

# INTEGRATIVE MICROBIOLOGY B.A.

Microbiology is the study of microorganisms including bacteria, fungi, viruses, and protozoa. The Integrative Microbiology major takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of microbial structure and function and encourages the integration of microbiology with the study of other disciplines.

## General Degree Requirements

To earn a baccalaureate degree, all students must complete successfully, in addition to any other requirements, the University of Montana General Education Requirements. Please refer to the General Education Requirements page (<https://catalog.umont.edu/academics/general-education-requirements/>) for more information.

Additional requirements for graduation can be found on the Degree/Certificate Requirements for Graduation page (<https://catalog.umont.edu/academics/graduation-requirements/>).

Unless otherwise noted in individual program requirements, a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in all work attempted at the University of Montana-Missoula is required for graduation. Please see the Academic Policies and Procedures page (<https://catalog.umont.edu/academics/policies-procedures/>) for information on how your GPA is calculated.

Courses taken to satisfy the requirements of a major, minor, or certificate program must be completed with a grade of C- or better unless a higher grade is noted in the program requirements.

## Bachelor of Arts - Integrative Microbiology

### Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Biology &amp; Microbiology Core Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
Complete all of the following courses:		
BIOB 160	Principles of Living Systems	3
BIOB 161N	Principles of Living Systems Lab	1
BIOB 170N	Principles of Biological Diversity	3
BIOB 171N	Principles of Biological Diversity Lab	2
BIOB 260	Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
BIOB 272	Genetics and Evolution	4
<b>Major Courses</b>		
Complete all of the following courses:		
BIOM 360	General Microbiology	3
BIOM 361	General Microbiology Lab	2
BIOM 410	Microbial Genetics	3
BIOM 411	Experimental Microbial Genetics Lab	1
BIOM 415	Microbial Diversity Ecology & Evolution	3
BIOM 450	Microbial Physiology	3
BIOM 451	Microbial Physiology Lab	1
<b>Microbiology Electives</b>		
Complete 9 credits of the following courses:		9

BIOB 410 & BIOB 411	Immunology and Immunology Laboratory
BIOB 483	Phylogenetics and Evolution
BIOB 486	Genomics
BIOE 400	Aquatic Microbial Ecology
BIOM 327	Vector-Borne Diseases: Public Health Perspectives
BIOM 402 & BIOM 403	Pathogenic Microbes and Pathogenic Microbes Laboratory
BIOM 420	Host-Microbe Interactions
BIOM 427 & BIOM 428	General Parasitology and General Parasitology Lab
BIOM 435	Virology
BIOM 460	Ecology of Infectious Diseases
BIOM 490	Advanced Undergraduate Research

### Chemistry

Complete all of the following courses:		
BCH 380	Biochemistry	4
CHMY 121N	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
CHMY 123	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	4
CHMY 124	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Lab	2

### Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics

Complete two of the following courses. Only one may be in calculus.		7-10
CSCI 150	Introduction to Computer Science	
M 162 or M 171	Applied Calculus Calculus I	
M 172	Calculus II	
PHSX 205N & PHSX 206N	College Physics I and College Physics I Laboratory	
PHSX 207N & PHSX 208N	College Physics II and College Physics II Laboratory	
PHSX 215N & PHSX 216N	Fundamentals of Physics with Calculus I and Physics Laboratory I with Calculus	
PHSX 217N & PHSX 218N	Fundamentals of Physics with Calculus II and Physics Laboratory II with Calculus	
STAT 216	Introduction to Statistics	

### Integrative Science Electives

Complete 9 credits of the following courses from any category:	9
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#### Health Microbiology

BIOH 365 & BIOH 366	Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions I and Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions I Laboratory
BIOH 370 & BIOH 371	Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions II and Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions II Laboratory
PUBH 155	Reimagining Global Health: Biosocial Perspectives
PUBH 325	Environmental and Occupational Health

