The Department of Comprehensive Science

Comprehensive Science Major

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About

The Comprehensive Science program allows students interested in the quantitative and physical and life sciences to get broad based competency to a full spectrum of scientific concerns and practices. Our majors gain both hands-on lab skills and quantitative aptitudes through a broad range of courses in mathematics, physical and life sciences, and computer science. The program equips students with the analytical, interpretive, and explanatory skill sets that enable their understanding of the scientific world. The flexible program allows students to create a tailored interdisciplinary program that can prepare the student for a variety of professions or graduate studies. Our majors go on to medical schools, dental schools, and other health related graduate programs, as well as careers as financial analysts, lab researchers, computing, pharmaceutical, and other careers that require a science/math background.

Required Major Credits (65 credits)

Program Notes:

- Chemistry majors who transfer to Comprehensive Science (BSC) may count CHM 1311/CHM 1301 in place of the CHM 1151/CHM 1103 requirement listed below.
- Chemistry majors who transfer to Comprehensive Science (BSC) may count CHM 1521/CHM 1502 in place of the CHM 1152/CHM 1104 requirement listed below.

Course	Title	Credits
BIO 2105	General Biology I	4
BIO 2106	General Biology II	4
CHM 1151	General Chemistry I	4
CHM 1103	General Chemistry Lab I	1
CHM 1152	General Chemistry II	4
CHM 1104	General Chemistry Lab II	1
CSC 1051	Algorithms & Data Struc I	4
MAT 1500	Calculus I	4
MAT 1505	Calculus II	4
	Approved Physics with Labs	8
	Science Major Statistics	3
	Approved Math or Computing Elective	3
SCI 5300	Capstone Seminar	3
	Approved Science Electives	18

Core Curriculum Requirements (33 credits)

Comprehensive Science Majors meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- Core Math (3 cr)
- Natural Science (8 cr)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (24 credits)

Students with a Comprehensive Science primary major have twenty-four (24) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- Major Credits: 65 credits
- Core Credits: 33 credits
- Free Electives Credits: 24 credits
- Total Required Credits: 122 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Comprehensive Science as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.