

MICROBIOLOGY MAJOR INFORMATION

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Required Prerequisites* to the Major

Credits from these courses do not count toward the 30 hours required to complete the Major; however, some are prerequisites for required major courses. All Prerequisites must be completed prior to graduation with a minimum grade of "D".

Biology 1113(.01 or .02), 1114(.01 or .02)	8-10 hr.
Mathematics 1156** or 1151**	5 hr.
Statistics 1450, 2450, or 2480	3 hr.
Chemistry 1210**, 1220**	10 hr.
Chemistry 2510, 2520, 2540	10 hr.
Physics 1200** or 1250	5 hr.

*Honors courses can substitute where available. Alternative course sequences can also be used with prior advisor approval.

**Prerequisites for this course include earning a "C-" or higher in a relevant math course.

Additional science courses may be required or suggested for pre-professional students.

Microbiology Major Courses—General Information

The Microbiology Major consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours. Required Core Courses make up 21 of these 30 hours. All students must complete the six Core Courses and nine (9) hours of elective courses (outlined below). A minimum grade of "C-" in every major course is required.

The elective courses are divided into two groups: Group 1 and Group 2. Students must take at least three (3) hours of Group 1 courses and may take all nine (9) elective hours from Group 1. Students are not required to take any Group 2 courses but may have up to six (6) hours from this group count as elective hours. Students are encouraged to discuss with their Microbiology Major advisor any courses that are not listed in Group 2 that would be suitable to include in the Microbiology Major. Only three (3) credit hours of 2000- or 3000-level Microbiology elective courses can count towards the Microbiology Major.

A total of three (3) semester hours graded S/U may be counted toward the Microbiology Major. These are usually earned through Individual Study, Undergraduate Research or Honors Research (Microbiology 4193, 4998, 4998H, 4999 or 4999H). Individual Study courses may be arranged by contacting any faculty member in the department prior to course enrollment. You may also discuss your research options with the Coordinator of Undergraduate Research.

Students must receive a C- or better in Microbiology courses to use them as prerequisites for other courses. Students must earn a grade of C- or higher for a course to transfer to Ohio State. The only exception to this is courses transferred from a public institution in Ohio since 2006. In these cases, credit for courses with grades of D and D+ will transfer to Ohio State. This rule cannot be appealed.

Microbiology Major Required Core Courses, 21 Hours

Department #	Credit Hours	Course Title (Semester taught)	Prerequisites*
Biochemistry 4511	4	Introduction to Biological Chemistry (Au, Sp, Su)	Chemistry 2310 or 2510; One semester of Biological Sciences
Microbiology 4100 [‡]	5	General Microbiology (Au, Sp)	Biology 1113(.01 or .02); Chemistry 1220
Microbiology 4110	3	Microbial Pathogenesis and Immunobiology (Au, Sp)	Microbiology 4100 (C- or better) [‡]
Microbiology 4120	3	Microbial Physiology and Diversity (Au, Sp)	Microbiology 4100 (C- or better) [‡] ; Biochem 4511 or concurrently.
Microbiology 4130	3	Microbial Genetics (Au, Sp)	Microbiology 4100 (C- or better) [‡] or Molecular Genetics 4500 or 4606
Microbiology 4140	3	Molecular Microbiology Laboratory (Au, Sp)	Microbiology 4100; Microbiology 4130 or concurrently (C- or better [‡])

*or honors equivalent.

[‡] Non majors who earn an A or an A- in Microbiology 4000(.01 or .02) can request to enter the microbiology major without taking Microbiology 4100. Students who enter the major via Microbiology 4000 must take 10h of electives to complete the 30 credit hours required for the major.

ELECTIVE COURSES, GROUP 1: Take 3-9 hr. from this group[‡]

