

BIOLOGY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) - CONCENTRATION IN PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS / PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (SRU) (3+2)

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-licensure/>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

1st Major: Biology

- Overall GPA: 2.00 or higher
- Major GPA (only includes Biology courses): 2.00 or higher

2nd Major: Pre-PA SRU 3+2 Biology

- Overall GPA: 3.25 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	45
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3
	Major Requirements	47-48
	Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements	12
	Electives	27-28

* 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. However, because this is a pre-professional program, credits taken during the 1st year of the graduate program are applied toward the undergraduate credit hours to meet the 120 credits required for your undergraduate degree.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 225	Calculus I	4
	or MATH 125	Precalculus
	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

Physical Sciences Inquiry

PHYS 201 or PHYS 216	Elements of Physics I with Lab University Physics 1 with Lab	4
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

- 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.

• If you choose to pursue Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 Biology and are not accepted into the PA program, then additional coursework is required to complete a first major of Biology-Pre-Health Professions. Please refer to the Biology-Pre-Health Professions Curriculum Guide.

• To view the SRU policy on senior undergraduate students earning graduate credit, click here (<https://catalog.sru.edu/academic-policies/senior-undergraduate-students-earning-graduate-credit/>).

Code	Title	Hours
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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 Biology Courses

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

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

Relate Sciences - Chemistry Advanced Electives

Select one of the following:		3-4
CHEM 202 & CHEM 212	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry Laboratory II ²	
Upper-Level Biology Electives (p. 2)		

Related Sciences - Physics

PHYS 202	Elements of Physics II/ Lab ²	4
	or PHYS 217 University Physics 2 with Lab	

Total Hours	47-48
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* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

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

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

³ It is recommended students take PSYC 105 and (EXSC 250 or HCAM 250) as thread courses.

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 409	Pathophysiology (Pathophysiology)	3
BIOL 380	Endocrinology (Endocrinology)	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	Mammology/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	3
BIOL 402	Biogeography/Lab ¹	3
BIOL 405	Animal Physiological Ecology with Lab ¹	4
BIOL 409	Pathophysiology	3
BIOL 412	Population Biology ¹	3
BIOL 430	Pathogenic Microbiology ¹	3
BIOL 435	Cellular and Molecular Analysis Laboratory	3
BIOL 450	Biology Internship ¹	3
BIOL 470	Histology with Lab 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

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	

Code	Title	Hours
EXSC 250	Medical Terminology ¹	3
or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3

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 Course

Code	Title	Hours
EXSC 250	Medical Terminology ¹	3
or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3

¹ It is recommended students take PSYC 105 and (EXSC 250 or HCAM 250) as thread courses.

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

Physician Assistant Studies (Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies) Prerequisite Admission Requirements – Pre- Physician Assistant 3+2

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 210 or BIOL 330	Medical Microbiology with Lab Microbiology/Lab	3
BIOL 209	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 309	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
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>		
BIOL 325	Biostatistics and Experimental Design with Lab	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics I	3
Total Hours		39

Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 Requirements

If any of these requirements are not met, the 3+2 designation will be removed from the student's record:

1. A 3.25 or higher overall GPA must be maintained by the student.
2. The student can only be enrolled in the Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 program for a maximum of three (3) years, full-time continuous enrollment (fall/spring).

Provision

Should a Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 student be unsuccessful in completing the 1st two semesters (summer or fall) of the Physician Assistant Program and wants to complete the original undergraduate degree, it is solely up to the discretion of the undergraduate program Department Chair to determine which, if any, Physician Assistant courses will count toward the completion of his/her undergraduate degree. In addition, students must complete any unfulfilled requirements of their undergraduate major. Students may still apply to the Physician Assistant Studies Program with an earned Bachelor's degree.

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.*

PASSHE - Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Institutions

BIOLOGY - PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS - BS (6108)

PRE-PA SRU 3+2 (6SPB)

This program is effective as of Summer 2023

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RECOMMENDED THREE-YEAR PLAN

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
BIOL 113	Biology I: Foundations of Ecology, Evolution and Diversity with Lab	4
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab	1
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar ¹	1
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery *	3
		Hours
		15
Spring		
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
CHEM 108	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 112	General Chemistry II Lab	1
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
		Hours
		17
Second Year		
Fall		
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM 211	Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	1
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Thematic Thread Requirement - PSYC 105 is recommended (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		
		Hours
		14
Spring		
BIOL 325	Biostatistics and Experimental Design with Lab	3
BIOL 330	Microbiology/Lab	3
CHEM 202	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHEM 212	Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	1
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-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 freshman only.

Hours		16
Third Year		
Fall		
BIOL 209	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
PHYS 201 or PHYS 216	Elements of Physics I with Lab or University Physics 1 with Lab	4
MATH 225 or MATH 125	Calculus I or Precalculus	4
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		15
Spring		
BIOL 309	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 300+	Upper Level BIOL Elective	3
BIOL 300+	Upper Level BIOL Elective	3
EXSC 250 or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology or Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	3
PHYS 202 or PHYS 217	Elements of Physics II/ Lab or University Physics 2 with Lab	4
Hours		17
Fourth Year		
Fall		
PA Program Didactic		13
Hours		13
Spring		
PA Program Didactic		13
Hours		13
Total Hours**		120

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

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

**** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.**