

## Bachelor of Elective Studies: 36 credits in Major

Department of Biological Sciences: Phone 320-308-2039 or [Biology@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:Biology@stcloudstate.edu)

BES Major Advisors

Contact Biology Department Chairperson for advisor assignment.

First Semester	Second Semester
<sup>1</sup> Biology 151 (4cr) or 152 (4cr) <sup>2</sup> Chemistry 210 (4cr)  <sup>3</sup> Core General Ed (3 or 4cr) <sup>4</sup> General Ed from Distribution area A, B or C (3cr)  Total semester credits=14 to 15	<sup>1</sup> Biology 151 (4cr) or 152 (4cr) University Elective (4 Cr)  Core General Ed (3 or 4cr) General Ed from Distribution area A, B or C (3cr)  Total semester credits=14 to 15
Third Semester	Fourth Semester
Biology Elective (4 Cr) University Electives (at least 4 Cr)  Core General Ed (3 or 4cr) General Ed from Distribution area A, B or C (3cr)  Total semester credits=14 to 15	Biology Elective (4Cr) University Electives (at least 4 Cr)  Core General Ed (3 or 4cr) or General Ed from Distribution area A, B or C (3cr)  Total semester credits=14 to 15
Fifth Semester	Sixth Semester
Biology Elective (4cr) University Electives (at least 5cr) Core General Ed (3 or 4cr)  or General Ed from Distribution area A, B or C (3cr)  Total Semester Credits=15 to 116	Biology Elective (4cr) <sup>5</sup> PESS 122 (1cr) University Electives (at least 6cr) Core General Ed (3 or 4cr)  or General Ed from Distribution area A , B or C (3cr)  Total Semester Credits=14 to 17
Seventh Semester	Eighth Semester
Biology Elective (4cr) University Electives (at least 5cr)  Core General Ed (3 or 4cr) or General Ed from Distribution area A, B or C (3cr)  Total Semester Credits= 15 to 16	Biology Elective (4cr) University Electives (at least 5cr)  Core General Ed (3 or 4cr) or General Ed from Distribution area A, B or C (3cr)  Total Semester Credits= 15 to 16

### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Biology 151 and 152 may be taken in any order, i.e., 151 is **not** a prerequisite for 152.

<sup>2</sup>A placement exam administered by the Department of Chemistry is required to determine readiness for Chemistry 210. If placement is in Chemistry 140, all required Chemistry courses will be delayed by one semester. Contact the Chemistry Department at 320-308-3031.

<sup>3</sup>To determine your readiness for Mathematics or Statistics 193 (core math) contact the Math Department at 320-308-3001.

The Mathematics department provides a Math placement exam which is required before enrolling in a Math/Stats class.

<sup>4</sup>Contact the Biology Department for approved Biology electives, 24 credits are required. Be sure to check course prerequisites. Contact your Biology advisor for specifics or the Biology Department at 320-308-2039..

<sup>5</sup>PESS 122 is a one credit Health and Wellness course required for all SCSU students. It may be taken any semester but is required for graduation. Contact Departments by February 1<sup>st</sup> to determine expected Summer course offerings.

Not all Biology electives are offered both Fall and Spring Semesters. Contact the Biology Department for specific course offerings.

SCSU requires a minimum of 120 semester credits to earn a Bachelors degree, 45 of these credits must be at the 300 or 400-level.

BES Biology majors may waive 3 credits of Biology in General Education Distribution Area B.

<sup>6</sup>A total of 11 general education courses are required of students in this major: five core courses; Engl 191, CMST192, <sup>3</sup>Math/Stat 193, Phil 194, Democratic Citizenship 195 and a total of six courses in Distribution areas A, B and C. Only one of the six courses may be in Distribution Area B. All SCSU students are required to complete a Racial Issues course; all of these courses are included in Area C.