who meet these minimum requirements for entry into professional training will be evaluated on the basis of their science GPA for placement at one of the training sites.

To remain eligible to continue in the professional training, students must earn a grade of C or better in all senior-level courses.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
University Core		
<i>Competency Requirements</i>		
Oral and Written Communication (OWC) Part A & B		
Quantitative Literacy (QL) Part A & B		
Foreign Language		
<i>Distribution Requirements</i>		
Arts		3
Cultural Diversity		3
Humanities		6
Natural Sciences		6
Social Sciences		6
Biomedical Science Core		
BIO SCI 150	Foundations of Biological Sciences I ¹	4
BIO SCI 202	Anatomy and Physiology I ¹	4
BIO SCI 203	Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	4
BIO SCI 325	Genetics ¹	4
BIO SCI 383	General Microbiology ¹	4
BMS 205	Introduction to Diagnostic Medicine	3
BMS 301 & BMS 302 & BMS 303 & BMS 304 & BMS 305	Human Pathophysiology: Fundamentals and Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems I and Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems II and Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems III and Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems IV ¹	5
BMS 427	Clinical Immunology ¹	3
BMS 428	Clinical Immunology Laboratory ¹	1
BMS 534	Medical Microbiology	3
BMS 535	Medical Microbiology Laboratory	2
BMS 536	Applied Clinical Microbiology	2
BMS 537	Medical Parasitology and Mycology	2
BMS 560	Molecular and Genetic Diagnostics	2
BMS 561	Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory	1
CHEM 102	General Chemistry ¹	5
CHEM 104	General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis ¹	5

CHEM 341	Introductory Survey of Organic Chemistry ¹	3
CHEM 342	Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory ¹	2
CHEM 501	Introduction to Biochemistry ¹	3
HS 224	Computational Tools for Healthcare Professionals	3
KIN 270	Statistics in the Health Professions: Theory and Practice	3

¹ Course counts towards a student's science GPA.

Public Health Microbiology Requirements

Students in the Public Health Microbiology submajor complete an eight-week internship with the City of Milwaukee Health Department. The process of application to the professional training occurs at the end of the first semester of the junior year.

Code	Title	Credits
BIO SCI 350		4
BIO SCI 405	General Virology	3
BMS 201	Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS	3
BMS 245	Client Diversity in Health Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Perspective	3
BMS 531	Advanced Lectures in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1
BMS 538	Advanced Clinical Microbiology Practicum	3
BMS 539	Public Health Microbiology	2
BMS 540	Public Health Microbiology Lab	2
BMS 547	Clinical Laboratory Diagnosis	2
BMS 548	Clinical Laboratory Practice	5
BMS 549	Professional Development in Clinical Laboratory Sciences	3
BMS 555	Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring	1
ENGLISH 205	Business Writing	3
HCA 212	Drugs Used and Abused	3
HCA 307	Epidemiology for the Health Sciences	3
HS 101	Introduction to Health and Disease	2
HS 311	Law and Ethics for Healthcare Professionals	3
HS 222	Language of Medicine	3
Electives		8

Plan of Study

Year 1		Credits
Semester 1		
BIO SCI 202	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
CHEM 102	General Chemistry	5
HS 101	Introduction to Health and Disease	2
HS 222	Language of Medicine	3
Credits		14
Semester 2		
BIO SCI 203	Anatomy and Physiology II	4

CHEM 104	General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis	5
HS 224	Computational Tools for Healthcare Professionals	3
GER Elective: Arts		3

Credits **15**

Year 2		Credits
Semester 1		
BIO SCI 150	Foundations of Biological Sciences I	4
BMS 205	Introduction to Diagnostic Medicine	3
BMS 301	Human Pathophysiology: Fundamentals	1
BMS 302	Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems I	1
BMS 303	Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems II	1
CHEM 341	Introductory Survey of Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 342	Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2

Credits **15**

Semester 2		Credits
BIO SCI 325	Genetics	4
BMS 201	Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS	3
BMS 245	Client Diversity in Health Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Perspective	3
BMS 304	Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems III	1
BMS 305	Human Pathophysiology: Organ Systems IV	1
KIN 270	Statistics in the Health Professions: Theory and Practice (QLB)	3

Credits **15**

Year 3		Credits
Semester 1		
BIO SCI 383	General Microbiology	4
BMS 427	Clinical Immunology	3
BMS 428	Clinical Immunology Laboratory	1
CHEM 501	Introduction to Biochemistry	3
HCA 212	Drugs Used and Abused	3

Credits **14**

Semester 2		Credits
BMS 534	Medical Microbiology	3
BMS 535	Medical Microbiology Laboratory	2
BMS 560	Molecular and Genetic Diagnostics	2
BMS 561	Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory	1
HCA 307	Epidemiology for the Health Sciences	3
HS 311	Law and Ethics for Healthcare Professionals	3
ENGLISH 205	Business Writing (OWCB)	3

Credits **17**

Summer		Credits
BMS 536	Applied Clinical Microbiology	2
BMS 537	Medical Parasitology and Mycology	2
Electives		4

Credits **8**

Year 4		Credits
Semester 1		
BMS 539	Public Health Microbiology	2
BMS 540	Public Health Microbiology Lab	2
BMS 547	Clinical Laboratory Diagnosis	2
BMS 555	Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring	1
BIO SCI 350		
BIO SCI 405	General Virology	3
GER Elective: Humanities		3

Credits **13**

Semester 2		Credits
BMS 531	Advanced Lectures in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1
BMS 538	Advanced Clinical Microbiology Practicum	3
BMS 548	Clinical Laboratory Practice	5
BMS 549	Professional Development in Clinical Laboratory Sciences	3

GER Elective: Humanities	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	126

Honors in the Major

Honors in the major are granted to students who earn a GPA of 3.500 or above on a minimum of 30 completed credits at UWM.

College of Health Professions and Sciences Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.500 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.