



University of Montana - Four-Year Academic Plan 2023-2024

College of Humanities and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Natural History Option

This is a sample academic plan. Students should meet with an academic advisor prior to registration to formulate their own plan.

| Year 1 | | Year 2 | | Year 3 | | Year 4 | |
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| Fall | | Fall | | Fall | | Fall | |
| BIOB 160N/161N - Principles Living Systems/Lab | 4 | BIOB 260 - Cell & Molecular Biology | 4 | BIOE 370/371 - General Ecology/Lab | 5 | BIOO 320 - General Botany | 5 |
| CHMY 121N - Intro to General Chemistry | 4 | ERTH 101N/103N - Earth Systems Science/Lab | 4 | Upper Division Cognate Elective | 3 | BIOE 406 - Behavior & Evolution: offered odd Fall | 3 |
| M 121 - College Algebra (or higher level math) | 3 | Cognate Elective | 3 | General Education Requirements | 3 | Upper Division Electives | 7 |
| WRIT 101 - College Writing 1 | 3 | Intermediate Writing Course | 3 | Elective | 4 | | |
| Elective | 1 | | | | | | |
| Credits | 15 | Credits | 14 | Credits | 15 | Credit | 15 |
| Spring | | Spring | | Spring | | Spring | |
| BIOB 170N/171N - Principles of Biological Diversity/Lab | 5 | BIOB 272 - Genetics & Evolution | 4 | BIOO 335 - Rocky Mountain Flora | 3 | BIOO 462 - Entomology: offered intermittently | 4 |
| CHMY 123/124 - Intro to Organic & Biochemistry/Lab | 6 | STAT 216 - Introduction to Statistics | 4 | Cognate Elective | 3 | BIOO 470 - Ornithology (or BIOO 475 Mammalogy) | 4 |
| General Education Requirement | 3 | Cognate Elective | 4 | General Education Requirement | 3 | General Education Requirements | 3 |
| Elective | 1 | General Education Requirements | 3 | General Education Requirement | 3 | Upper Division Elective | 5 |
| | | | | Elective | 3 | | |
| Credits | 15 | Credits | 15 | Credits | 15 | Credits | 16 |
| Summer | | Summer | | Summer | | Summer | |
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| Credits | 0 | Credits | 0 | Credits | 0 | Credits | 0 |
| Total Credits | 30 | Total Credits | 59 | Total Credits | 89 | Total Credits | 120 |

ElevateU Career Readiness Plan

GRADUATE CAREER-READY BY GETTING INVOLVED IN THE BELOW ACTIVITIES WHILE AT UM.

Discover how your strengths, values, and interests relate to career and education pathways.

- Take the Strong Interest Inventory or other career assessments to see what careers may be a good fit for you.*
- Download the Handshake app and activate your account to explore jobs*
- Attend "careers and opportunities" fairs and join a First Time at the Fair tour*
- Join student groups that align with your interests*
- Explore career options at What Can I Do With This Major? (click on "Major Exploration")*
- Learn about specific occupations on O*Net Online
- Schedule an appointment for Career Planning and Major Exploration

EXPLORE
Pathways for you

Participate in experiential (hands-on) learning to refine your interests and goals.

- Seek and apply for internships or part-time jobs on Handshake*
- Participate in Volunteer Programs*
- Consider studying abroad or at another US university for a semester or year*
- Consider an internship abroad*
- Conduct undergraduate research at UM*
 - Secure a paid micro-internship
 - Participate in the Griz Career Skills Program
 - Schedule an appointment for Internship Search, International Internship Search, National Student Exchange, Job Search Strategies, and Handshake How-To

EXPERIENCE
and Grow

- Meet employers at career fairs and events*
- Develop a stellar resume and cover letter*
- Practice interview skills
- Learn how to negotiate your salary and benefits package
- Fine-tune your LinkedIn profile
- Apply for jobs, graduate/professional school, or national service
- Schedule an appointment for Resume, Cover letter, Interview Prep, Personal Statement, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning

ELEVATE
to Your Career

Refine your personal brand and develop stand-out application materials to achieve your goals

EMBRACE
Your Goals

- Strengthen relationships with faculty and supervisors who can guide and recommend you*
 - Connect with alumni in fields or companies of interest through the Griz Career Network
 - Expand your network to gain insights and support through LinkedIn
 - Conduct career conversations with professionals in fields of interest
 - Gain industry and company-specific skills through free Forage job simulations
 - Schedule an appointment to discuss Networking Strategies, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning
- Develop skills and network to help you pursue your goals**

YOUR CAREER SUPPORT OFFICES AT UM

Experiential Learning & Career Success (ELCS) is for all UM students!

Students in the following Schools and Colleges have additional access to the following career services:

- College of Business Career Development Center
- Career Trailhead professional readiness program
- College of Humanities and Sciences Career Planning Center
- Davidson Honors College Career Development Program
- School of Law Career Development Office
- Missoula College Career Services

