# 4-YEAR CURRICULAR MAP: Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Option B: Topical Focus option

This is a suggested curriculum map for the typical student completing the degree in 4 years. The map may be different for some students. Please discuss your course plan with your academic advisor to check whether this map will work for you. Check in with your academic advisor each semester to revisit the map and make changes for your specific situation as needed.

### UK Core Abbreviations
- **HUM** = Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
- **SSC** = Intellectual Inquiry in Social Sciences
- **ACR** = Intellectual Inquiry in Arts & Creativity
- **GCCR** = Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement

### College of A&S Abbreviations
- **SS** = Social Sciences
- **HUM** = Humanities
- **R&E** = Race and Ethnicity

### UK Core CC1 (WRD 110) 3  
**MA 137**: Calculus with Life Science Applications 4  
**CHE 105**: General College Chemistry I 4  
**CHE 111**: General Chemistry I Lab 1  
**BIO 148**: Introductory Biology I 3  
**BIO 155**: Lab for Introductory Biology I 1  
**OR BIO 198**: Scholars Biology Research 2

### Total Credits: 16-17

### YEAR 2

### Fall  
+Foreign language 101 4  
◊ UK CORE SSC  **3**  
◊ UK Core ACR  **3**  
• Tier I Core course 1 4  
**CHE 230**: Organic Chemistry I 3  
**CHE 231**: Organic Chemistry Lab 1

### Spring  
+Foreign language 102 4  
◊ UK Core HUM **3**  
◊ A&S SS 1 **3**  
• Tier I Core course 2 4  
**Free Elective** **3**

### Total Credits: 18

### YEAR 3

### Fall  
+Foreign language 201 3  
**PHY 211**: General Physics I 5  
• Tier II Core course 1 4  
† Topical Focus course 1 **3**

### Spring  
+Foreign language 202 3  
• Tier II Core course 2 4  
**STA 296** 3  
† Topical Focus 2 **3**  
† Topical Focus 3 **3**

### Total Credits: 16

### YEAR 4

### Fall  
◊ A&S SS 2 **3**  
◊ UK Core CCC + A&S R&E **3**  
† Topical Focus 4 **3**  
* Biology Elective 1 **3**  
* Biology Elective 2 **3**  
** BIO 425**: Biology Seminar 1

### Spring  
◊ A&S HUM 2 **3**  
◊ Free Elective **3**  
* Biology Elective 3 **3**  
* Biology Elective 4 **3**  
* Biology Elective 5 **1-3**  
* Biology Elective 6 **1-3**

### Total Credits: 15

**The number of credits listed for these courses is the typical number of credits for courses in this category. However, different courses may have different number of credits.**

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See notes on next page.
Notes:
◊ The sequence in which UK-Core and A&S courses are taken does not matter. The sequence given in this plan is arbitrary.

★ Several A&S R&E courses also satisfy the UK-Core CCC or UK-Core GDY requirements. Students are strongly encouraged to take such a course for the R&E so that the total number of credits required may be reduced by 3.

◆ Incoming Students are Strongly Encouraged to take WRD 112 to fulfill the CC1 and CC2 requirements if they have any of the following: an ACT English score of 32 or Higher, an SAT Verbal score of 720 or Higher, or an AP English Composition score of 4 or 5. If the student has been accepted into the University Honors Program, the student is required to take WRD 112, instead of CC1 and CC2.

• Tier I Core courses include BIO 303 Introduction to Evolution and BIO 304 Principles of Genetics. Either one can be taken in the Fall of Year 2 and the other taken in the Spring of Year 2; the order of these two courses does not matter.

♠ Tier II Core courses include:
  – BIO 315
  – BIO 325
  – BIO 350 or BIO 430G
The order in which these are taken does not matter.

‡ The Topical Focus is a sequence of courses within a specific topic, consisting of courses not included for the Biology major. These should total 12 credits.

* Upper-level Biology electives: To be discussed with your academic advisor. The total number of credits from the Topical Focus and upper-level electives should be 25. Students pursuing a BA option B need 13 credits of upper-level electives, of which 12 credits should be from within the declared track. See the Biology Department website for which courses are accepted as upper-level electives. Of the 13 credits of electives, 9 credits need to have a BIO prefix.
  – The GCCR is satisfied by Biology majors through BIO 425 + a GCCR written course. The GCCR written course may be BIO 430G or an elective that that satisfies this requirement. Ensuring that one of the upper-level biology electives is a GCCR written course will reduce the number of credits that a student needs.

+ Students who have taken 2 years of a language in high school have two options:
  1. They may complete the requirement with 3 college semesters of a different language.
  2. If they want to continue with the same language, they must reach out to the DUS of that language and check which course they must take next. They may need to take the 103 level of that language before moving to 201, or they may be able to directly enroll in the 201 level of that language, depending on the student’s fluency with the language.

Students who have taken 4 years of a high school language must also reach out to the DUS of that language to find out what course they must take to complete the A&S Foreign Language Requirement.

^ 6 hours of ‘free’ electives - that do not count toward any other requirement - must be taken. Additional electives may be required to reach the required minimum of 120 hours.

See the Biology Department website for detailed information on degree requirements, acceptable electives, tracks, and other requirements.

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