Micro. Course No.	Credit Hours	Course Title (Semester taught)	Prerequisites
2000*	1.5 <i>Graded S/U</i>	Introduction to MicroHbIOlogy Research (Au)	Biology 1113
2100*	3	Wild Yeast: From Isolation to Fermentation (Au, Sp)	Biology 1110 or 1113; Chemistry 1110, 1210, or 1610
3704*	3	HIV: From Microbiology to Macrohistory (Sp)	English 1110.xx. Not open to students with credit for History 3704
4193	1-3 <i>Graded S/U</i>	Individual Studies (Au, Sp, Su)	Permission of instructor. Maximum of 3 credit hours can be counted toward the Major
4591S	1 <i>Graded S/U</i>	DNA Fingerprinting; Service learning course (Sp)	Molecular Genetics 4500 or 4606; Students present workshops at Columbus Public High Schools.
5122	3	Immunobiology (Au)	C- or better in either Microbiology 4000 or 4110
5129	3	Cellular and Molecular Biology of Pathogenic Eukaryotes (Sp)	Microbiology 4100 (C- or better)
5147	3	Eukaryotic Pathogens (Au)	Microbiology 4100 (C- or better)
5149	3	Introductory Virology (Sp)	Microbiology 4100 (C- or better)
5155	3	Environmental Microbiology (Au)	Microbiology 4000 or 4100 (C- or better)
5161	3	Bioinformatics and Molecular Microbiology (Sp)	Recommended: Microbiology 4130, or Molecular Genetics 4500, or Biochemistry 4511
5270	3	Microbial Natural Products: Discovery, Biosynthesis, and Antibiotic Activity (Sp)	C- or better in either Microbiology 4120 or Biochemistry 5614
5536	3	Food Microbiology Lecture (Au)	C- or better in either Microbiology 4000 or 4100; Not open to students with credit for FDSCTE 5536
5546	3	Food Microbiology Laboratory (Sp)	Microbiology 5536; Not open to students with credit for FDSCTE 5436

Undergraduate Research**			
4998/4998H	1-5	Undergraduate Research in Microbiology (Au, Sp, Su)	Permission of instructor. Maximum of 3 credit hours for courses using the S/U grading basis can be counted toward the Major.
4999/4999H	Graded S/U	Undergraduate Research in Microbiology—Thesis (Au, Sp, Su)	Thesis requires a minimum of 4 cumulative credit hours and final thesis examination. Check with your advisor for details.

* Only three credit hours of 2000 or 3000 level Microbiology elective courses can count towards the BS-major. Students must meet with an advisor to have coursework pre-approved for Study at a Foreign Institution or a Domestic Study Tour. Credit (S/U) may be applicable to the Microbiology Major.

** If you plan to do 4998 in a lab outside of Microbiology, you must talk with your major advisor PRIOR to registering to confirm it will count towards the Major.

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ELECTIVE COURSES, GROUP 2: Take 0-6 hr. from this group[‡]

Course No.	Credit Hours	Course Title (Semester taught)	Prerequisites
Biology 2200*/ Microbiology 2200*	1	Genome Biology (Sp)	Biology 1113 with SEA Phages Lab
Biochemistry 5621	4	Introduction to Biological Chemistry Laboratory (Au, Sp)	C- or better in Biochemistry 4511 or 5613
CBE 5765	3	Principles of Biochemical Engineering (Sp)	CBE 2523 or 3610
ENVENG 5120	3	Bioremediation of Groundwater and Soil (Irregular Offerings)	A class in Microbiology (4100 recommended)
ENR 5263	3	Biology of Soil Ecosystems (Sp)	ENR 3000
Molecular Genetics 4500	3	General Genetics (Au, Sp, Su)	Biology 1101, 1113, or 1113H; 3 additional semester credit hours in Biological Sciences
Molecular Genetics 4501	1	General Genetics Laboratory (Au, Sp, Su)	Molecular Genetics 4500 or concurrently
Molecular Genetics 4606	4	Molecular Genetics (Au, Sp)	Biology 1113 (Recommended), 1114, or Chem 1220
Plant Pathology 5010	2	Phytobacteriology (Au)	Plant Pathology 3001 and 3002
Plant Pathology 5020	2	Introduction to Plant Virology (Au)	Plant Pathology 3001 and 3002; At least one course in Biochemistry, Microbiology, or Molecular Genetics
Plant Pathology 5040	3	Science of Fungi: Mycology (Au)	A course in the Biological sciences (Biology 1114 recommended)
Molecular Genetics 5800	2	Organelle Biology (Au)	Molecular Genetics 4500 or 4606

