# Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Microbiology

## College of Arts and Sciences

### The University of Oklahoma

#### For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

**Summer 2011 through Spring 2012**

### Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required

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#### Grade Point Averages:

- Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - **2.00** OU - **2.00**

- **48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED**

### OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

### General Education and College Requirements

#### Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

### University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

#### Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

- English Composition (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
  2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing

#### Core Area II: Foreign Language (0-13 hours in the same language)

- The College of Arts and Sciences requirement cannot be met by high school coursework.
  1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours)
  2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours)
  3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours)
    - One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.
  c. Mathematics (3 hours, 1 course)

#### Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.

- 1. Biological Science
  - Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO.
- 2. Physical Science
  - Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: ACSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOI, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

#### Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses)

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. 

#### Core Area IV: Humanities (18 hours, 6 courses)

- a. Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hours, 1 course)
- b. Western Civilization and Culture (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,
  2. 
- c. Non-Western Culture (3 hours, 1 course):
- d. Additional Core IV Humanities courses (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000-4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.

#### Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): 

#### Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

- Language Composition (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
  2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing

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#### Major Requirements

- MBIO 2815 will not be accepted for major credit.
- A total of 35 hours in microbiology is required, which must include the following.

#### Microbiology (7 hours, 2 courses)

- 1812 Fund. of Microbiology Laboratory 2
- 3813 Fund. of Microbiology 3
- 4823 Pathogenic Microbiology and Immunology
- 4843 Intro. to Molecular Biology
- 4853 Physiology of Microorganisms

- One capstone course or two semesters of Senior Thesis:
  - 4893 Capstone in Microbiology
  - or 4950 Senior Thesis - Capstone

#### Laboratory Courses:

- 4813 Ecology & Pathogenic Microbiology Laboratory 3
- 4873 Microbial Physiology & Molecular Biology Laboratory 3

### Major Support Requirements

#### Chemistry

- 1315 General Chemistry 5
- 1415 General Chemistry (continued) 5
- 3053 Organic Chemistry I: Biological 3
- 3152 Organic Chemistry Lab: Biological 2
- 3153 Organic Chemistry II: Biological 3

#### Physics

- 3451 Basic Physical Chem. Lab, and 1
- 3453 Basic Physical Chemistry 3
- 3653 Introduction to Biochemistry 3
- 3753 Intro. to Biochemical Methods 3

#### Math

- 1743 Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences 3

A course in statistics from:

- ECON 2843 Elements of Statistics
- PSY 2113 Research Methods I: Stats.
- PSCS/SOC 3123 Social Statistics

### Botany

- 1114 General Botany

### Biology

- 1134 Introductory Biology: Evolution, Ecology, & Diversity 4

A second course in Biochemistry is strongly recommended.

### Free Electives

- Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.
### INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**TOTAL HOURS:** A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**UPPER-DIVISION HOURS:** A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

**ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS:** At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

**MAJOR WORK:** A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

**PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT:** A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled “Independent Study”):** A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

**P.E. COURSES:** No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

**SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

### RESIDENCY:
- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are not considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGES:** Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

**SPECIAL DEGREES:** Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION:** Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available from the College of Arts and Sciences Academic office, Ellison Hall, Room 124. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.

**Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Microbiology (Professional) - B691**

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree check sheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or Department of Botany and Microbiology academic advisor to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Microbiology major requirements.

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*If deficient in computer literacy, contact your college academic counselor in the Hobson Academic Services Center, ELLH 124, 325-4413, for approved courses.

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELLH 124, 325-4413, [http://ou.edu/cas](http://ou.edu/cas).

Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at [https://iadvise.ou.edu/](https://iadvise.ou.edu/).