The Associate in Science degree program in Biological Sciences prepares students to transfer to a four-year university to pursue a bachelor’s degree or entry into the field of life science.

Students transferring should consult catalog from the institution to which they are planning to transfer to and carefully select courses that will meet the requirements to complete their bachelor’s degree.

**Career Opportunities**

- Animal/Plant Production
- Pre-Veterinary
- Medical Assistant
- Veterinary Assistant
- Research Lab Assistant
- Pharmaceutical Sales
- Wildlife Technician
- Wildlife Production

NOC evaluates students for placement into either foundational or college-level courses, whichever will lead to the greatest possibility of student success. Academic placement is determined either by A.C.T. test scores or by Accuplacer test scores. These tests are administered in the Testing Center at NOC. Based upon the scores, students may be required to take one or more courses for remediation in English, Math, or Reading, either prior to or concurrent with credit courses. See the NOC testing web page by clicking on the following link: [http://www.noc.edu/act](http://www.noc.edu/act) for placement guidelines.

## Program Requirements

### General Education Courses - 37 Total Credit Hours

**English Composition Courses**

- ENGL 1113 English Composition I 3 hours
- ENGL 1213 English Composition II 3 hours

**History & Government Courses**

- HIST 1483 Amer. History to 1877 3 hours
  (or) HIST 1493 Amer. History Since 1877
- POLI 1113 American Government 3 hours

**Humanities Courses**

- Electives 6 hours
  One 3 hour course to be chosen from those listed with the International Dimension and 3 hours of humanities electives.

**Mathematics Courses**

- MATH 1513 Algebra for STEM 3 hours

**Science Courses**

- BIOL 1124 Biology for Majors 4 hours
- CHEM 1315 General Chemistry I 5 hours

**Computer Science Courses**

- BADM 1113 Digital/Financial Literacy (or other approved computer course) 3 hours

**Orientation Courses**

- ORNT 1101 Freshman Orientation 1 hour

### Program Requirement Courses - 20 Total Hours

- **BIOL 1314 General Botany** 4 hours
- **BIOL 1414 General Zoology** 4 hours
- **BIOL 2124 Microbiology** 4 hours
- **CHEM 1414 General Chemistry II** 4 hours
- **PHYS 1114 General Physics I** 4 hours

*Substitutions may be made with prior approval.*

### Recommended Program Elective Courses - 3 Total Hours

- **BIOL 1214 Environmental Science** 4 hours
- **BIOL 2024 Entomology** 4 hours
- **BIOL 2324 Comp Vertebrate Anatomy** 4 hours
- **BIOL 2403 Intro to Wildlife Conservation** 3 hours
- **MATH 1613 Plane Trigonometry** 3 hours
- **MATH 2023 Elementary Statistics** 3 hours
- **PHYS 1214 General Physics II** 4 hours
- NUTR 2123 Intro to Human Nutrition 3 hours
- HPET 2212 First Aid 2 hours

**Total Credit Hours** 60 hours

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**Suggested Course Sequence:**

### First Semester 17 Total Credit Hours

- ENGL 1113 English Composition I 3 hours
- MATH 1513 Algebra for STEM 3 hours
- ORNT 1101 Freshman Orientation 1 hour
- BIOL 1124 Biology for Majors 4 hours
- BADM 1113 Digital/Financial Literacy 3 hours
- HIST 1483 Amer. History to 1877 3 hours
  (or) HIST 1493 Amer. History Since 1877

### Second Semester 14 Total Credit Hours

- ENGL 1213 English Composition II 3 hours
- CHEM 1315 General Chemistry I 5 hours
- MATH 2023 Elementary Statistics 3 hours
  (recommended program elective)
- General Education Elective 3 hours

### Third Semester 15 Total Credit Hours

- CHEM 1414 General Chemistry II 4 hours
- Humanities Elective 3 hours
- BIOL 1314 General Botany 4 hours
- PHYS 1114 General Physics I 4 hours

### Fourth Semester 14 Total Credit Hours

- Humanities Elective 3 hours
- BIOL 1414 General Zoology 4 hours
- BIOL 2124 Microbiology 4 hours
- ORNT 1113 American Government 3 hours

*This is a suggested sequence timeline only. A student may require more than four semesters to complete an Associate in Science degree.*

**These program courses are typically offered only once a year. See course descriptions for fall or spring designations and plan accordingly.**