

2025 - 2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Science in Biology (BS)(w/ VCCS Equivalencies)

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** Indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer. Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees). Associate in Science recommended for ease of transfer.*

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (28-29 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (14 credits)

<u>General Education and Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 110C*	ENG 111
BIOL 121N & 122N*	BIO 101
MATH 162M*	MTH 161 or 163
CHEM 121N & 122N*	CHM 111

SPRING SEMESTER (14-15 credits)

<u>General Education and Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 211C or 231C*	ENG 115 or 131
BIOL 123N & 124N*	BIO 102
MATH 205 or 211 (requires MATH 163 pre-req)* MATH 200 (accepted for transfer students only)	MTH 261 or 263
CHEM 123N & 124N*	CHM 112

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (31 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

<u>General Education and Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
BIOL 291	
BIOL 292	
CHEM 211*	CHM 241
STAT 130M* or 310	MTH 146, 155, 157, 240, 241, 242 or 245
Information Literacy and Research: CS 121G, CS 126G or OEAS 130G required (CS 120G accepted for transfer students only)*	Transfer Equivalency Guide

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)

<u>General Education and Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
BIOL 293	
BIOL 294	
PHYS 111N, OEAS 110N or OEAS 111N*	PHY 111, 121, 201,
Human Behavior	Transfer Equivalency Guide
Literature	Transfer Equivalency Guide

YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (28-34 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (14-17 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	
300/400 level Biology Elective**	
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Elective	
Interpreting the Past	Transfer Equivalency Guide
Language and Culture I (May be waived, see catalog for details)	Transfer Equivalency Guide

SPRING SEMESTER (14-17 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
BIOL Writing Intensive Course (see catalog)	
300/400 level Biology Elective**	
300/400 level Biology Elective**	
Philosophy	Transfer Equivalency Guide
Impact of Technology	Transfer Equivalency Guide
Language and Culture II (May be waived, see catalog for details)	Transfer Equivalency Guide

YEAR 4 - SENIOR (33 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (17 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
300/400 level Biology Elective**	
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300/400 level Biology Elective**	
Oral Communication	Transfer Equivalency Guide
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u>	
300-/400-level Option D or Approved Minor	

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)

<u>Major Coursework:</u>	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
300/400 level Biology Elective**	
Human Creativity	Transfer Equivalency Guide
Elective**	
Elective**	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u>	
300-/400-level Option D or Approved Minor	

Consult with your advisor and the ODU Catalog for all Elective coursework.

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.