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Brian Ahmer	Detection of microbes and host environment by Salmonella	ahmer.1
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Amal Amer	Innate immunity against Legionella and Burkholderia	amer.13
Irina Artsimovitch	Regulation of transcription	artsimovitch.1
Prosper Boyaka	Mucosal Immunity	boyaka.1
Patrick Bradley	Human microbiome, computational biology, statistics, and machine learning	bradley.720
Tammy Bullwinkle	tRNA biology	bullwinkle.1
Steven Carlson	Microbial Physiology	carlson.271
Charles Daniels (<i>Emeritus</i>)	Molecular biology of the archaea; archaeal SNO-RNAs	daniels.7
Karen Dannemiller	Indoor Environmental Quality – environmental engineering and public health	dannemiller.70
Rajendar Deora	Molecular determinants of pathogenesis and biofilm development	deora.6
Purnima Dubey	Vaccines, Bordetella pertussis, cancer immunology	dubey.36
Kurt Fredrick	Mechanistic studies of protein biosynthesis	fredrick.5
Venkat Gopalan	Protein-aided RNA catalysis	gopalan.5
John Gunn	Salmonella and Francisella host-pathogen interactions	gunn.43
Tina Henkin	Transcription termination control in Gram positive bacteria; RNA structure/function	henkin.3
Igor Jouline	Computational biology, evolutionary genomics, signal transduction	jouline.1
Kou-San Ju	Natural products; microbial metabolism; biocatalysis	ju.109
Joseph Krzycki	Biochemistry and molecular biology of methanogenic archaea	krzycki.1
Jesse Kwiek	HIV pathogenesis and public health	kwiek.2
Shan-Lu Liu	Host restriction to viral infection; innate immunity to viruses; viral oncogenesis	liu.6244
Justin North	Microbial metabolism; Bio-fuels and bio-products	North.62
Steve Oghumu	Immunology	oghumu.1
Madhura Pradhan	Microbial pathogenesis and immunology	pradhan.2
Chad Rappleye	Molecular mechanisms of fungal virulence	rappleye.1
John Reeve (<i>Emeritus</i>)	Molecular biology of archaea; molecular adaptations to extreme environments	reeve.2
Virginia Rich	Global change microbiology; microbial meta-omics; Genes-to-Ecosystems inquiry	rich.270
Yasuko Rikihisa	Obligatory intracellular bacteria; Anaplasma, Ehrlichia, and Neorickettsia	rikihisa.1
Natividad Ruiz	Envelope biogenesis in Gram-negative bacteria	ruiz.82
Zakee Sabree	Insect microbe interactions; nutrient cycling; microbial evolution and ecology	sabree.8
Abhay Satoskar	Immune mechanisms	satoskar.2
Stephanie Seveau	Bacterial toxins and infectious diseases	seveau.1
Paul Stoodley	Biofilm development and dynamics	stoodley.4
Matthew Sullivan	Phage ecology, evolution, host interaction, and discovery through (meta)genomics	sullivan.948
Olli Tuovinen (<i>Emeritus</i>)	Environmental and industrial microbiology	tuovinen.1
Darryl Wesener	Human gut microbiota, Glycobiology, Chemical Biology	wesener.1
Daniel Wozniak	Bacterial pathogenesis; gene regulation	wozniak.1
Jacob Yount	Post-translational modifications; protein fatty-acylation; innate immunity to viruses	yount.37
Ahmed Yousef	Microbial safety of food; foodborne pathogens; preservation technologies	yousef.1
Jian Zhu	Viral persistence and immune response	zhu.2465

Three Sample Four-Year Plans for a Microbiology B.S.

Sample 1

Year	Autumn	Credits	Comment	Spring	Credits	Comment	Year Total
1	Math 1151 or 1156	5	Calculus 1 (Micro Prereq)	Chem 1220	5	Gen Chem 2 (Micro Prereq)	
	Chem 1210	5	Gen Chem 1 (Micro Prereq)	Bio 1113	4	Energy Transfer (Micro Prereq)	
	*GE: Foreign Lang 1	4	*General Education	*GE: Foreign Lang 2	4	*General Education	
	ArtsSci 1100.07	1	College Survey	*GE: Writing	3	*General Education	
	GE Launch Seminar	1	*General Education				
	Semester Sum	16		Semester Sum	16		32
2	Stat 1450 (3) or Stat 2450 (3) or Stat 2480 (3)	3	Introductory Statistics (Micro Prereq)	Chem 2520	4	Org Chem Lect 2 (Micro Prereq)	
	Chem 2510	4	Org Chem Lect 1 (Micro Prereq)	Chem 2540	2	Org Chem Lab 1 (Micro Prereq)	
	Bio 1114	4	Form & Function (Micro Prereq)	Micro 4100	5	Major Core	
	*GE: Foreign Lang 3	4	*General Education	*GE: Just World 1	3	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	15		Semester Sum	14		29
3	Biochem 4511	4	Major Core	Physics 1200 or 1250	5	Physics 1 (Micro Prereq)	
	Micro 4110	3	Major Core	Micro 4120	3	Major Core	
	*GE: Just World 2	3	*General Education	#Micro Elective 1	3	#Major Elective	
	*GE: Lit, Visual, Perf	3	*General Education	*GE: Thematic 1	3	*General Education	
	Elective	3	Free elective	*GE: Diversity	3	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	16		Semester Sum	17		33
4	Micro 4130	3	Major Core	Micro 4140	3	Major Core	
	#Micro Elective 2	3	#Major Elective	#Micro Elective 3	3	#Major Elective	
	*GE: Thematic 2	3	*General Education	*GE: Soc & Behavior	3	*General Education	
	*GE: Hist & Cultural	3	*General Education	Elective(s)	2 - 3	Free elective(s)	
	Elective(s)	3	Free elective(s)	GE Reflection Seminar	1	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	15		Semester Sum	12 - 13		27 - 28
					Total Hrs.		121+