#### Brewing/Oenology

CHMY 311	Analytical Chemistry-Quantitative Analysis
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CHMY 313	Introduction to Brewing Science
CHMY 314	Brewing Science
<b>Analytics/Programming</b>	
CSCI 151	Interdisciplinary Computer Science I
CSCI 152	Interdisciplinary Computer Science II
CSCI 172	Intro to Computer Modeling
STAT 451	Statistical Methods I
& STAT 457	and Computer Data Analysis I
STAT 452	Statistical Methods II
& STAT 458	and Computer Data Analysis II
<b>Water Microbiology</b>	
ERTH 406	Global Water Crises
GEO 202	The Water Planet
GEO 421	Hydrology
NRSM 345	Watershed Dynamics and Management Issues
NRSM 385	Watershed Hydrology
<b>Soil Microbiology</b>	
NRSM 210N	Soils, Water and Climate
NRSM 211N	Soils and Water
NRSM 212N	Ecology, Physics and Taxonomy of Soils
NRSM 415	Environmental Soil Science
<b>Writing in the Disciplines Requirement</b>	
To complete the General Education Requirement for Writing in the Disciplines, Integrative Microbiology students can either take a complete writing course (in or outside of DBS) or partial writing courses (2-3) within the DBS Distributed Model.	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>72-75</b>

<sup>1</sup> The lower-division core should be completed before attempting most upper-division major courses. AP Biology credit with a score of 3 may be substituted for either BIOB 160/BIOB 161N or BIOB 170N/BIOB 171N.

## Writing in the Disciplines Distributed Model Courses for Biological Sciences

Code	Title	Hours
<b>1/3 Writing in the Disciplines Courses</b>		
BCH 482	Advanced Biochemistry II	3
BIOB 410	Immunology	3
BIOB 425	Advanced Cellular & Molecular Biology	3
BIOB 483	Phylogenics and Evolution	3
BIOE 371	General Ecology Lab (equivalent to 271)	2
BIOE 403	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy	4
BIOE 428	Freshwater Ecology	5
BIOH 447	Genes and Development Lab	3
BIOM 327	Vector-Borne Diseases: Public Health Perspectives	3
BIOM 435	Virology	3
BIOO 470	Ornithology	4
BIOO 475	Mammalogy	4
WILD 470	Conservation of Wildlife Populations	4
<b>2/3 Writing in the Disciplines Courses</b>		
BCH 486	Biochemistry Research Lab	3

BCH 499	Senior Thesis/Capstone	3-6
BIOB 411	Immunology Laboratory	2
BIOB 499	Undergraduate Thesis	3-6
BIOE 448	Terrestrial Plant Ecology	4
BIOE 485	Plant Evolution	3
BIOM 499	Undergraduate Thesis	3-6
<b>Full Writing in the Disciplines Courses</b>		
BIOH 462	Principles of Medical Physiology	3
BIOM 420	Host-Microbe Interactions	3

## Four Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>Autumn</b>		
BIOB 160 & BIOB 161N	Principles of Living Systems and Principles of Living Systems Lab	4
CHMY 121N	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
M 162 or M 171	Applied Calculus or Calculus I	4
BIOB 194	Your Future in Biology	1
WRIT 101	College Writing I	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BIOB 170N & BIOB 171N	Principles of Biological Diversity and Principles of Biological Diversity Lab	5
CHMY 123 & CHMY 124	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry and Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Lab	6
General Education Requirement		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>Autumn</b>		
BIOB 260	Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
BIOM 360 & BIOM 361	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Lab	5
General Education Requirement		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BIOB 272	Genetics and Evolution	4
CSCI 150	Introduction to Computer Science <sup>1</sup>	3
Intermediate Writing Course		3
General Education Requirement		3
Elective		1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Junior</b>		
<b>Autumn</b>		
BCH 380	Biochemistry	4
BIOM 327	Vector-Borne Diseases: Public Health Perspectives (General Education Requirement)	3
Integrative Science Elective		3
General Education Requirement		3
Upper Division Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BIOM 415	Microbial Diversity Ecology & Evolution	3
BIOM 460	Ecology of Infectious Diseases <sup>1</sup>	3
Integrative Science Elective		3
General Education Requirement		3

Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Senior</b>		
<b>Autumn</b>		
BIOM 450 & BIOM 451	Microbial Physiology and Microbial Physiology Lab	4
Upper Division Elective		4
Elective		7
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BIOM 410 & BIOM 411	Microbial Genetics and Experimental Microbial Genetics Lab	4
BIOM 435	Virology <sup>1</sup>	3
Upper Division Elective		3
Elective		5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>121</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Indicates you have a choice of alternative courses for degree completion.  
See catalog, Degree Works, or your advisor for other options.