

4 YEAR FLIGHT PLAN TEMPLATE: BS in Biological Sciences

FAU is committed to your success as a student. One way we define student success is efficient and effective progression through your degree program.

This Flight Plan is a tool to assist you in planning the courses you should complete and the milestones you should reach during your undergraduate studies so you may graduate on time. It is our intention that you complete this planning tool in *collaboration with an academic advisor* to ensure good understanding of:

- Which graduation requirements you have satisfied
- Which Intellectual Foundations and elective courses match your career plans
- How to balance coursework with your other responsibilities (e.g., employment) and optional activities (e.g., mentored research, study abroad, student organizations, leadership)
- How to get the most from your academic experience at FAU

Your academic advisor will help you customize and maintain your Flight Plan during the next four years so that you stay on track for success at FAU. In order to graduate on time, you will need to:

- Complete an average of 30 credit hours per year
- Earn 120 credit hours, at least 45 in the upper division (3000 or 4000 level)
- Earn at least 9 credit hours in summer coursework (or equivalent)
- Complete the Intellectual Foundations Program courses, including the foreign language requirement, and
- Complete the degree requirements of your major

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Your advisor will help you identify what additional milestones apply to you, as well as how you may even graduate early or enter an accelerated graduate program. If you have any questions at all about your FAU Flight Plan, feel free to contact any of the following individuals for assistance. They are here to help!

Your Academic Advising Professionals

University Advising Services

Office Location: Student Support Services building (SU80), Room 201
Email Address, Phone Number: advisingservices@fau.edu, 561-297-3064
Additional Information: www.fau.edu/uas

College/Program Advisor

Office Location: SE308
Email Address, Phone Number: 561-297-3700
Additional Information: http://www.science.fau.edu/student_services/

Academic Program Information

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Additional Program Information: <http://www.science.fau.edu/biology/>
Career/Professional Development <http://www.fau.edu/cdc/students/majors/biologicalsciences.php>

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YEAR 1		
Semester <u> 1 </u> : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring		
Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones	Advising Tips
BSC 1011/L Biodiversity	4	1 st Semester: Complete ENC1101, MAC1105, BSC1011/L with C or better. Student should maintain GPA of 2.0 or higher for good-standing (ideally 3.0 or better to be competitive for professional schools)
ENC1101 English Composition 1	3	
MAC1105 College Algebra (Gordon Rule Math – WAC)	3	
PSY 1012 General Psychology	3	
Total	13	
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities: IFP = Foundations of Society and Human Behavior, 2 courses Foundations of Global Citizenship, 2 courses Foundations of Humanities, 2 courses Composition, Math and Science requirements completed in major		
Semester <u> 2 </u> : () Summer () Fall (X) Spring		
Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones	Advising Tips
ENC1102 English Composition 2	3	1. Develop Individual Learning Plan for career development. 2. Attend Carnival of Majors Fair. 3. Confirm/declare your major. 4. Meet with your academic advisor. 5. Formalize your academic major
MAC2233 Methods of Calculus (Gordon Rule Math – WAC)	3	
BSC1010/L Biological Principles	4	
CHM2045/L Gen Chemistry 1	4	
Total	14	
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities: All students are required to take 9 credits in the summer. Summers can be used to catch up if you have not earned 30 hours per semester, failed a course and need to repeat it or to accelerate your graduation date. Attend in Summer if your GPA at end of spring is < 2.0		
Semester <u> 3 </u> : (X) Summer () Fall () Spring		
Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones	Advising Tips
Total		

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Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

YEAR 2

Semester 4 : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring

Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
CHM2046/L General Chemistry 2	4	Complete CHM2046/L with a grade of C or higher. Maintain good academic standing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aim for overall GPA of 2.9 or higher. 2. Join a professional organization / club. 3. Investigate research/internship possibilities.
Foreign language 1 (if needed)	4		
STA3173 Introductory Biostatistics or PSY3234 Exp. Design/Statistics	3		
IFP – WAC (Writing Across the Curriculum)	3		
Total	14		

