



Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2012/2013

Faculty: Arts & Science/Education

Department of Biological Sciences

About the Department of Biological Sciences

The Department of Biological Sciences offers a major in Biological Sciences with possible emphasis on one of three general fields: Cellular and Molecular Biology, Organismal Biology, and Ecology and Evolution, and supports courses for a number of pre-professional transfer programs. With other Departments, the Department of Biological Sciences jointly offers instruction leading to multidisciplinary majors in Agricultural Biotechnology, Agricultural Studies, Biochemistry and Environmental Science and Post-Diploma programs with majors in Agricultural Studies and Environmental Science.

Biological Sciences Majors Emphasizing Cell and Molecular Biology or Ecology

Students interested in emphasizing cell and molecular biology or ecology should consult with the Department of Biological Sciences regarding course sequencing and selection.

Research Opportunities

Many opportunities exist for interaction with Faculty members in their research programs through Independent Study and Summer work. All such interactions provide valuable experience and insights into the various fields of biological research. You are encouraged to seek out these opportunities, especially if you are interested in pursuing graduate studies.

Contact the Department Chair

If you plan to major in Biological Sciences, come and talk about your plans with a Faculty member. You should see the Department Chair, who will assign you to a Faculty member for advising. You should consult an Arts and Science Advisor (Student Program Services Office, SU060) or an Education Advisor (Student Program Services Office, TH421) concerning degree requirements for courses outside Biological Sciences.

Co-operative Education in the Sciences

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (AH154 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

Faculty of Education

Choosing an Education Major

The Faculty of Education offers 11 different majors that correspond to teaching subjects in Alberta schools (see p. 164 in the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). In highly competitive teaching majors, the GPA for admission may be above the minimum requirements.

Choosing Courses Outside the Major

Students sometimes find that their initial objective to teach only at the elementary level or only at the secondary school level is later modified—or even completely changed. Students are therefore encouraged to select courses that will prepare them for teaching in a variety of situations. Moreover, students should select courses that not only provide breadth and richness for the classroom but also provide the basis for the development of a teaching minor or specialization.

Choosing an Education Minor

The Faculty of Education offers 19 minors (see p. 169 in the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar for a listing). A minor consists of five non-Education courses (excluding those used in the major) and one curriculum and instruction Education course (to be completed after admission to the Faculty of Education). Students may use the same courses to fulfill the minor and the General Liberal Education Requirement (GLER).

Choosing an Education Specialization

The Faculty of Education offers three specializations:

- Early Childhood Education (K-3)
- Special/Inclusive Education
- Technology in Education

The specializations consist of four courses and corresponding Professional Semester III focus.

Advantages of Completing a Minor and/or Specialization

Completing a minor and/or a specialization allows students to develop expertise in a second area of teaching and be more versatile and marketable as a graduating teacher. For more information, see the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 8 - Education, Sections 7. Education Minors (p. 169) and 8. Education Specializations (p. 173).

Where to Get Help

Students may contact an Academic Advisor in Student Program Services in the Faculty of Education (email: edu.sps@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-2254) or in the Faculty of Arts and Science (email: artsci.advising@uleth.ca | phone: 403-329-5106).

Program Requirements

The B.Sc./B.Ed. combined degrees program with a major in Biological Sciences/Science Education requires a minimum of 50 courses, including 30 in Arts and Science and 20 in Education. A minimum of 16 courses (10 courses in Biological Sciences plus 6 cognates) is required in the Biological Sciences major. A maximum of 17 courses in Biological Sciences is allowed.

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Biology 1010, Biology 3300, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 3XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Biology (1000 level), Biology (3000 level), etc.

Unspecified Course Credit

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 17 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Biology 2000 is required in your program, you could not use Biology (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

Program Worksheet

Name: _____

ID: _____

Required courses:

- ____ 1. Biology 1010 - Cellular Basis of Life
- ____ 2. Biology 1020 - Diversity of Life
- ____ 3. Biology 2000 - Principles of Genetics
- ____ 4. Biology 2200 - Principles of Ecology
- ____ 5. Biology 3300 - Evolution
- ____ 6-10. FIVE courses. TWO courses (6.0 credit hours) from two Lists (Cellular and Molecular Biology, Organismal Biology, or Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), plus a minimum of ONE course from the third list. ONE must be at the 4000 level.

