B.S. Biological Sciences SBL Degree

This is not an official list of degree requirements. Adjustments may be required due to curriculum changes.

First Year

Fall

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
UN 1015 Composition		3
Math 1135 Calculus for Life Sciences	Yes	4
BL 1100 Gen Bio I		3
BL 1110 Gen Bio I Lab		1
Essential Education: Michigan Tech Seminar BL 1580		1
CH 1150 University Chem I	Yes	3
CH 1151 University Chem Lab 1	Yes	1
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Total		16

Spring

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
Essential Education: Foundations of the		3
Human World		
Essential Education: Activities for Well-		1
being and Success		
Essential Education: Arts and Culture		3
BL 1200 Gen Bio II		3
BL 1210 Gen Bio II Lab		1
CH 1160 University Chemistry II	Yes	3
CH 1161 University Chemistry II Lab	Yes	1
Total		15

Second Year

Fall

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
Essential Education: Shape Elective		3
CH 2410 Organic Chemistry I	Yes	3
CH 2411 Organic Chemistry I Lab	Yes	1
*Organismal Bio Lab Requirement choose from: BL 2010/2011 Anatomy I/Lab, BL 2160 Botany or BL 2170 Zoology	Yes	4
PH 1110 College Physics I	Yes	3
PH 1111 College Physics I Lab	Yes	1
Total		15

Spring

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
MA 3715 Biostatistics	Yes	3
BL 2200 Genetics	Yes	3
BL 2210 Genetics Lab	Yes	1
CH 2420 Organic Chemistry II	Yes	3
CH 2421 Organic Chemistry II Lab	Yes	2
PH 1210 College Physics II	Yes	3
PH 1200 College by Inquiry II	Yes	1
Total		16

^{*}BL2010/2011 only offered in Fall; BL 2160 and 2170 only in spring

Third Year

Fall

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
Essential Education: Intercultural		3
Competency		
Essential Education: Activities for Well-		1
being and Success		
BL 3490 Ecology and Evolution	Yes	4
BL 3020 or BL 3025 Biochemistry	Yes	3
BL 3210 General Microbiology**	Yes	4
Total		15

Spring

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
Essential Education: Experience		3
BL 3782 Writing Practicum	Yes	2
BL 3012 Essential Cell Bio	Yes	3
Free Elective		3
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Total		14

^{**} Can choose BL 3310 Environmental Microbiology instead but this is only offered in spring semesters

Fourth Year

Fall

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
Essential Education: Activities for Well-		1
being and Success		
Essential Education: Communication		3
Intensive		
Approved Bio Sc Major Elective		3
Exp Learning Capstone		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Total		16

Spring

Course	Prerequisite	Credit
BL 4600 Prof Dev Capstone	Yes	1
Approved Bio Sc Major Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		1
Exp Learning Capstone		2
Total		13

Grand Total = 120 Credits

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