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)
  o Prerequisites: Bio 152 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 (Spring only) OR Bio 311 (Genetics)
  o Prerequisites: Bio 151 & Bio 152

Third and Fourth Years

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