

# B.A. in Biological Sciences

## Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Fall 2020) Department of Biological Sciences ([bioadvising@rowan.edu](mailto:bioadvising@rowan.edu))

*Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2020 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.*

### Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RU GPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of “D-” or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
  - An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
  - Rowan Core and Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally ([www.rowan.edu/registrar](http://www.rowan.edu/registrar)) and may also be searched on that site under “Attributes.” A list of Rowan Core courses is here: <https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/AS/Rowan+Core+Course+List>.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

### Program-Specific Graduation Requirements for this Major / Degree

- Students must receive a grade of C- or better in all introductory-level biology courses to progress to the subsequent course (BIOL 01104, 01106, 01203, and 01204).
- Students must receive a grade of C or better in all upper-level biology electives.

### Rowan Core Requirements<sup>1</sup>

*Students must satisfy all six Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy.*

- (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*
  - COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 sh)     COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 sh)     CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 sh)
- (ARTL) Artistic Literacy                      *Recommendation from major:*
- (GLBL) Global Literacy                          *Recommendation from major:*
- (HUML) Humanistic Literacy                 *Recommendation from major:* PHIL 09369 or PHIL 09376 (3 sh counted under non-program)
- (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy                 *Recommendation from major:* STAT 02260 (3 sh counted under non-program)
- (SCIL) Scientific Literacy                      *Recommendation from major:* CHEM 06100 or BIOL 01104 (4 sh counted under major)

Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 15 sh

### Rowan Experience Requirements

*Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.*

- (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute    *Recommendation from major:*
- (WI) Writing Intensive Attribute            *Recommendation from major:* PHIL 09369 or PHIL 09376 (3 sh counts under non-program)
- (RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute<sup>2</sup>            *Recommendation from major:* BIOL 01104 (4 sh counted under major)

### Non-Program Courses (minimum 18 sh)

*Courses in this section cannot be in the major department.*

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
PHIL 09369 or PHIL 09376	Philosophy of Science-WI or Philosophy of Medicine-WI	Satisfies Humanistic Literacy and WI requirement			3
STAT 02260 or STAT 00280	Statistics 1 or Biometry	Statistics 1 satisfies Quantitative Literacy; Biometry requires Calculus 1 (MATH 01130) as a prereq.			3-4
<b>Subtotal: 18 sh</b>					

<sup>1</sup> The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

<sup>2</sup> The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

