

# Biotechnology

## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
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- **Department Phone:**  
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[www.ndsu.edu/majors/biotech/](http://www.ndsu.edu/majors/biotech/)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Biotechnology

Degree Type: B.S.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses number 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU residence credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Residence credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
Total Credits		39

\* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## Major requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Biotechnology Requirements</b>		
BIOC 460 & 460L	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I and Foundations of Biochemistry I Laboratory	4
BIOC 461	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II	3
BIOC 474	Methods of Recombinant DNA Technology	3
CHEM 465	Survey of Physical Chemistry	4
MICR 350 & 350L	General Microbiology and General Microbiology Lab	5
MICR 470	Basic Immunology	3
MICR 471	Immunology and Serology Laboratory	2
MICR 482	Bacterial Genetics & Phage	3
MICR 491	Seminar (Biotechnology)	1-5
MICR 494	(Senior Research)	2-4
MICR 494	(Senior Thesis)	1
<b>Supporting Requirements</b>		
AGRI 150	Agriculture Orientation (Applies only to students earning this degree out of the College of AFSNR; Not required for students transferring in 24 or more credits )	1
MICR 189	1	
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 151 & 151L	General Biology II and General Biology II Laboratory	4
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	4
CHEM 122 & 122L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	4
CHEM 341 & 341L	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	4
CHEM 342	Organic Chemistry II	3
CSCI 114 or CSCI 122	Microcomputer Packages Introduction to Programming Concepts	3
Select one from the following: (May satisfy general education category R)		8
MATH 146 & MATH 147	Applied Calculus I and Applied Calculus II	
MATH 165 & MATH 166	Calculus I and Calculus II	
Select one from the following: (May satisfy general education category S)		4 or 5
PHYS 211 & 211L	College Physics I and College Physics I Laboratory	
PHYS 251 & 251L	University Physics I and University Physics I Laboratory	
Select one from the following: (May satisfy general education category S)		4 or 5
PHYS 212 & 212L	College Physics II and College Physics II Laboratory	
PHYS 252 & 252L	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory	
PLSC 315 & 315L	Genetics and Genetics Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	4
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)	3
<b>Major Elective in Physiology: Select 3 credits from the following:</b>		3

BOT 380	Plant Physiology	
ZOO 460	Animal Physiology	
MICR 480	Bacterial Physiology	
<b>Major Elective in Biotechnology Technique: Select 4-6 credits from the following:</b>		<b>4-6</b>
BIOC 473	Methods of Biochemical Research	
BIOC 487	Molecular Biology of Gene Expression	
MICR 445	Animal Cell Culture Techniques	
PLSC 411	Genomics	
PLSC 484	Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology	
<b>Additional Humanities &amp; Fine Arts or Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
An additional 6 credits from these General Education categories is required for earning a B.S. degree from either the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources or the College of Science and Mathematics.		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>94-104</b>

- <sup>1</sup> MICR 189 is only required for first-time, first-year students--A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take AGRI 189.

### Degree Notes:

- The Bachelors of Science degree is the default degree type for this program of study. However, a Bachelor of Arts degree is available if the degree is being earned from the College of Science & Mathematics.
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree Requirements: An additional 12 credits of Humanities and/or Social Sciences courses and proficiency of a modern foreign language at the second year level (example: SPAN 201 & 202). Courses for the Humanities and/or Social Sciences may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADHM, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN GEOG, GERM, HDFS, HIST, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WGS, or any course from the current Humanities & Fine Arts (A) and/or Social & Behavioral Sciences (B) General Education list.

## Minor Requirements

### Biotechnology Minor

Required Credits: 21

Code	Title	Credits
BIOC 460 & 460L	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I and Foundations of Biochemistry I Laboratory	4
BIOC 461	Foundations of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II	3
PLSC 315 & 315L	Genetics and Genetics Laboratory	4
<b>Biotechnology Technique Electives: Select 4 credits from the following:</b>		<b>4</b>
BIOC 473	Methods of Biochemical Research	
BIOC 474	Methods of Recombinant DNA Technology	
MICR 445	Animal Cell Culture Techniques	
PLSC 484	Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology	
<b>Specialized Electives: Select 6 credits form the following:</b>		<b>6</b>
BOT 380	Plant Physiology	
MICR 470	Basic Immunology	
MICR 471	Immunology and Serology Laboratory	
MICR 482	Bacterial Genetics & Phage	
PPTH 324	Introductory Plant Pathology	
ZOO 370	Cell Biology	
ZOO 460	Animal Physiology	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

### Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.