

Combined Degrees: Biology B.S./Public Health M.P.H.

Effective May 17, 2024 FYS1020 and CAR0010 will no longer be requirements in our undergraduate programs.

The College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Health & Wellness offer students an opportunity to earn both their undergraduate and graduate degrees through its Combined Degrees: Biology B.S./Public Health M.P.H. program. This program enables qualified students to earn, in a continuous plan of study, both a B.S. degree in Biology and a Master of Public Health degree in as little as five years.

Qualified students are able to complete five core Master of Public Health graduate courses that will count toward their undergraduate Biology degree. Visit the Biology B.S. degree and Master of Public Health degree program pages for program descriptions and outcomes.

Requirements

Eligible undergraduate students who would like to pursue the Combined Degrees: Biology B.S./Public Health M.P.H. program should apply directly for the program by the end of their first year to take maximum advantage of this accelerated option. Qualified students who elect the Combined Degrees: Biology B.S./Public Health M.P.H. program as an undergraduate student must fulfill all admissions requirements for entrance into the intended graduate program and complete a graduate program application.

Biology

A four-year program leading to the bachelor of science degree

Major Courses

BIO1022	General Biology - Organismal	3
BIO1026	General Biology Laboratory - Organismal	1
BIO2001	Genetics	3
BIO3040	Molecular Biology	3
BIO3046	Molecular Biology Laboratory	1
BIO3100	Coastal Ecology	3
BIO3106	Coastal Ecology Laboratory	1
BIO4020	Integrative Biology	3
BIO4026	Integrative Biology Laboratory	1
BIO4100	Senior Seminar in Biology	3

Major Electives or Specialization

Choose 16-22 credits of the following (at least two courses must be at 3000 level or higher)* or Specialization listed below: † 16-22

BIO2003 & BIO2006	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	
BIO2013 & BIO2016	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	
BIO2041 & BIO2046	Human Physiology and Human Physiology Laboratory	
BIO2201 & BIO2206	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Laboratory	
BIO2510 & BIO2516	Plant Cultivation I: Soil, Soil Substitutes, and Disease Management and Plant Cultivation I: Soil, Soil Substitutes, and Disease Management Laboratory	
BIO3070	Evolution	
BIO3080	Epigenetics	
BIO3400	Fundamentals of Pharmacology	
BIO3510 & BIO3516	Plant Cultivation II: Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Tissue Culture, Genetics and Extraction and Plant Cultivation II: Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Tissue Culture, Genetics and Extraction Laboratory	
BIO3620 & BIO3626	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy and Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy Laboratory	
BIO4030	Advanced Anatomy	
BIO4040 & BIO4046	Functional Histology and Functional Histology Laboratory	
BIO4070	Fundamentals of Immunology	
BIO4510 & BIO4516	Applications of Plants & Fungi and Applications of Plants & Fungi Laboratory	
CHM3040 & CHM3046	Biochemistry and Biochemistry Laboratory	
CHM3200	Analytical Chemistry	
SCI3020	Sustainability Policy and Planning	
SCI3070	Food Sustainability	
SCI3080	The Business of Sustainability	
SCI4090	Research Seminar in Sustainability	

Applied/Experiential Learning

Choose 6 credits from the following:

ASCI4799	College of Arts & Sciences Internship ^{1c}	
DEE3999	Directed Experiential Education ^D	
RSCH3810	Undergraduate Laboratory and Field Research	
RSCH3830	Undergraduate Research Experience	
RSCH4020	Honors Directed Academic Experience	

Study Abroad^{5a}

Related Professional Studies

CAR0010	Career Management	1
CHM1011	General Chemistry I	3
CHM1016	General Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHM1022	General Chemistry II	3
CHM1026	General Chemistry II Laboratory	1
CHM2011	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHM2016	Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	1
CHM2022	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHM2026	Organic Chemistry II Laboratory	1
FYS1020	First-Year Seminar	1

A&S Core Experience

Communications Foundation Courses		9
ENG1020	Rhetoric & Composition I	
ENG1021	Rhetoric & Composition II	
ENG1030	Communication Skills	

Integrative Learning 6
Two ILS courses, one at the 2000 level, one at the 4000 level

Arts and Humanities		6
PHIL3240	Ethics: A Global Perspective	
One course from ART, HIST, HUM, LIT or REL		

Mathematics		6
MATH1040	Calculus I (or higher, based on student's placement)**	
MATH2010	Introduction to Biostatistics	

