

BIOLOGY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) - CONCENTRATION IN PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS / PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (SRU) (TRADITIONAL)

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- **Competence in Laboratory and Research Skills: To conduct, assess, and communicate research investigations using established scientific practices.** (SRU UG 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10)
- **Core Concepts for Biological Literacy:** (SRU UG 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9)
 - Knowledge/Content
 - Evolution
 - Structure and function across all levels of biological organization
 - Diversity and interactions of life
 - Information flow, exchange and storage in biological systems
 - Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
 - Connect information from cognate science courses and liberal arts courses to biological concepts
 - Apply scientific information to current and future societal problems
- **Participation in Diverse, Enriching Scientific Activities:** Apply technical and professional skills in hands-on laboratory, clinical or field experiences. (SRU UG 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9)
- **Professional Attitude:** Graduates demonstrate professional attitude, behavior, and ability to interact with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. (SRU UG 1, 5, 7, 8, 9)

What are your options?

Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2: Earn a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies in five years rather than six. In the first three years, you complete your major courses and prerequisites for the SRU PA program. At the end of your second year, you apply for admission into the SRU PA program. If accepted, your first year in the SRU PA program meets the remaining requirements for your undergraduate degree. If not accepted, you continue to complete your undergraduate degree and can reapply to the program. The accelerated option is for incoming freshmen only.

Pre-Physician Assistant (SRU Traditional): Complete the requirements for your major and the prerequisites for the SRU PA program and apply to the SRU PA program in your senior year.

Related Links

Biology - Pre-Health Professions/Pre-Physician Assistant, BS Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/biology-pre-physician-assistant/>)

Biology Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/biology/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Core GPA: 2.0 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	45
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3
	Major Requirements	59-60
	Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements	12
	Electives	15-16

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits.

Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	University Seminar ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 125	Precalculus	4
or MATH 225	Calculus I	
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		16

Integrated Inquiry

<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab	1
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
PHYS 201	Elements of Physics I with Lab	4
or PHYS 216	University Physics I with Lab	
Subtotal		17

Thematic Thread

Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ²	12
Total Hours	45

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject

² One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

Computer Competency

Code	Title	Hours
Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following:		0-3
Pass Computer Competency Exam OR		
Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution:		
CPSC 100	Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts	
CPSC 110	Computer Concepts	
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	
PE 202	Technology for Wellness	
Total Hours		0-3

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

Major Requirements

- 30 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 30 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above
- Students desiring a Biology Major must maintain at least a 2.000 average in Biology.
- Students must earn a "C" or better in both Biology I with Lab (BIOL 113) and Biology II with Lab (BIOL 114) before proceeding to their next biology course.
- Students must earn a "C" or better in both Genetics with Lab (BIOL 250) and Biometry with Lab (BIOL 325) prior to graduating.

Code	Title	Hours
Biology Core Requirements		
BIOL 113	Biology I: Foundations of Ecology, Evolution and Diversity with Lab ¹	4
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab ¹	4
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab ¹	4
BIOL 325	Biostatistics and Experimental Design with Lab ¹	3
Subtotal		15
Required Upper-Level Biology		
BIOL 209	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹	4
BIOL 305	Wetlands and Aquatic Plants/Lab ¹	3
	or BIOL 306	Freshwater Biomonitoring/Lab
	or BIOL 350	Evolution
	or BIOL 401	Ecology with Lab
BIOL 309	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	4
BIOL 330	Microbiology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 335	Cell Biology ¹	3
	or BIOL 370	Molecular Biology
Subtotal:		17
Additional Upper-Level Biology Electives		
Select 6 credits which can come from courses not chosen above, or any 300/400 level course listed below. Additional electives may be selected from the Marine Science offerings listed below. PLE courses are only offered during the summer months through our affiliation with Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology.		6
Upper-Level Biology Electives (p. 3) ¹		
Subtotal:		6
Related Sciences – Chemistry		
CHEM 108	General Chemistry II ²	3
CHEM 112	General Chemistry II Lab ²	1
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I ²	3
CHEM 211	Organic Chemistry Laboratory I ²	1
Subtotal		8
Related Sciences – Advanced Science Electives		
Select one of the following options:		3-4
CHEM 202 & CHEM 212	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry Laboratory II ¹	
Upper-Level Biology Electives (p. 3) ¹		
Select one of the following options:		3
CHEM 335	Biochemistry I ¹	
Upper-Level Biology Electives (p. 3) ¹		
Subtotal		6-7
Related Sciences – Physics		
PHYS 202	Elements of Physics II/ Lab ²	4
	or PHYS 217	University Physics 2 with Lab
Independent Study Option		
Select one of the following options:		3
<i>Independent Study Option</i>		
BIOL 490	Independent Study ¹	
<i>Non-Independent Study Option</i>		
Select 3 credits which can come from courses not chosen above, or any course listed below.		

