

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biology with Honors College Core

2026-2027 Official Degree Plan

Honors College Core Curriculum (HC) Requirements

COURSES	HOURS
HNRS 1410 Honors Chronology: Ancient	4
HNRS 1020 Honors Writing I	0
HNRS 1030 Honors Lecture I	0
HNRS 1440 Honors Chronology: Medieval	4
HNRS 1050 Honors Writing II	0
HNRS 1060 Honors Lecture II	0
HNRS 2410 Honors Chronology: Early Modern	4
HNRS 2300 Honors Topics: Theology and Psychology	3
HNRS 2020 Honors Writing III	0
HNRS 2030 Honors Lecture III	0
HNRS 2440 Honors Chronology: The Last 300 Years	4
HNRS 2380 Honors Topics: Person and Society	3
HNRS 2050 Honors Writing IV	0
HNRS 2060 Honors Lecture IV	0
HNRS 3410 Honors Topics: Life and Death	4
HNRS 3380 Honors Topics: Natural Philosophy	3
HNRS 3020 Honors Writing V	0
HNRS 3030 Honors Lecture V	0
HNRS 3740 The Story of Scripture: The Biblical Narrative from Genesis to Revelation	7
HNRS 3050 Honors Writing VI	0
HNRS 3060 Honors Lecture VI	0
Choose two courses from the following. If HNRS 2150: Honors Art is not taken, then HNRS 2100: Honors Readings may be repeated for credit.	2
HNRS 2100 Honors Readings	
HNRS 2150 Honors Art	
CHEM 2315/2115 General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
MATH 1313 College Algebra (or higher)*	4
Total Honors College Core Hours	45

* Course must be completed with "C" or higher

Program Requirements

(all courses required for major must be completed with "C" or higher)

COURSES	HOURS
CHEM 2315 General Chemistry I	HC
CHEM 2115 General Chemistry I Lab	HC
CHEM 2316 General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 2116 General Chemistry II Lab	1
Total Program Requirement Hours	4

Major Requirements

(all courses required for major must be completed with "C" or higher)

COURSES	HOURS
BIOL 3301 Cellular and Molecular Biology	3
BIOL 3101 Cellular and 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 from the following):	2
BIOL 4297 Research in Biology	
BCMB 4297 Research in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology	
Biology Electives (Choose five courses from the categories as indicated. Three of the five must contain labs.)	18-20
<u>Systems Category (choose one):</u>	
BIOL 3433 Pathophysiology	
BIOL 3454 General Physiology	
BIOL 3456 Advanced Human Anatomy	
BIOL 3464 Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy	
<u>Advanced Microbiology Category (choose one):</u>	
BIOL 4324 Advanced Cell Biology	
BIOL 4335 RNA Biology	
BIOL 4344 Virology	
BIOL 4363 Medical Microbiology	
BIOL 4375 Cancer Biology	
BIOL 4424 Molecular Biology	
BIOL 4448 Molecular Genetics	
BIOL 4464 Immunology	

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Biology Specialties Category (choose two):

BIOL 3325 Global Health
BIOL 3335 Nutrition and Metabolism
BIOL 3375 Human Genetics
BIOL 3434 Ecology and Field Biology
BIOL 4325 Endocrinology
BIOL 4423 Histology
BIOL 4425 Drug Action
BIOL 4433 Embryology
BIOL 4443 Neuroscience

Choose one additional elective from any of the above categories for a total of five Biology electives.

Total Major Hours	46-48
Required Elective Hours	34-36
Total Hours in Degree	127

Additional Graduation Requirements

1. At least 127 total credit hours, including 30 credit hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
2. Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events). CLW events offered each semester are listed on the [Spiritual Life CLW website](#).
3. FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) credit hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation (e.g., dual credit) does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning in place of FYS 1300.
4. At least 30 credit hours or 25 percent of the total credit hours required for an undergraduate degree (whichever is greater) must be earned at HCU, including at least 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
5. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major or as noted on the degree plan.
6. Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 credit hours may be transferred from another institution. Students should consult with their academic advisor prior to enrolling in courses at another institution.

Filing a Degree Plan

All undergraduate students must have an official signed and approved degree plan on file with the Office of Academic Records by the time they complete 64 credit hours. Students should contact their academic advisor to begin the process. If seeking a double degree, double major, minor, or certificate, an official degree plan must be filed for each program of study. For questions, email degreeplans@HC.edu.

Applying for Graduation

Undergraduate students should apply for graduation through the HCU student self-service portal at least one semester before their anticipated graduation date. An official degree plan must be on file before the application can be accessed. More information about applying for graduation, including deadlines, can be found on the [Graduation Application website](#). For questions, email grad@HC.edu.

Degree Works

Access Degree Works through the [HCU Student Portal \(my.HC.edu\)](#) to view your degree plan status, graduation application status, and track your progress to graduation. For questions, contact your academic advisor.

University Catalog

The University Catalog is the official record of academic policies. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the information in the catalog, including attendance policies, transfer credit policies, academic standing information, and course descriptions. The catalog can be found on the [HCU Catalog website](#).

Acknowledgment and Signatures

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 and processed by the Office of Academic Records.

Student Name (Printed)

Student H#

HCU Email

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

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