



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAM PLAN
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)
BIOLOGY MAJOR

NAME: _____ H# _____ DATE: _____

CATALOG YEAR: **2023/2024**

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 / advanced 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 (certain majors may have their own prescribed Liberal Arts Core Requirements--please see your advisor in your major.)
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 advanced credit 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 w/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 college (once an undergraduate student has enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 semester hours total will be accepted for transfer credit.)

- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 64 credit hours have been completed.
- File a graduation application at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS:

“**” Indicates course must be completed with a “C” or higher

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

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

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HOURS
	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:	
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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a “C” or higher.

COURSE NO.	COURSE NAME	HOURS
BIOL 3301	Cell & Molecular Biology	3
BIOL 3101	Cell & Molecular Biology Lab	1
BIOL 3414	Microbiology	4
BIOL 3444	Genetics	4
BIOL 4272	Integrating Biological Concepts	2
BIOL 4297	Research in Biology	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
	BIOLOGY ELECTIVES (18-20 HRS) CHOOSE 5 FROM THE CATEGORIES AS INDICATED.	18 / 20
	3 OF THE 5 MUST CONTAIN LABS:	
	Systems Category (Choose 1)	
	BIOL 3433, BIOL 3454, BIOL 3456, BIOL 3464 – 4 Hours Each	
	Advanced Microbiology Category (Choose 1)	
	BIOL 4335, BIOL 4363, BIOL 4324, BIOL 4375 – 3 Hours	
	BIOL 4424, BIOL 4344, BIOL 4448, BIOL 4464	
	Biology Specialties Category (Choose 2)	
	BIOL 3325, 3335, 3375, 4325 – 3 Hours Each	
	BIOL 3434, 4423, 4425, 4433, 4443 – 4 Hours Each	
	Choose 1 additional elective from any of the above categories for a total of 5.	
	Electives: To Total Required 125 hrs.	
	Total Hours in Major	46 - 48
	Elective Hours Required	34 - 36
	TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE	125

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Any departmental Exit Exams.

Community Life & Worship (CLW): 80 credits by graduation (Worship Events - at least 50 CLW credits & Community Life Events - no more than 30 CLW credits)
A max of 60 CLW credits can be earned through CLEP, dual credits & transfer credit that is accepted through the HCU Office of Academic Records.

Freshman Year Seminar, FYS 1300, is required for all students entering with less than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour credit. 100% online students will take a three -hour course, **ONLN 1300** Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

APPROVED BY:

ADVISOR _____ DATE _____

DEAN OF COLLEGE _____ DATE _____

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS PROCESSED BY _____ DATE _____