* Placement of specific GE courses will vary depending on the student's individual requirements and preferences. Micro prerequisite courses automatically fulfill the following GE categories: Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning and Natural Science. Where available, honors courses can substitute
 # Major electives include 3-9 hours of Group 1 courses and 0-6 hours of Group 2 courses (9 credits total). Up to 3 hrs of S/U graded courses, including independent research (Micro 4998), can be counted toward the elective requirement.

Sample 2 (with typical additional Medical School coursework)

Year	Autumn	Credits	Comment	Spring	Credits	Comment	Year Total
1	Math 1151 or 1156	5	Calculus 1 (Micro Prereq)	Chem 1220	5	Gen Chem 2 (Micro Prereq)	
	Chem 1210	5	Gen Chem 1 (Micro Prereq)	Bio 1113	4	Energy Transfer (Micro Prereq)	
	*GE: Foreign Lang 1	4	*General Education	*GE: Foreign Lang 2	4	*General Education	
	ArtsSci 1100.07	1	College Survey	*GE: Writing	3	*General Education	
	GE Launch Seminar	1	*General Education				
	Semester Sum	16		Semester Sum	16		32
2	Stat 1450 (3) or Stat 2450 (3) or Stat 2480 (3)	3	Introductory Statistics (Micro Prereq)	Chem 2520	4	Org Chem Lect 2 (Micro Prereq)	
	Chem 2510	4	Org Chem Lect 1 (Micro Prereq)	Chem 2540	2	Org Chem Lab 1 (Micro Prereq)	
	Bio 1114	4	Form & Function (Micro Prereq)	Micro 4100	5	Major Core	
	*GE: Foreign Lang 3	4	*General Education	*GE: Just World 1	3	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	15		Semester Sum	14		29
3	Chem 2550	2	Org Chem Lab 2 (Pre-Med Prep)	Physics 1201 or 1251	5	Physics 2 (Pre-Med Prep)	
	Physics 1200 or 1250	5	Physics 1 (Micro Prereq)	Micro 4120	3	Major Core	
	Biochem 4511	4	Major Core	*GE: Just World 2	3	*General Education	
	*GE: Soc & Behavior	3	*Gen Ed (Rec: Psych 1100)	*GE: Thematic 1	3	*General Education	
				Elective	3	Free elective (Rec: Sociol 1101)	
	Semester Sum	14		Semester Sum	17		31
4	Micro 4130	3	Major Core	Micro 4110	3	Major Core	
	#Micro Elective 1	3	#Major Elective	Micro 4140	3	Major Core	
	#Micro Elective 2	3	#Major Elective	#Micro Elective 3	3	#Major Elective	
	*GE: Diversity	3	*General Education	*GE: Hist & Cultural	3	*General Education	
	*GE: Thematic 2	3	*General Education	*GE: Lit, Visual, Perf	3	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	15		Semester Sum	16		31
					Total Hrs.		121+

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Sample 3

Year	Autumn	Credits	Comment	Spring	Credits	Comment	Year Total
1	Math 1148	4	College Algebra (Prereq for Math)	Math 1149	3	Trigonometry (Prereq for Math)	
	*GE: Lit, Visual, Perf	3	*General Education	Chem 1210	5	Gen Chem 1 (Micro Prereq)	
	*GE: Soc & Behavior	3	*General Education	*GE: Writing	3	*General Education	
	*GE: Just World 1	3	*General Education	*GE: Hist & Cultural	3	*General Education	
	ArtsSci 1100.07	1	College Survey				
	GE Launch Seminar	1	*General Education				
	Semester Sum	15		Semester Sum	14		29
Year	Autumn	Credits	Comment	Spring	Credits	Comment	Year Total
2	Math 1151 or 1156	5	Calculus 1 (Micro Prereq)	Stat 1450 (3) or Stat 2450 (3) or Stat 2480 (3)	3	Introductory Statistics (Micro Prereq)	
	Chem 1220	5	Gen Chem 2 (Micro Prereq)	Chem 2510	4	Org Chem Lect 1 (Micro Prereq)	
	Bio 1113	4	Energy Transfer (Micro Prereq)	Bio 1114	4	Form & Function (Micro Prereq)	
	*GE: Just World 2	3	*General Education	*GE: Foreign Lang 1	4	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	17		Semester Sum	15		32
Year	Autumn	Credits	Comment	Spring	Credits	Comment	Year Total
3	Chem 2520	4	Org Chem Lect 2 (Micro Prereq)	Micro 4110	3	Major Core	
	Chem 2540	2	Org Chem Lab 1 (Micro Prereq)	Micro 4130	3	Major Core	
	Micro 4100	5	Major Core	Biochem 4511	4	Major Core	
	*GE: Foreign Lang 2	4	*General Education	*GE: Foreign Lang 3	4	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	15		Semester Sum	14		29
Year	Autumn	Credits	Comment	Spring	Credits	Comment	Year Total
4	Micro 4120	3	Major Core	Micro 4140	3	Major Core	
	#Micro Elective 1	3	#Major Elective	#Micro Elective 2	3	#Major Elective	
	Physics 1200	5	Physics 1 (Micro Prereq)	#Micro Elective 3	3	#Major Elective	
	*GE: Thematic 1	3	*General Education	*GE: Thematic 2	3	*General Education	
	*GE: Diversity	3	*General Education	GE Reflection Seminar	1	*General Education	
	Semester Sum	17		Semester Sum	13		30
						Total Hrs.	121+

