MICROBIOLOGY, BS

Microorganisms were the first living things on Earth, and they remain the most abundant and the most diverse of all organisms. Microorganisms cause diseases of plants, animals and humans, and play critical roles in biogeochemical cycles and bioremediation, and are also important in the food and biotechnology industries.

As a microbiologist, students will be on the cutting edge of developments in industrial production processes, public health, biotechnology, and drug discovery. The Microbiology major prepares students for a variety of careers in the fields of microbiology, molecular biology, biotechnology, and health related professions, and for graduate and professional studies in areas such as medical microbiology, industrial microbiology, environmental microbiology, microbial biotechnology, and molecular biology.

Course of Study – Bachelor of Science Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses and 30 of those 36 credits in designated upper-level Natural Science. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

University General Education Requirements (GER)

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AFRIC 220  Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies
ANTHRO 568  Introduction to Anthropological Statistics
ATM SCI 500  Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences
BIO SCI 465  Biostatistics
ECON 210  Economic Statistics
GEOG 247  Quantitative Analysis in Geography
HIST 595  The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data
MTHSTAT 215  Elementary Statistical Analysis
PHILOS 211  Elementary Logic
POL SCI 390  Political Data Analysis
POL SCI 392  Survey Research
PSYCH 210  Psychological Statistics
SOCIOL 261  Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology

Note: This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BS, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. The courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

III. Foreign Language Requirement
Two courses (minimum of 6 credits) in a language (including American Sign Language) other than English at the 100 level or above are required.

Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

IV. International Requirement
See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement) for course options.

V. Breadth Requirement
Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD+/) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

VI. The Major
The College requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement
Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement).

VII. The Minor
The College requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation.

Microbiology Major Requirements
Microbiology is the study of microorganisms such as bacteria, archaea, protists, fungi, and viruses. Prospective Microbiology majors should consult with a faculty advisor as early as possible, preferably before the beginning of the junior year, in order to outline an appropriate course of study. Students should consult their advisor at least once each semester.
There are two options within the Microbiology major:

- Microbiology Standard Option
- Industrial Fermentation and Biotechnology Option

The Industrial Fermentation and Biotechnology Option is offered jointly with the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. For both options, at least 15 credits of advanced (300 and above) Microbiology courses must be taken in residence at UWM. Students must attain an average GPA of 2.0 in Microbiology courses attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work.

## Microbiology Standard Option

The Microbiology option requires a minimum of 34 credits in Microbiology. The required and elective courses in Biological Sciences, CHEM 501, and BMS 534, BMS 535, BMS 539, and BMS 540 count as "Microbiology" courses for this purpose. A combined limit of 6 credits in BIO SCI 290, BIO SCI 695, BIO SCI 697, BIO SCI 698, and BIO SCI 699 counts toward the major.

### Code | Title | Credits
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BIO SCI 150 | Foundations of Biological Sciences I | 4
BIO SCI 152 | Foundations of Biological Sciences II | 4
BIO SCI 325 | Genetics | 4
BIO SCI 383 | General Microbiology | 4
BIO SCI 529 | Molecular Biology of Microorganisms | 3
BIO SCI 540 | Microbial Diversity and Physiology | 3

### Research Requirement
Select credits in the following:

- BIO SCI 495 Internship in Biotechnology, Upper Division
- BIO SCI 671 Undergraduate Seminar in Microbiology
- BIO SCI 698 Independent Study in Microbiology
- BIO SCI 699 Independent Study
- HONORS 686 Research in Honors
- HONORS 687 Senior Honors Project
- HONORS 689 Senior Honors Thesis

### Microbiology Electives

- BIO SCI 315 or CHEM 501 Cell Biology or Introduction to Biochemistry
- Select one of the following: 2-4
  - BIO SCI 537 Industrial Microbiology and Biochemistry Laboratory
  - BIO SCI 539 Laboratory Techniques in Molecular Biology
  - BIO SCI 580 Experimental Microbiology
- Select additional elective credits (see below)

### Other Requirements

- CHEM 102 General Chemistry 5
- CHEM 104 General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis 5
- CHEM 343 Organic Chemistry 3
- CHEM 344 Organic Chemistry Laboratory 2
- CHEM 345 Organic Chemistry 3

Select one of the following:

