Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Requirements

Summary

(Please see BMB Major Requirements packet for more information)

★★ BMB majors must complete Chem 111, Chem 112, Math 127, and Math 128 (or their equivalents) in their first three semesters with a GPA of 2.5 or above. Basically, aim for a B- or better in these courses!
★★ BMB majors must achieve a grade of **B- or better** in Biochem 285, as all Biochem courses require this as prerequisite.
★★ BMB majors should achieve a grade of **C- or above** for all Biochem courses that count toward the major. Students should plan to repeat the course if they don’t meet this requisite.

*Recommended* sequence:

**First Year:**
- Bio 151, Bio 152, Bio 153
- Chem 111 and 112 (Chem 121H and 122H for Honors)
- Math 127/131, Math 128/132

**Second Year:**
- Biochem 285 (Cellular & Molecular Biology)
  - Prerequisites: Bio 151 AND Chem 112/122H
- Chem 261, Chem 262, Chem 269 (Lab)
- Stats 240 or equivalent, Math 233 can be substituted
- Physics 131/151 and Physics 132/152
- Biochem 311 (formerly 390G, Spring only) OR Bio 311 (Genetics)
  - Prerequisites: Bio 151 and 152

**Third and Fourth Years**
- Biochem 276 (Intro Lab)
  - Prerequisite: Biochem 285
- Biochem 394RI (Integrative Experience) - Fall only
  - Prerequisite: Biochem 285
- Biochem 423 (General Biochemistry)
  - Prerequisites: Biochem 285, Chem 261 and 262 OR equivalent
- Biochem 424 (Molecular Cell Biology)
  - Prerequisite: Biochem 423
- Biochem 426 (Advanced Lab)
  - Prerequisites: Biochem 276 and Biochem 423
- Biochem 471 (Physical Chemistry)
  - Prerequisites: Chem 112/122H AND Physics 132/152/182 AND Math 128/132
- Biochem 430H (Science Writing)
  - Prerequisite: Biochem 423
- Advanced Elective Requirements: minimum total of **8 CREDITS**
  - Not including courses required for the BMB major or Practicum courses
  - Independent Study/Research (396 and above) credits may be counted as advanced elective credits