

## 4-Year Academic Plan Guidelines and Template

### Introduction

Four-year degree plans provide a term-by-term sample course schedule so that students can clearly see how they can complete each degree in four years. Four-year degree plans should include the General Education and Elective courses that must be selected to satisfy all area and multicultural requirements. Provide specific course examples where appropriate (Less-structured majors might just list where particular groups – Arts and Letters, Natural Science, Social Science - might be satisfied. Less-structured majors should also provide a sample of a typical 4-year plan). The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep students on course to graduate in four years. Milestones might include target grades for key courses, completion of key courses by certain terms, and other non-course activities like a target GPA by a particular term, applying for graduation, beginning language requirements, etc. We've modeled this approach on Florida State's Academic Maps – you can see an example here: <https://goo.gl/BuuhXj>.

The sample schedule portion of the plans is important to communicate to students how they can complete each degree in 4 years. The “milestones” section of the plan may require discussion among faculty, staff and advisors to get a sense of those places in the curriculum that are critical in terms of timely completion and/or performance benchmarks.

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Department: Biology

Degree, Major: BS, Marine Biology

### YEAR 1

FALL COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
CH 221	4	
CH 227	2	
MATH 112	4	MATH predicts CH predicts BI, esp upper div quantitative. Carefully observe.
WR 121	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	Establish 1 <sup>st</sup> term GPA, as progressively less GPA impact.

WINTER COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
CH 222	4	
CH 228	2	
BI 211	4	
MATH 246 or MATH 251	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	

SPRING COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
CH 223	4	
CH 229	2	
BI 212	4	Predictive of success in upper division & graduate school. Goal $\geq B$ .
WR 123 or MATH 247 or MATH 252	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	

### YEAR 2

FALL COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
CH 331	4	
BI 214 or BI 213	4	
MATH 252 or WR 123	4	
A & L	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	

WINTER COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
Elective	4	
BI 3xx (Area II)	4	
Soc Sci + Multicultural	4	
A & L (match subject code or prefix)	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	

SPRING COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
BI 213 or BI 214	4	
A & L + unique Multicultural	4	
BI 3xx (Area I or III)	4	Area I if BI 214 completed,; Area III if BI 213 completed.
BI 3xx	4-5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16-17</b>	

### YEAR 3

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FALL COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
PHYS 201	4	
BI 3xx (Area III or I)	4	
Soc Sci	4	
Soc Sci (match subject code or prefix)	4-5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16-17</b>	

WINTER COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
PHYS 202	4	
BI 3xx/420-99	4	
A & L	4	
BI 3xx/420-99	4-5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16-17</b>	

SPRING COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
Elective	4	
BI 420-99/3xx	4	
Soc Sci	4	
BI 420-99/3xx	2-5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14-17</b>	

SUMMER COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
BI 420-99 or BI 4xx at OIMB	2-6	
BI 420-99 at OIMB	6-8	
MAPS* at OIMB	4	*Modelling, Analysis, Programming & Statistics within or approved outside dept.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12-18</b>	

### YEAR 4

FALL COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
BI 420-99 or 401/402/403/4xx at OIMB	3-5	can have some of these during YEAR 3 esp. if research & Honors in Marine Biology.
BI 420-99 at OIMB	5	
BI 420-99 at OIMB	5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13-15</b>	

WINTER COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
BI 401/402/403/4xx	3-4	can have some of these during YEAR 3 esp. if research & Honors in Marine Biology.
BI elective	5	
BI elective	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12-13</b>	

SPRING COURSES	CREDITS	MILESTONES
BI 401/402/403/4xx	2-4	can have some of these during YEAR 3 esp. if research & Honors in Marine Biology.
BI 420-99 at OIMB	5	
BI 420-99 at OIMB	5-8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12-17</b>	

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