**2015-2016**

**Pathways Four-Year Plan:** [**Biology (BS)**](https://www.york.cuny.edu/produce-and-print/contents/bulletin/school-of-arts-and-sciences/biology/biology-bs)

Department of Biology

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The following is a **suggested** plan of study for completion of this degree program.

The goal of a Four-Year Plan is to ensure that students graduate with no more than 120 credits and in four years.

* All students should speak with an academic advisor about their academic programs.

**This document is not a substitute for academic advisement.**

* Students are encouraged to take Winter and Summer courses to facilitate their progress towards graduation.
* Transfer students do not need to take all courses in the plan; they should consult with an academic advisor.

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| **FIRST YEAR - FALL** | **15** | **FIRST YEAR - SPRING** | **15** |
| English Composition (EC): ENGL 125 | 3 | English Composition (EC): ENGL 126 | 3 |
| Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning (MQR): Math 119 + Math 120# | 5 | Scientific World (SW): CHEM 108 + CHEM 109 | 5 |
| Life & Physical Science (LPS): BIO 201 | 4 | Creative Expression (CE)‡ | 3 |
| College Option: HE 111 | 3 | Additional Flexible Core Course: BIO 202 (SW) | 4 |

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| **SECOND YEAR - FALL** | **16** | **SECOND YEAR - SPRING** | **14.5** |
| World Culture & Global Issues (WCGI)‡ | 3 | BIO Elective Course from Group 2\*or Group 3\*\* | 4.5 |
| MATH 121 | 4 | PHYS 113 + PHYS 115¹ | 5 |
| BIO 301 | 4 | CHEM 231 | 3 |
| CHEM 111 + CHEM 112 | 5 | CHEM 232 | 2 |

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| **THIRD YEAR - FALL** | **14** | **THIRD YEAR - SPRING** | **13.5** |
| College Option: Foreign Language† | 3 | College Option: Foreign Language† | 3 |
| BIO 307 | 3 | College Option: Writing Requirement: WRIT 302 | 3 |
| PHYS 114 + PHYS 116² | 5 | US Experience in its Diversity (USED)‡ | 3 |
| CHEM 233 | 3 | BIO Elective Course from Group 2\* or Group 3\*\* | 4.5 |

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| **FOURTH YEAR - FALL** | **16.5** | **FOURTH YEAR - SPRING** | **15.5** |
| Individual & Society (IS)‡ | 3 | Free Elective‡ | 3 |
| BIO 486-489 (WI) | 3 | Free Elective‡ | 3 |
| BIO Elective Course from Group 2\*or Group 3\*\* | 4.5 | BIO Elective Course from Group 2\* or Group 3\*\* | 4.5 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 2 |

* York students are required to complete (pass) three (3) Writing intensive (WI) courses: two (2) in the lower division (100-200 level) and one (1) in the upper division (300-level).
* If you transferred to York College with credit for General Education requirements, you must still complete one (1) WI course in the upper division within your major. If your major has no upper division WI course, you must take a WI course chosen in consultation with your major advisor.
* B.S. students must complete 60 credits of liberal arts – See Bulletin.
* Students are strongly encouraged to select a Minor program of study, in consultation with an academic advisor, especially those planning to attend graduate school. Minor courses would replace the “free electives” in the Four-Year Plan.

†Foreign language courses are determined through placement by the Foreign Language Department, AC-3C08

‡The Biology department recommends students take Writing-Intensive courses within the Flexible Core requirements.

If not WI, two additional WI courses must be taken in place of free electives before graduation.

**Notes for Biology Major Requirements**

#Students placing out of Math 119/120 may take a General Education course instead.

¹PHYS 117 can be substituted for PHYS 115

²PHYS 118 can be substituted for PHYS 116

\*Elective Courses from Group 2 (**Organismic and Environmental Biology**): A minimum of 7.5 credits in total must be taken to fulfill major requirements. Select a 200-400 level courses from the following: BIO 331, 308, 309, 325, 334, 410, 411, or 477.

\*\*Elective Courses from Group 3 (**Cell and Molecular Biology**): A minimum of 7.5 credits in total must be taken to fulfill major requirements. Select a 200-400 level courses from the following: BIO 320, 412, 415, 444, 452, 465, 466, 480, BTEC 352 or CHEM 412.

**Required Core:** English Composition (EC); Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning (MQR); Life & Physical Science (LPS)

**Flexible Core:** World Cultures & Global Issues (WCGI), U.S. Experience in its Diversity (USED), Creative Expression (CE), Individual & Society (IS), Scientific World (SW)