

Prerequisite Courses:	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> B CHEM 143/144 General Chemistry I (NW)* _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> B CHEM 153/154 General Chemistry II (NW) _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> B CHEM 163/164 General Chemistry III (NW)*** _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> B BIO 180 (Intro to Biology I) (NW) _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> B BIO 200 (Intro to Biology II) (NW)** _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> B BIO 220 (Intro to Biology III) (NW)*** _____	_____

\* Placement into B MATH 123 (or higher) or 2.0 in BCHEM 139 is needed to enroll in B CHEM 143/144.  
 \*\* Option 1: 2.0 in B CHEM 153/154 and 2.0 in B BIO 180 needed to self-register in B BIO 200.  
 OR Option 2: 2.0 in B BIO 180 and concurrent enrollment in B BIO 200 and B CHEM 153/154 needed for enrollment in B BIO 200. Contact your pre-major advisor for support with Option 2.  
 \*\*\* May be in progress at time of application.

**General Education and Areas of Knowledge** — Courses marked with + count toward major prerequisites.

Writing (W) Requirement – 15 credits	Natural World (NW) – 15 credits
<input type="checkbox"/> B WRIT 134 or B WRIT 132/133 Composition	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>+B CHEM 143/144 General Chemistry I</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> B WRIT 135 Research Writing _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>+B CHEM 153/154 General Chemistry II</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> BST 301 Scientific Writing (recommended). However, any additional W course will be accepted.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>+B CHEM 163/164 General Chemistry III</b>

Visual, Literary, Performing Arts (VLPA) – 15 credits	Individuals & Societies (I&S) – 15 credits
<input type="checkbox"/> Course: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Course: _____
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Quantitative Skills Requirement (QSR) – 5 credits	Diversity Requirement (DIV) – 3 credits
<input type="checkbox"/> ST MATH 124 Calculus I or B MATH 144 Calculus for Social and Life Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Course: _____

General Electives or Other Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Statistics (BIS 215, B MATH 215, or STMATH 341)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____
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Course/Requirement	Course/Requirement	Course/Requirement	Course/Requirement
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4

# APPLYING TO BIOLOGY

*Subject to change. Please check with your advisor.*

## How to Declare/Apply:

- The internal application for Pre-major students is available on the [Biology Admissions page](#).

## Priority Application Deadlines:

QUARTER OF ENTRY	APPLICATION OPENS	APPLICATION CLOSES
Autumn	February 1	April 1
Winter	August 1	October 1
Spring	December 1	January 31

## Empowered Admission Criteria:

- Minimum of five out of six prerequisite courses completed.
- Minimum of a 3.0 in each completed prerequisite course and lab.
- Minimum UW cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

## Personal Statement:

Students who do not meet the empowered admission criteria, should submit a Personal Statement roughly one page in length (500 -100 words) with their application. Please address the following questions:

- Why are you interested in pursuing the Biology major at UW Bothell?
- Do you have any related educational, work, or volunteer experience?
- What further education and/or career are you planning on pursuing after earning your degree?
- If you had periods of academic difficulty, what did you learn and how did you grow?

## Number of prerequisites that can be in progress at the time of application:

- B CHEM 163 + 164 and B BIO 220 can be in progress at time of application.

## Am I competitive?

- Students with a 3.0 prerequisite average and cumulative GPA are typically admitted. Students with lower grades are reviewed carefully to ensure student success.

## Other Important Information for Applicants:

- S/NS Grades during COVID-19-** Numerical grades are preferred over S (satisfactory) grades. For any quarter designated as having extenuating circumstances, the School of STEM will consider a S (satisfactory) grade as fulfilling degree and graduation requirements. Learn more about extraordinary circumstances S/NS grading here: <https://registrar.washington.edu/students/ec-grading-change-request/>.
- All applicants are welcome to contact the Biology Advisor, Amy Feldman-Bawarshi, directly at [afeldman@uw.edu](mailto:afeldman@uw.edu) with any questions.
- Advanced Placement information:
  - AP Chem score of 3 or 4: Placement into Chem 153 + 154.
  - AP Chem score of 5: Placement into Chem 163 + 164.
- UW Bothell vs UW Seattle prerequisite courses:
  - UWS and UWB classes are not direct equivalents (For example, Chem 142 has approximately 50% overlap in content taught in BCHEM 143/144. Chem 152 has approximately 80-85% overlap to BCHEM 153 + 154. CHEM 162 has approximately 40% overlap to BCHEM 163 + 164). If possible, students should plan to complete the general chemistry sequence at one campus.