List 1: Cellular and Molecular Biology (BIOL 3000, 3005, 3105, 3115, 3210, 4100, 4110, 4130, 4140, 4170, 4200, 4230)

List 2: Organismal Biology (BIOL 3310, 3400, 3420, 3460, 3505, 3520, 3530, 3560, 4420, 4440, 4560)

List 3: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (BIOL 3605, 3610*, 3630, 3700, 3710, 3800, 4700, 4710, 4800)

**Prerequisite required: Environmental Science 2000.*

Of the five courses completed for requirements 6-10 above, one must be at the 4000 level:

Required cognates:

- ____ 11. Biochemistry 2000 - Introductory Biochemistry
- ____ 12. Chemistry 1000 - General Chemistry I
- ____ 13. Chemistry 2000 - General Chemistry II
- ____ 14. Chemistry 2500 - Organic Chemistry I
- ____ 15. ONE of:
 - ____ Mathematics 1410 - Elementary Linear Algebra
 - ____ Mathematics 1560 - Calculus I
- ____ 16. ONE of:
 - ____ Physics 1000 - Introduction to Physics I
 - ____ Physics 1050 - Introduction to Biophysics (preferred)

Recommended course:

Environmental Science 2000 - Fundamentals of Environmental Science**Note:** Only one of Biology 1010 and Biology 1020 will be counted towards the limit of eight introductory courses for the B.Sc. portion of the B.Sc./B.Ed. program.

If you have questions regarding the Combined Degrees Biological Sciences/Science Education major, you should contact one of the Department Advisors.

Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in five years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

Year 1, Fall	Year 1, Spring
Biology 1010	Biology 1020
Chemistry 1000 (<i>required cognate</i>)	Chemistry 2000 (<i>required cognate</i>)
Mathematics 1410 or Mathematics 1560 (<i>required cognate</i>)	Environmental Science 2000 (<i>recommended</i>)
Physics 1050 (<i>preferred required cognate</i>)	GLER course
GLER course	GLER course
Year 2, Fall	Year 2, Spring
Biology 2000	Biochemistry 2000 (<i>required cognate</i>)
Biology 2200	Biology 3300
Chemistry 2500 (<i>required cognate</i>)	GLER course
Education 2500 ¹	GLER course
GLER course	GLER course
Year 3, Fall	Year 3, Spring
Professional Semester I	Biology 3000/4000 level
	Biology 3000/4000 level
	Science elective 3000/4000 level
	Elective 3000/4000 level
	GLER course
Year 4, Fall	Year 4, Spring
Biology 3000/4000 level	Professional Semester II
Biology 3000/4000 level	
Elective 3000/4000 level	
Science elective	
Science elective	
Year 5, Fall	Year 5, Spring
Professional Semester III	Biology 4000 level
	Education Foundation course
	Education elective
	Education elective
	Education elective
Elementary Education and Special/Inclusive Education students will reverse the Fall and Spring semesters in Year 5 and complete PS III in the Spring.	

¹ Education 2500 may also be taken in Spring or Summer semester.

Note: 3000- and 4000-level Biology courses are not typically offered every semester. Please use the following guidelines when planning your schedule:

Courses typically offered in the Fall Semester

Biology 3005, 3210, 3420, 3505, 3605, 3700, 3710, 4110, 4130, 4200, 4560, 4700

Courses typically offered in the Spring Semester

Biology 3115, 3310, 3400, 3460, 3800, 4100, 4170, 4230

Courses typically offered in alternate years

Biology 3520, 3530, 3560, 3610, 3630, 4140, 4420, 4440, 4710, 4800

Terms Used

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 90) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 327). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 17 courses from any one department).

Cognate: A course from a related discipline deemed to complement the chosen area of study and to encompass knowledge and skills essential to that area.

