

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

The Biomedical Sciences degree offered by the Department of Biological Sciences provides a robust, yet flexible curriculum with an emphasis on studying the biological basis of health and disease. It is designed to thoroughly prepare students for entrance into medical, dental, pharmacy, physician assistant, and other professional schools, as well as graduate study in the biomedical sciences and employment as a laboratory research assistant. No minor is required for this degree.

**Additional information:** Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-science-in-biomedical-sciences/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

## Required Courses for the Major

The Biomedical Sciences Major must complete the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Science, Major in Biomedical Sciences</b>		
<b>Core Curriculum</b> ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a> )		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) (Courses for Science Majors) <sup>2</sup>		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
CHEM 1411	General Chemistry I <sup>2</sup>	4
CHEM 1412	General Chemistry II <sup>2</sup>	4
CHEM 2123	Organic Chemistry I: Lab	1
CHEM 2125	Organic Chemistry II: Lab	1
CHEM 2323	Organic Chemistry I: Lecture	3
CHEM 2325	Organic Chemistry II: Lecture	3
CHEM 3438	Biochemistry I	4
MATH 1420	Calculus I <sup>1</sup>	4
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 1430	Calculus II	
MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
STAT 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
PHYS 1101	General Physics Laboratory I	1
PHYS 1102	General Physics Laboratory II	1
PHYS 1301	General Physics-Mechanics and Heat	3
PHYS 1302	General Physics-Sound, Light, Electricity, and Magnetism	3
<b>Major: Foundation</b>		
BIOL 1406	General Biology I	4
BIOL 1407	General Biology II	4
BIOL 2110	Being a Professional Biologist	1
BIOL 2440	Introductory Cell Biology	4
BIOL 3450	Introductory Genetics	4
BIOL 3470	General Microbiology	4
BIOL 4110	Undergraduate Seminar	1
or BIOL 4111	Undergraduate Seminar	
BIOL 4361	Evolutionary Biology	3
<b>Major: Prescribed Electives</b> <sup>3</sup>		

Select 17 SCH of Biomedical Electives (at least 13 hours must be advanced):<sup>3</sup>

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ANSC 3373	Animal Nutrition
BIOL 3410	Human Biology
BIOL 3420	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
BIOL 3440	General Physiology
BIOL 3460	Pathophysiology
BIOL 3480	Developmental Biology
BIOL 3490	Histology
BIOL 4095	Undergraduate Research Topics in Biology
BIOL 4096	Special Topics In Undergraduate Biology
BIOL 4350	Immunology
BIOL 4360	Genetic Analysis of Human Disease
BIOL 4363	Genomics and Bioinformatics
BIOL 4374	Biostatistics
or STAT 3380	Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments
BIOL 4380	Medical Microbiology
BIOL 4381	Advanced Molecular Biology
BIOL 4460	Parasitology
BIOL 4480	Molecular Genetics
BIOL 4490	Cell Biology
BIOL 4493	Endocrinology
CHEM 2401	Quantitative Analysis
CHEM 3339	Biochemistry II

Students may only select two of the following:

BIOL 2404	Human Anatomy & Physiology II <sup>4</sup>
BIOL 2441	Forensic Biology Concepts <sup>4</sup>
COMS 3391	Interpersonal Health Communication <sup>4</sup>
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing <sup>4</sup>
HLTH 3360	Epidemiology <sup>4</sup>
PSYC 3333	Physiological Psychology <sup>4</sup>
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology <sup>4</sup>

**Electives: Advanced General**Advanced General Electives<sup>3</sup>

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**Minor: Not Required**<sup>5, 6</sup>**Total Hours****120-121**

<sup>1</sup> MATH 1420 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) as well as 1CH of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

<sup>2</sup> CHEM 1411 and CHEM 1412 satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).

<sup>3</sup> Students may need to use Biomedical Electives and/or General Electives to reach the 42-hour requirement for advanced credit.

<sup>4</sup> No more than two of these courses may be applied toward the Biomedical Sciences degree. Students should consult with an academic advisor in the Biological Sciences early in their degree program regarding appropriate choices for their electives.

<sup>5</sup> A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so, additional semester credit hours will be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.

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**Notes**

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**First Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv</a> )		3 BIOL 1406 or 1407	4
BIOL 1406 or 1407		4 CHEM 1412 <sup>1</sup>	4
CHEM 1411 <sup>1</sup>		4 ENGL 1302 <sup>2</sup>	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>2</sup>		3 MATH 1420 <sup>3</sup>	4
		<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>

**Second Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area V ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> )		3 Component Area IX ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )	3
BIOL 2440		4 BIOL 2110	1
CHEM 2323 & CHEM 2123		4 BIOL 3450 or 3470	4
HSTY 1301 <sup>4</sup>		3 CHEM 2325 & CHEM 2125	4
MATH 1430, 3379, or STAT 3379		3-4 HSTY 1302 <sup>4</sup>	3
		POLS 2305 <sup>5</sup>	3
		<b>17-18</b>	<b>18</b>

**Third Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 3450 or 3470		4 Component Area VIII ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii</a> )	3
CHEM 3438		4 BIOL 4361	3
PHYS 1301 & PHYS 1101		4 PHYS 1302 & PHYS 1102	4
POLS 2306 <sup>5</sup>		3 Prescribed Electives <sup>6</sup>	4
		<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

**Fourth Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced General Electives <sup>7</sup>		4 Advanced General Electives <sup>7</sup>	9
Prescribed Electives <sup>6</sup>		10 BIOL 4110 or 4111	1
		Prescribed Electives <sup>6</sup>	3
		<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>

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<sup>4</sup> Satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

<sup>5</sup> Satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science).

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Biomedical Sciences is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Master the depth of knowledge required for a degree in biomedical sciences.
- Demonstrate critical thinking.
- Communicate effectively.
- Work collaboratively.