

BIOLOGY, B.S. TO PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

The Biology, B.S. to Public Health, M.P.H. Accelerated Program at Saint Louis University provides students majoring in biology with a pathway to pursue training in population health.

Biology majors will apply for acceptance into SLU's accelerated program with the M.P.H. in the fall of their fifth semester of collegiate study. Students can choose any of the five concentrations offered by the M.P.H. program, and take up to 15 credits of coursework, a mix of undergraduate and graduate credits, each semester of senior year. A maximum of 15 credit hours of M.P.H. coursework can be taken during senior year. Students will fully matriculate in the M.P.H. program as graduate students after the conferral of their undergraduate degrees.

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Biology, B.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/biology/biology-bs/>)

Public Health, M.P.H. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/h/>)

Requirements

To apply, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40, be in their fifth semester of collegiate study, have completed 90 credits toward their undergraduate degree by the end of their sixth semester of study, and must be able to complete their senior year with no more than 15 credits (mix of graduate and undergraduate coursework) in each fall and spring semesters.

Apply here (<https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>)

Students must maintain a 3.4 cumulative GPA each semester of senior year and meet all undergraduate requirements for graduation by the end of their 8th semester of collegiate study. The M.P.H. GPA in year 4 will be monitored by the Undergraduate Public Health Director, and progression toward completion of the undergraduate degree requirements will be monitored by students' Biology Faculty Mentor per normal semester processes.

Upon graduation with the B.A./B.S. in Biology, transcripts will be reviewed by the M.P.H. Program for progression into year 5 of the accelerated program and matriculation as a full graduate student. In year 4, students must earn minimum grades in M.P.H. courses that are consistent with M.P.H. program requirements ("B-" in M.P.H. core courses, "B" in M.P.H. concentration courses, "C" in M.P.H. electives) in year 4; if a sub-threshold grade is earned, the student will repeat the course per M.P.H. program expectations. If students earn a GPA of less than 3.0 in M.P.H. courses in year 4 (the minimum GPA required to be in good academic standing in the M.P.H. program), then they will be placed on academic probation when they fully matriculate into the M.P.H. program after graduation with the B.S./B.A. in Biology. As with traditional M.P.H. students, these students will be offered support by the M.P.H. program with resources and course planning to help support them in regaining good academic standing.

Note: Per University policies, students remain an undergraduate until the B.A./B.S. in Biology is conferred, and as such, students are not eligible for graduate assistantships or graduate scholarships until they full matriculate as a graduate student in year 5.

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
BIOL 1240 & BIOL 1245	General Biology: Information Flow and Evolution and Principles of Biology I Laboratory	4
CHEM 1110 & CHEM 1115	General Chemistry 1 and General Chemistry 1 Laboratory	4
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	2-3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication	3
General Elective		1
Credits		15-16
Spring		
BIOL 1260 & BIOL 1265	General Biology: Transformations of Energy and Matter and Principles of Biology II Laboratory	4
CHEM 1120 & CHEM 1125	General Chemistry 2 and General Chemistry 2 Laboratory	4
MATH 1510	Calculus I	4
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
BIOL 3020	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	3
CHEM, EAS, or PHYS course w/ lab		4
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
General Elective		2
Credits		15
Spring		
BIOL 3040	Cell Structure & Function	3
CHEM, EAS, or PHYS course w/ lab		4

Statistics Elective	STAT 1300 or BIOL 4790 or BST 3100	3-4
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	2-3
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
Credits		15-17

Year Three**Fall**

Eligible students formally apply to the Accelerated Program.

BIOL 3010	Evolutionary Biology	3
BIOL 3030	Principles of Genetics	3
Biology Elective		3
CHEM, EAS, or PHYS course w/ lab		4
General Elective		3
Credits		16

Spring

MPH Program reviews applications, conducts interviews, and notifies students of admission decision.

Biology Elective		3
Laboratory Elective		1-2
CHEM, EAS, or PHYS course w/ lab.		4
CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
CORE 4000	Collaborative Inquiry	2-3
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
Credits		15

Year Four**Fall**

BIOL 3070	General Ecology	3
Biology Elective		3
Laboratory Elective		1-3
MPH Courses		6
Credits		15

Spring

Senior Inquiry		1-3
Laboratory Elective		1-3
MPH Courses		9
General Electives		2-3
Credits		15

Summer

MPH Program reviews students for progression to full MPH year.

MPH Course		3
Credits		3

Year Five**Fall**

MPH Courses		15
Credits		15

Spring

MPH Courses		15
Credits		15

Total Credits		154-157
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Biology and laboratory electives can be found on the B.S. in biology curriculum plan. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/biology/biology-bs/#requirementstext>)

Contact Us

For additional information about this program, please contact biology@slu.edu or call 314-977-3900.