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

Semester 5 : () Summer () Fall (X) Spring

Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
CHM2210 Organic Chemistry 1	3	Complete CHM2210 with grade of C or better. Maintain good academic standing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete attendance in PROJECT GRADUATION sessions. 2. Formalize if you are completing 2nd major/minor/ certificate. 3. Participate in at least two on campus programs or events. 4. Finalize research/internship opportunities 5. Attend Pre-Health Professions Fair or FAU Job Fair or Graduate School Fair.
Foreign language 2	4		
IFP – WAC (Writing Across the Curriculum)	3		
Upper division biology elective	3		
Total	13	At this point, the student will have completed all 12 credits of Gordon Rule writing (Writing Across the Curriculum), in addition to the 6 math WAC credits completed during Year 1.	

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

Semester 6 : (X) Summer () Fall () Spring

Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
CHM2211 Organic Chemistry 2	3		
IFP	3		
Total	6		

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YEAR 3		
Semester <u>7</u> : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring		
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones
Upper division Biology elective	3	Aim to maintain GPA at 3.0 or higher from this term to graduation. If your GPA is less than a 2.5, we recommend pursuing the BA in Biological Science. Maintain good academic standing.
PHY2053/L College Physics 1	5	
IFP – Society & Human Behavior	3	
Choose 1 of: PCB3063 Genetics; PCB4043 Ecology; PCB4724 Evolution; PCB4023 Molecular/Cell	3	
Total	14	
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:		
Semester <u>8</u> : () Summer () Fall (X) Spring		
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones
Upper division general elective	3	Maintain good academic standing.
Choose 1 of: PCB3063 Genetics; PCB4043 Ecology; PCB4724 Evolution; PCB4023 Molecular/Cell	3	
PHY2054/L College Physics 2	5	
IFP	3	
Total	14	
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:		
Semester <u>9</u> : (X) Summer () Fall () Spring		
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones
Upper division Biology elective	3	
Upper division elective	3	
Total	6	
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:		

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YEAR 4			
Semester <u>10</u> : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Choose 1 of: PCB3063 Genetics; PCB4043 Ecology; PCB4724 Evolution; PCB4023 Molecular/Cell	3	Maintain good academic standing.	1. Attend Career Development interview and other professional development workshops. 2. Conduct pre-graduation check with advisor. 3. Meet with Career Development Center to prepare a resume.
Upper division biology electives	6		
Upper division general elective	3		
General elective	2		
Total	14		
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:			
Semester <u>11</u> : () Summer () Fall (X) Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Upper division biology elective	6	Maintain good academic standing.	1. Apply for graduation in the first 2 weeks of the semester. 2. Attend FAU Job Fair if looking for employment.
Upper division elective	3		
General elective	3		
Total	12		
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:			
Semester <u>12</u> : (X) Summer () Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Total			
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:			

You and your advisor will customize your Flight Plan and update it as necessary as you progress through your program.

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More Information: BS in Biological Science

Some students may be required to maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher to remain eligible for scholarships or to be stronger candidates for admission to internships, graduate programs, and professional schools. Please confirm your required GPA with your academic advisor.

Academic Program Requirements and Career/Professional Development Information:

<http://www.science.fau.edu/biology/undergraduate/undergraduate.html>

<http://fau.edu/cdc/students/majors/biologicalsciences.php>

Student Policies, Services, and Resources (Handbook): <http://www.fau.edu/handbook/>

Registration, Transcripts, Forms, Student Records: <http://www.fau.edu/registrar/>

Academic Support (Center for Teaching and Learning, Tutoring, Writing Center, Undergraduate Research): <http://www.fau.edu/ctl/>

Student Financial Aid, Other Financial Services: <http://www.fau.edu/finaid/>

Student Accessibility Services: www.fau.edu/sas

Student Life (Housing, Events & Organizations, Wellness, Counseling, Leadership, Military Affairs, etc.): <http://www.fau.edu/student/SADepts.php>

Tips For Success

- Meet with your advisor at least once a semester.
- Monitor your progress in your courses; “check-in” with your instructors regularly!
- Check your degree audit every semester.
- Stay aware of important deadlines.
- Take advantage of resources FAU has made available to you to help you succeed on your flight.

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