Science		4
BIO1011 & BIO1016	General Biology - Cellular and General Biology Laboratory - Cellular	

Social Sciences		6
PSYC1001	Introductory Psychology	
One course from ANTH, ECON, GEND, LEAD, PSCI, RES or SOC		

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PHY1011 or PHY2011	General Physics I / Physics I	
PHY1016 or PHY2016	General Physics I Laboratory / Physics I Laboratory	
PHY1022 or PHY2022	General Physics II / Physics II	
PHY1026 or PHY2026	General Physics II Laboratory / Physics II Laboratory	

Graduate Courses***

HSC5020	Foundations of Public Health	3
HSC5080	Health and Healthcare****	3
HSC5120	Health Trends	3
HSC5150	Chronic Disease Prevention and Control	3
HSC5220	Insights into Vulnerable Populations	3

Total Credits 122.0-128.0

- * Students are responsible for meeting prerequisites.
- ** Students that do not place in MATH1040 Calculus I, will need to take an extra course(s), MATH1020 Fundamentals of Algebra, and/or MATH1030 Precalculus, as prerequisite(s).
- *** Students use 15 credits from free electives for graduate-level courses in the Public Health M.P.H. during their fourth year.
- **** Course may only be available online. Students should consult with their academic advisor regarding course availability and for planning purposes.

†Specialization in Biomedical Science 22

BIO2003 & BIO2006	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	
BIO2013 & BIO2016	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	
BIO2201 & BIO2206	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Laboratory	

BIO4040 & BIO4046	Functional Histology and Functional Histology Laboratory
BIO4070	Fundamentals of Immunology
CHM3040	Biochemistry

†Specialization in Environmental Studies 22

BIO2201 & BIO2206	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Laboratory
BIO3070	Evolution
SCI3020	Sustainability Policy and Planning
SCI3070	Food Sustainability
SCI3080	The Business of Sustainability
SCI4090	Research Seminar in Sustainability
SOC3200	Environmental Sociology †

‡Students must use social science elective to take SOC1001 to satisfy SOC3200 prerequisite

†Specialization in Plant Science 16

BIO2201 & BIO2206	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Laboratory
BIO2510 & BIO2516	Plant Cultivation I: Soil, Soil Substitutes, and Disease Management and Plant Cultivation I: Soil, Soil Substitutes, and Disease Management Laboratory
BIO3510 & BIO3516	Plant Cultivation II: Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Tissue Culture, Genetics and Extraction and Plant Cultivation II: Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Tissue Culture, Genetics and Extraction Laboratory
BIO4510 & BIO4516	Applications of Plants & Fungi and Applications of Plants & Fungi Laboratory

^CTypically, internships require a minimum of six credits. Students interested in a 9 or 12-credit internship can apply additional experiential learning and free elective credits, if available. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty advisor before scheduling internship and free elective credits.

^DDirected Experiential Education (DEE) opportunities are based on project availability with community partners and student eligibility. For more information, visit Experiential Education & Career Services (EE&CS).

^{Sa}To be eligible to count toward Applied/ Experiential Learning, a Study Abroad offering must meet certain requirements. Contact JWU Global to discuss eligible Study Abroad options for this degree program.

Public Health

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Core Courses

HSC5020	Foundations of Public Health †	3
HSC5080	Health and Healthcare †‡	3
HSC5100	Healthy Planet	3
HSC5120	Health Trends †	3
HSC5150	Chronic Disease Prevention and Control †	3
HSC5180	Discrimination and Health	3
HSC5220	Insights into Vulnerable Populations †	3
HSC5260	Advocating for Healthier Diets ‡	3
HSC5290	Combatting Infectious Disease	3
HSC5320	Cultural Competency to Improve Health	3
HSC5350	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion ‡	3
HSC5380	Policy of Addiction	3
HSC5420	Community Organizing	3
HSC6120	Improving Community Health	3
HSC6920	Public Health Capstone	3
Total Credits		45.0

† These graduate courses fulfill the bachelor of science requirements in the fourth year. Please note: The bachelor of science is not awarded until all graduate-level courses applying to the undergraduate degree have been successfully completed.

‡ Courses may only be available online. Students should consult with their academic advisor regarding course availability and for planning purposes.

Note: Students must pass MATH0010 Pre-Algebra or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math courses.

Note: Students must pass ENG0001 Writing Workshop or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in ILS 2000-level courses.

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