Upper-Level Biology Electives (p. 3) ¹	
Total Hours	59-60

¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

² Course counts for 50% of Major requirements but not for Major GPA

⁴ It is recommended students take PSYC 105 and Medical Terminology in their thread courses.

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab	1
MATH 125	Precalculus	4
or MATH 225	Calculus I	
PHYS 201	Elements of Physics I with Lab	4
or PHYS 216	University Physics 1 with Lab	

Additional Physician Assistant Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Hours
EXSC 250	Medical Terminology ⁴	3
or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology ⁴	3

Additional Upper-Level Biology Electives

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 301	Forest Ecology ¹	3
BIOL 302	Ecology of Amphibians & Reptiles/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 303	Behavioral Ecology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 305	Wetlands and Aquatic Plants/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 306	Freshwater Biomonitoring/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 307	Vertebrate Ecology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 308	Aquatic Ecosystem Management / Lab ¹	3
BIOL 310	Plant Diversity with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 311	Entomology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 312	Zoology with Lab	3
BIOL 313	Herpetology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 314	Parasitology with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 316	Immunology with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 317	Ecology and Fungi ¹	3
BIOL 320	Ornithology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 321	Wildlife Management/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 322	Conservation Biology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 323	Stream Ecology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 326	Field Methods in Biogeography/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 327	Limnology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 331	Mammalogy/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 340	Vertebrate Anatomy with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 343	Embryology with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 350	Evolution ¹	3
BIOL 356	Field Ecology / Lab ¹	3

BIOL 357	Environmental Microbiology with Lab ¹	4
BIOL 360	Field Botany ¹	3
BIOL 361	Flora of Western Pennsylvania ¹	3
BIOL 371	Vertebrate Field Zoology ¹	3
BIOL 373	Ichthyology/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 375	Ecology of Fish / Lab ¹	3
BIOL 380	Endocrinology ¹	3
BIOL 402	Biogeography/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 405	Animal Physiological Ecology with Lab ¹	4
BIOL 409	Pathophysiology ¹	3
BIOL 410	Animal Physiology with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 412	Population Biology ¹	3
BIOL 430	Pathogenic Microbiology ¹	3
BIOL 435	Cellular and Molecular Analysis Laboratory ¹	3
BIOL 340	Vertebrate Anatomy with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 450	Biology Internship ¹	3
BIOL 470	Histology with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 380	Endocrinology ¹	3
BIOL 409	Pathophysiology ¹	3
BIOL 410	Animal Physiology with Lab ¹	3
BIOL 435	Cellular and Molecular Analysis Laboratory ¹	3
BIOL 498	Selected Topics ¹	3
MARS 221	Marine Invertebrates ¹	3
MARS 241	Marine Biology ¹	3
MARS 250	Wetland Ecology ¹	3
MARS 260	Marine Ecology ¹	3
MARS 270	Coastal Vegetation ¹	3
MARS 298	Selected Topics ¹	3
MARS 300	Behavior of Marine Organisms ¹	3
MARS 310	The Mammals of Coastal Ecosystems ¹	3
MARS 320	Marine Microbiology ¹	3
MARS 330	Tropical Invertebrates ¹	3
MARS 342	Marine Botany ¹	3
MARS 343	Marine Ichthyology ¹	3
MARS 344	Anatomy of Marine Chordates ¹	3
MARS 345	Ornithology ¹	3
MARS 350	Physiology of Marine Invertebrates ¹	3
MARS 398	Selected Topics ¹	3
MARS 420	Marine Micropaleontology ¹	3
MARS 431	Ecology of Marine Plankton ¹	3
MARS 441	Biology of Molluscs ¹	3
MARS 490	Independent Study ¹	3
MARS 491	Coral Reef Ecology ¹	3
MARS 492	Marine Mammals ¹	3
MARS 498	Selected Topics ¹	3
MARS 500	Problems in Marine Science ¹	3

¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

Co-Curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. Volunteering
2. Job Shadowing

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Physician Assistant Studies (Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies)

Prerequisite Admission Requirements

For Application Requirements

Please refer to Slippery Rock University's Physician Assistant Studies (Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies) website for requirements: <http://www.sru.edu/pa> (<http://www.sru.edu/pa/>).

Rock Studies 2

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Courses - SRU Physician Assistant		
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
BIOL 209	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 309	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
BIOL 210 or BIOL 330	Medical Microbiology with Lab Microbiology/Lab	3
CHEM 107 & CHEM 111	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 108 & CHEM 112	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
EXSC 250 or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	3
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
<i>Inferential Statistics Course</i>		3
BIOL 325	Biostatistics and Experimental Design with Lab	
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	
Total Hours		39

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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BIOLOGY – PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS – BS (6108)

PRE-PA Traditional

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