



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) IN BIOLOGY
CATALOG YEAR: 2024-2025

NAME: _____ H#: _____ DATE: _____

Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 125 credit hours along with the following requirements:

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 125-credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper-level hours of residency at HCU included in the minor with a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: *Course must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
*ENGL 1313 Composition & Literature I	3	*MATH 1313 College Algebra or higher	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition & Literature II	3	CHEM 2315 General Chemistry I and CHEM 2115 General Chemistry I Lab	4
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	GOVT 2313 American & Texas Government	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	Additional History Course (Choose 1): HIST 2312, HIST 2313, HIST 2323	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology & Tradition	3	COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking	3
		TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE	43

Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 or more hours of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, Introduction to Bible and Theology, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
CHEM 2315	General Chemistry I	LACC
CHEM 2115	General Chemistry I Lab	LACC
CHEM 2316	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 2116	General Chemistry II Lab	1
	TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	4

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
BIOL 3301	Cellular & Molecular Biology	3
BIOL 3101	Cellular & Molecular Biology Lab	1
BIOL 3414	Microbiology	4
BIOL 3444	Genetics	4
BIOL 4272	Integrating Biological Concepts	2
BIOL 2354	General Biology I	3
BIOL 2154	General Biology I Lab	1
BIOL 2355	General Biology II	3
BIOL 2155	General Biology II Lab	1
	Research (choose one)	
	BIOL 4297 or BCMB 4297	2
	Biology Electives: Choose five courses from the categories as indicated. Three of the five must contain labs.	18-20
	Systems Category (choose one)	
	BIOL 3433, BIOL 3454, BIOL 3456, BIOL 3464 (4 hours each)	
	Advanced Microbiology Category (choose one)	
	BIOL 4324, BIOL 4335, BIOL 4344, BIOL 4363, BIOL 4375 (3 hours each)	
	BIOL 4424, BIOL 4448, BIOL 4464 (4 hours each)	
	Biology Specialties Category (choose two)	
	BIOL 3325, BIOL 3335, BIOL 3375, BIOL 4325 (3 hours each)	
	BIOL 3434, BIOL 4423, BIOL 4425, BIOL 4433, BIOL 4443 (4 hours each)	
	Choose one additional elective from any of the above categories for a total of five.	
	TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR	46-48
	ELECTIVE HOURS REQUIRED	34-36
	TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE	125

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) points: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 points must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 points may be CLW-B earned through community life events).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take a three-hour course, ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

DEAN OF COLLEGE _____ DATE _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR _____ DATE _____

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