- MATH 211 Survey in Calculus and Analytic Geometry
- MATH 221 Honors Calculus I
- MATH 231 Calculus and Analytic Geometry I

Select one of the following:

- MATH 222 Honors Calculus II
- MATH 232 Calculus and Analytic Geometry II
- BIO SCI 465 Biostatistics

Select one of the following options: 9-10

Option 1:

- PHYSICS 120 General Physics I (Non-Calculus Treatment)
- PHYSICS 122 General Physics II (Non-Calculus Treatment)
- PHYSICS 123 General Physics Laboratory II (Non-Calculus Treatment)

Option 2:

- PHYSICS 209 Physics I (Calculus Treatment)
- PHYSICS 210 Physics II (Calculus Treatment)
- PHYSICS 215 Lab Physics II (Calculus Treatment)

Option 3:

- PHYSICS 219 Physics I: Calculus-Based, Studio Format
- PHYSICS 220 Physics II: Calculus-Based, Studio Format

Total Credits: 61-67

1 When determined by the student's Microbiology faculty advisor to have Microbiology content.

### Additional Electives

Students choose courses from this list to complete their 26 credits of upper-level (300 or above) microbiology courses.

### Code | Title | Credits
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BIO SCI 315 | Cell Biology | 3
BIO SCI 316 | Laboratory in Genetics and Cell Biology | 2
BIO SCI 401 | Immunology | 3
BIO SCI 402 | Immunological Techniques | 3
BIO SCI 405 | General Virology | 3
BIO SCI 490 | Molecular Genetics | 3
BIO SCI 507 | Environmental Microbiology | 3
BIO SCI 535 | Bacterial Pathogenesis | 3
BIO SCI 536 | Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology | 3
BIO SCI 537 | Industrial Microbiology and Biochemistry Laboratory | 2
BIO SCI 539 | Laboratory Techniques in Molecular Biology (if not selected above) | 4
BIO SCI 542 | Biological Electron Microscopy | 3
BIO SCI 544 | Transmission Electron Microscopy Laboratory | 3
BIO SCI 572 | Functional Genomics | 3
BIO SCI 573 | Cellular Evolution | 3
Select one of the following options: 9-10

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Total Credits 71-78

Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus’ general education requirements and the College’s degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Student Success Collaborative website (https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the “Declaration of Major” information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

Department Advising

Students should contact an advisor (uwm.edu/biology/undergraduate/advising/ (http://uwm.edu/biology/undergraduate/advising)) as soon

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**Industrial Fermentation and Biotechnology Option**

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as possible in their freshman year about required courses and the recommended course sequence within Biological Sciences programs. The student should attend fall or spring departmental Open Advising or contact a Department of Biological Sciences faculty advisor (uwm.edu/biology/undergraduate/advising/) who will then guide the student in planning his/her course choices to accomplish his/her goals. Students should consult their College academic advisors in Holton Hall and their faculty advisors in the Department of Biological Sciences prior to each registration period.

**Major or Minor Declaration:**

Biological Sciences students should complete Bio Sci 150 and be enrolled in Bio Sci 152 before officially declaring a major in Biological Sciences. Students can declare a major or minor by contacting a faculty advisor in Biological Sciences or attending fall or spring departmental Open Advising. Students can declare more than one major or a combination of major and minors (uwm.edu/biology/undergraduate/declare-majorminor/).

**Failure to complete a declaration of major may result in a delay in graduation.**

**Honors in the Major**

Students in biological sciences who meet all of the following criteria are awarded honors in the major upon graduation:

1. 3.500 cumulative GPA in all UWM graded credits attempted;
2. 3.750 GPA in UWM courses counting toward the major;
3. 3.500 GPA in all advanced credits that count toward the major; and
4. Complete a laboratory or field research independent study (BIO SCI 697, BIO SCI 698, or BIO SCI 699) or internship (BIO SCI 489 or CES 489).

Students who believe they may qualify for honors in biological sciences should apply to the Department during their last semester of study.

**Honors in the College of Letters and Science**

**Dean's Honor List**

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student’s GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

**Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis**

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/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. In schools and colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500 GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15% of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this 15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable semester. 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.

**Contact Information**

Current Students contact the Department directly, biosci@uwm.edu

Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at (414) 229-7711 or let-sci@uwm.edu

https://uwm.edu/biology/undergraduate/major-in-microbiology/