

BIOLOGY B.S. WITH A CONCENTRATION IN NEUROBIOLOGY

Program Learning Outcomes

VU Biology graduates should be able to:

- Demonstrate** proficiency in *general biology concepts and theories*, as well as in self-selected biology sub-disciplines in order to succeed in careers and graduate programs.
- Illustrate** sufficient proficiency in *calculus, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics* in order to understand biological concepts involving these disciplines.
- Operate** basic *scientific instruments* necessary for biological investigations such as microscopes, centrifuges, spectrophotometers, electrophoresis equipment and pH meters thus demonstrating competency in *basic laboratory skills*, cell culture, and field techniques.
- Design** and conduct experiments –both individually and in small groups– using appropriate strategies such as: *collect, organize, analyze, interpret, and present quantitative & qualitative data and incorporate* them into the broader context of biological knowledge.
- Analyze and evaluate** various types of *scientific information* including primary research articles, mass media sources and world-wide web information.
- Disseminate** and *present biological data* with theoretical and historical perspectives –both in oral and written formats– to a diverse audience.
- Use critical and creative thinking to solve problems** by compiling and analyzing scientific information from library, electronic, and experimental sources. Effectively apply current technology and scientific methodologies for problem solving.
- Articulate** historical, current, and theoretical issues relating to biology and society within a Christ-centered worldview that allows for *evaluation of the relationship of scientific theories with ethical and religious perspectives*, particularly those common to Pentecostal Christians.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
	Core Curriculum Requirements (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/) ¹	43
	Biology Major Core Requirements	53
	Concentration in Neurobiology Requirements (p. 1)	26
	General Electives	0
	Total Units	122

Biology Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Lower Division:		
BIOL-111 & 111L	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology Lab, Principles of Cell/ Molecular Biology Lab	4
BIOL-112 & 112L	Principles of Organismal Biology and Principles of Organismal Biology Lab	4
BIOL-220 & 220L	Cell Biology and Cell Biology Lab	4
CHEM-120 & 120L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM-121 & 121L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
MATH-180C	Calculus 1	4
MATH-270C or MATH-265C	Health Professions Statistical Methods Intro to Statistical Methods	3
PSCI-223C & 223CL or PSCI-130 & 130CL	Mechanics of Solids and Fluids and Mechanics of Solids and Fluids Lab and General Physics I Lab	4
PSCI-225 & 225L or PSCI-131 & 131L	Electricity and Magnetism and Electricity and Magnetism Lab General Physics II and General Physics II Lab	4
Upper Division:		
BIOL-309 & 309L	Microbiology and Microbiology Laboratory	4
BIOL-311 & 311L	Genetics and Genetics Laboratory	4
BIOL-499C	Capstone Seminar in Biology	2
CHEM-304 & 304L	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry Techniques I	4
Total Units		49

Concentration in Neurobiology

Code	Title	Units
BIOL-353	Neuropharmacology	3
BIOL-365	Neurobiology of Learning and Memory	3
BIOL-406	Research Methods in Neurobiology	3
BIOL-432 & 432L	Neuroscience and Neuroscience Lab	4
BIOL-440 & 440L	Molecular Biology and Techniques in Molecular Biology	4
PSYC-103C	Introduction to Psychology ²	3
	Select six units from the following courses (lecture/lab must be taken concurrently): ³	6
BIOL-204C & 204CL	Human Anatomy and Human Anatomy Laboratory	
BIOL-302 & 302L	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy and Comp Vertebrate Anatomy Lab	

BIOL-304 & 304L	Human Physiology and Human Physiology Lab
BIOL-335	Biology of Cancer
BIOT-403	Adv. Research Methods in Biotechnology
BIOT-405 & BIOL-405L	Bioinformatics and Bioinformatics Laboratory
BIOL-451 & 451L	Immunology and Immunology Lab
CHEM-305 & 305L	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry Technqs II
CHEM-430 & 430L	Biochemistry and Experimental Tech/Biochemistry

Total Units **26**

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Number of units required from the Core Curriculum not included in the major requirements below.

2

PSYC-103C Introduction to Psychology is both a program requirement and fulfills a CORE Curriculum requirement.

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In consultation with your academic advisor, select one lecture/lab combination that best aligns with your career goals. Additional course selections in Kinesiology, Biology, or Psychology may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Four Year Plan

Disclaimer: This *sample Four Year Plan* is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the Department of Biology.

Study Abroad Participation: Students interested in participating in the university's Study Abroad programs are encouraged to reach out to the Global Education and Outreach Office (studyabroad@vanguard.edu) for more information and collaboration in their academic course planning. Students using Education and Training Benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are encouraged to also reach out to the School Certifying Official for more information regarding how benefits can be applied.

Course	Title	Units
Year 1 Term 1		
BIOL-111	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	3
BIOL-111L	Principles of Biology Lab, Principles of Cell/ Molecular Biology Lab	1
CHEM-120	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM-120L	General Chemistry I Lab	1

CORE-100C	Cornerstone	1
NT-101C	New Testament Survey	3
ENGL-120C	Persuasive Writing	3

Units **15**

Year 1 Term 2

BIOL-112	Principles of Organismal Biology	3
BIOL-112L	Principles of Organismal Biology Lab	1
CHEM-121	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM-121L	General Chemistry II Lab	1
MATH-180C	Calculus 1	4
PSYC-103C	Introduction to Psychology	3

Units **15**

Year 2 Term 1

BIOL-220	Cell Biology	3
BIOL-220L	Cell Biology Lab	1
CHEM-304	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM-304L	Organic Chemistry Techniques I	1
ENGL-220C	Researched Writing	3
KINE-148C	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Lecture	3
OT-201C	Old Testament Survey	3

Units **17**

Year 2 Term 2

BIOL-311	Genetics	3
BIOL-311L	Genetics Laboratory	1
BIOL-PLHD4	Biology Elective	4
MATH-265C	Intro to Statistical Methods	3
THEO-101C	Foundations of Christian Life	3
HIST-PLCR1	History Core Req (US Hist Or Democracy)	3

Units **17**

Year 3 Term 1

BIOL-432	Neuroscience	3
BIOL-432L	Neuroscience Lab	1
BIOL-309	Microbiology	3
BIOL-309L	Microbiology Laboratory	1
PSCI-130C	General Physics I	3
PSCI-130CL	General Physics I Lab	1
COMM-201C	Speech Composition and Presentation	3

Units **15**

Year 3 Term 2

BIOL-353	Neuropharmacology	3
PSCI-131	General Physics II	3
PSCI-131L	General Physics II Lab	1
BIOL-PLHD4	Biology Elective	4
HIST-PLCR2	History Core Requirement (World Civ)	3
FINA-PLCR	Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement	3

Units **17**

Year 4 Term 1

BIOL-365	Neurobiology of Learning and Memory	3
BIOL-440	Molecular Biology	3



BIOL-440L	Techniques in Molecular Biology	1
THEO-300C	Developing a Christian World View	3
BIOL-PLHD4	Biology Elective	4
Units		14
Year 4 Term 2		
BIOL-406	Research Methods in Neurobiology	3
BIOL-499C	Capstone Seminar in Biology	2
CHIS-400C	Christian Heritage	3
ENGL-230C	Literature and the Human Experience	3
SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Req'm't	3
Units		14
Total Units		124

Notes:

- Year 1, Term 1: Must pass the respective Chemistry and/or Math placement exam(s).
- Year 1, Term 2: PSYC-103C Introduction to Psychology is a required Social Science for this major.

