Microbiology Major

UVM |College of Agriculture and Life Sciences | Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics

Advising Form 2023-2024

Graduates of this major will be able to:

- Describe and apply basic microbiology information, concepts and experimental techniques
- Explain and evaluate microbiology research orally and in writing
- Demonstrate integrity, professionalism, and respect for inclusion in the conduct of science and learning
- Articulate own identity as a member of the scientific community and reflect on how that has developed throughout progression toward career goals

UVM students meet the above goals by completion of at least 120 credits, including the Catamount Core Curriculum and MMG core coursework. Students then tailor their education to their interests, selecting courses from a broad range of electives in the biological sciences. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to remain in good standing in the program and college.

Please use this worksheet to create a four year plan. Review with your advisor each semester.

Catamount Core Curriculum | 42 credits

Liberal Arts | 21 credits

Discipline	Credits	Course designations	
Arts and Humanities	6	AH1, AH2, AH3	
Social Sciences	6	S1	
Natural Sciences	6	N1 and N2	
Mathematics	3	MA	

Core Skills | 9 credits

Discipline	Credits	Course designations
Quantitative and Data Literacy	3	QD
Writing and Information Literacy	3	WIL1
Oral Communication	3	OC

Common Ground Values | 12 credits

Discipline	Credits	Course designations
Diversity	6	Must take 3 credits of D1, and 3 credits D1 or D2
Sustainability	3	SU
Global Citizenship	3	GC1 or GC2

MMG Core Requirements | 60 credits

Number	Name	Credits	Semester
MMG 1010	First-Year Colloquium	1	Fall
MMG 1020 (SU)	Unseen Worlds – Microbes and You	3	Fall
BCOR 1400	Exploring Biology 1	4	Fall
BCOR 1425	Exploring Biology 2	4	Spring
MATH 1212 or 1234	Fundamentals of Calculus or Calculus 1	3 or 4	Any
CHEM 1400	General Chemistry 1	4	Any
CHEM 1450	General Chemistry 2	4	Any
CHEM 2580	Organic Chemistry 1	4	Fall
CHEM 2585	Organic Chemistry 2	4	Spring
CS 1210 (QD)	Computer Programming 1	3	Any
MMG 2010	Microbiology & Infectious Disease	4	Spring
MMG 2040	Intro Molecular Genetics	4	Spring
MMG 2060	Intro to Biomedical Research Methods	3	Spring
BCOR 2300	Genetics	3	Any
BCOR 2500 or MMG 2990	Cell and Molecular Biology (with lab) Cell and Molecular Biology (without lab)	3 or 4	Spring
BIOC 3001	Biochemistry	3	Any
BIOC 3005	Biochemistry 1	3	Fall
BIOC 3075	Biochemistry of Human Disease	3	Fall
STAT 1410 or	Basic Statistical Methods or	3	Any
STAT 3000 (QD)	Med Biostat and Epidemiology		
MMG 4899	Senior Seminar	1	Any

Microbiology Major Requirements | 21 credits

Choose 6 credits from the following

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Semester
MMG 3110	Bacterial Genetics	3	Fall
MMG 3220	Advanced Medical Microbiology with lab	4	Spring
MMG 3300 (D2/SU)	Adv Studies Emerging Infectious Disease	3	Fall odd years

Choose 9 credits from any of the following

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Semester
MMG 3010	Applied Cell and Molecular Bio Lab	4	Fall
MMG 3070	Biochemistry Lab	3	Spring
MMG 3200	Environmental Microbiology	3	Spring even years
MMG 3230	Immunology	3	Spring odd years
MMG 3250	Eukaryotic Virology	3	Fall even years
MMG 3270	Cancer Genetics	3	Spring even years
MMG 3350	Bioterrorism	3	Spring odd years
MMG 3310	Survey Bioinformatic Databases	3	Fall
MMG 3320	Advanced Bioinformatics	3	Spring
MMG 3330	Genetics and Genomics	3	Fall

Choose 6 credits any advisor-approved upper level life science elective, including:

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Semester
MMG 2990, 3990,	Teaching Assistantship or Internship	1-4	Any
4990, 5990			
MMG 2995, 3995	Undergraduate Research	1-4	Any
ASCI 3180	Endocrinology	3	
ASCI 3070	Animal and Human Parasitology	3	
ASCI 3080	Molecular Epidemiology of Infectious Disease	3	
ASCI 3090	One Health: Antimicrobial Resistance	3	
BIOL 3135	Molecular Ecology	3	
BIOL 4630	Advanced Genetics Laboratory	4	
MLS 3300	Clinical Microbiology II	3	
NFS 3203	Food Microbiology	4	
PHRM 3010	Intro to Pharmacology	3	
XXX 3000+	3000+ Life Sciences (with advisor permission)	variable	

SAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLAN

Fall 2023

BCOR 1400 Exploring Biology 1 CHEM 1400 General Chemistry 1 MMG 1010 First Year Colloquium (SU) MMG 1020 Unseen Worlds: Microbes and You MATH 1212 Fundamentals of Calc 1

Fall 2024

MMG 2010 Microbiology and Inf Disease CHEM 2580 Organic Chemistry I **BCOR 2300 Genetics** Elective Arts and Humanities (AH1, 2, 3)

Fall 2025

BIOC 3001 Fundamentals of Biochemistry MMG 3300 Adv Emerging Inf Disease (SU, D2) STAT 3000 Med Biostat and Epidemiology Elective Arts and Humanities (AH1, 2, 3) MMG 3310 Bioinformatics and Data Analysis

Fall 2026

MMG 3110 Bacterial Genetics MMG 3250 Eukaryotic Virology Elective Diversity (D1) MMG 3995 Undergrad Research MMG 2990 MMG TAship

Spring 2024

	Spring 2027	
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3	MMG 3320 Advanced Bioinf	3
3	MMG 2995 Undergrad Research	2
3	Global Citizenship Elective (GC)	3
3	Elective Social Science (S1)	3
3	MMG 3200 Environmental Microbiology	3
	Spring 2026	
14		17
0	SPCH 1400 Effective Speaking (OC)	3
3	MMG 2990 Cell and Mol Bio w/o lab	3
3	MMG 2060 Intro Bio Res Methods	3
4	CHEM 2585 Organic Chemistry II	4
4	MMG 2040 Intro Molecular Genetics	4
	Spring 2025	
3 or 4	Elective Social Science (S1)	3
3	CS 1210 Computer Programming 1	3
1	ENGL 1001 Written Expression (WIL)	3
4	CHEM 1450 General Chemistry 2	4
4	BCOR 1450 Exploring Biology 2	4
	Spring 2024	

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MMG 3220 Advanced Medical Micro	4
MMG 3350 Bioterrorism	3
ASCI 3090 One Health: Antimic Resistance	3
MMG 3995 Undergrad Research	3
MMG 4899 Senior Seminar	1
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	MMG 3350 Bioterrorism ASCI 3090 One Health: Antimic Resistance MMG 3995 Undergrad Research

Name: Date Drafted:

Date	Career Goal	Research interests	Demonstrated Skills	My next steps

Name: Date Drafted:

Advisor: Major(s): Study Abroad (Y/N/Maybe) Career Goals/Interests:

Minor(s):

FALL		SPRING	
2023		2024	
2024		2025	
2025		2026	
2026		2027	