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BS/MS in Microbiology

A combined BS/MS Degree in Microbiology is an opportunity for qualified undergraduates in Microbiology to begin the graduate program in Microbiology during their senior year, with the possibility of completing the Master's degree the following year. Students who are accepted into the Microbiology BS/MS Program are allowed to count 9 semester credit hours of classes toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applications to this program are accepted from October 1 – March 1. If you are interested in this dual degree program, please talk to the Microbiology advisor.

Eligibility

- Be a Rank 4 student (90 completed credits) in good academic standing (at least 3.5 GPA)
- Have completed MICRO4100[†], MICRO 4120, and BIOCHEM4511
- Application to the Microbiology BS/MS program by spring semester of Junior Year
- Admission by the Microbiology Graduate Studies Committee and the OSU Graduate School

Sample Combined BS/MS Curriculum (Next page)

Year	Credits	Course (title)	GE/open	BS prereq.	BS core	BS elective	MS core	MS elective	MS S/U
1-AU	15	CHEM1210 (Gen Chem I)		5					
		MATH1151 (Calc I)		5					
		BIO1113 (Biology I)		4					
		ASC1100.07 (Survey)	1						
1-SP	15	CHEM1220 (Gen Chem II)		5					
		STATS1450 (Intro)		3					
		BIO1114 (Biology II)		4					
		GE Course	3						
2-AU	16	CHEM2510 (Org Chem I)		4					
		PHYSICS1200 (Physics I)		5					
		GE Courses	7						
2-SP	15	CHEM2520 (Org Chem II)		4					
		CHEM2540 (Org Chem Lab I)		2					
		Open or GE Course	9						
3-AU	16	BIOCHEM4511 (BioChem)			4				
		MICRBIO4100 (General/Lab)			5				
		GE course	4						
		GE course	3						
3-SP	15	MICRBIO4110 (Path & Immuno)			3				
		MICRBIO4120 (Microbial Physiology)			3				
		GE or Open Elective(s)	9						
4-AU	16	MICRBIO4130 (Microbial Genetics)			3				
		MICRBIO4140 (Molec Micro. Lab)			3				
		MICRBIO6020 (Micro Phys & Biochem)				3	3		
		MICRBIO7600 (First-year Orientation)							1
		GE course(s)	6						
4-SP	16	MICRBIO5161 (Intro. Comp. Genomics)				3	3		
		MICRBIO6080 (Adv Microbial Genetics)				3	3		
		MICRBIO7899 (Micro Colloquium)							1
		MICRBIO8899 (Seminars)							1
		GE or Open Elective(s)	8						
5-AU	12	MS elective						3	
		MS elective						3	
		MICRBIO6010 (Principles)					2		
		MICRBIO7899 (Colloquium)							1
		MICRBIO8899 (Seminars)							1
		MICRBIO7193 (Research) or MICRBIO7999							2
5-SP	10	MS elective						3	
		MS elective						3	
		MICRBIO7899 (Colloquium)							1
		MICRBIO8899 (Seminars)							1
		(optional) MICRBIO7193 (Research) or MICRBIO7999							2
Total GE/open credits			45						
Total BS prerequisite credits				46					
Total BS core credits					21				
Total BS elective credits						9			
Total BS degree credits = 121									
Total MS degree required credits							11		
Total MS degree elective credits								12	
Total MS degree S/U credits									11
Total MS degree credits = 34									