

**Handbook for Biology Majors including
The Fifty Most Asked Questions by Biology and Pre-professional Students
(and their answers)**

INTRODUCTION

This handbook is designed to help give you direction during your years at BGSU. If used properly, it will save you time and energy in that you will not have to seek an advisor to answer each and every question that might pop up.

What courses to take?

This question is asked so frequently it deserves its own space in this guide; hence, it is not part of the 50 following questions and answers.

The comment "I just don't know what courses to enroll in for fall/spring semester," is one advisors hear 50 times a day during the rush periods.

The following pages supply you with a guide that ought to make you more confident of your own course selection. There are some required courses. Such courses are identified. There are groups of courses from which you may select one or two or three or four courses. Remember that you must have a total of 122 credit hours to graduate. That number may be increased because of articulation requirements, enrolling in freshman-level courses as a senior, or other penalties discussed in the **50 Most Asked Questions** portion of this guide. Of that 122 credit hours, 40 must be 300- and 400-level courses. You will not be allowed to graduate by taking only freshman-level courses! All 40 hours do not have to be 40 hours in biology or the sciences. Any 300- or 400-level course in any subject area including biology will count toward that number. Also, the 10 hours of biology required at the 400-level count as part of the 40 hours.

The College of Arts and Sciences has requirements that must be fulfilled, just as the Department of Biological Sciences has requirements for you to complete in order to get your Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. A junior check sheet has been subdivided to provide you with information concerning both College and Departmental requirements. Read the requirements carefully. You can be saved from many problems in your senior year if you take the proper courses at the proper time during your first three years on campus.

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