

Bachelor of Arts with a major in Biology

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Oakland University Requirements	Southwestern Michigan College Options
BIO 1200 & 1201	BIOL 101
BIO 1300	BIOL 102
Approved Biology Elective options (choose only one): <i>Please plan Biology elective courses with the assistance of a College of Arts & Sciences Adviser at OU</i>	BIOL 202, 214, 215 (extra credits earned may count toward general electives)
CHM 1440 & 1470	CHEM 101
CHM 1450 & 1480	CHEM 102
CHM 2340	CHEM 201
PHY 1010 & 1100 or PHY 1510 & 1100	PHYS 101 or PHYS 201
PHY 1020 & 1100 or PHY 1520 & 1110	PHYS 102 or PHYS 202
MTH 1441	MATH 130

Students may transfer an unlimited amount of credit from Southwestern, and must complete a minimum of 45 credit hours from OU to meet degree requirements. As programs may limit the transfer credits that can be used toward requirements, **it is highly recommended that students work with both an OU (school/college) academic adviser and their Southwestern counselor to maximize the applicability of coursework to specific requirements.**

TRANSFERRING WITH THE MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT (MTA):

When choosing to complete MTA to satisfy General Education, please confirm the best courses to take to fulfill the agreement with your academic adviser at Southwestern or at the [Southwestern MTA](#) website. Completing MTA when following this major guide will satisfy OU's transferrable General Education requirements.

Additional course requirements for MTA when following this major guide (minimum 30 credit hours required for MTA):

ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W (MTA Approved English Composition Course)
ENGL 104 (MTA Approved English Composition Course; this is a prerequisite for coursework at OU)
Two MTA Approved Social Science Courses
Two MTA Approved Humanities Courses

TRANSFERRING WITHOUT MTA:

If you intend to transfer without MTA, you can choose to complete additional coursework to fulfill OU's individual General Education categories instead. When following this major guide, please reference the [Southwestern Michigan College General Education Transfer Guide](#) for the Southwestern courses that satisfy these specific OU General Education categories:

- Writing Foundations
- Arts
- Language and Culture
- Global Perspective
- Literature
- Social Science
- Western Civilization
- U.S. Diversity

EXPLORATORY REQUIREMENT:

Students with majors in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) must satisfy an exploratory requirement. This can be done by completing a double major or a CAS minor or concentration; or by completing a minimum of 12 credits in a single CAS rubric, outside of their major rubric. For additional options visit oakland.edu/exploratory. Please confirm transfer course choices with an OU CAS adviser. ***Students using MTA or MACRAO must complete the exploratory requirement at Oakland University or another four-year institution.***

NOTES:

Oakland University will always honor the **MACRAO transfer agreement** and apply it to the General Education requirement the same as MTA.

The College of Arts and Sciences requires that a minimum of 16 credits in the major be completed at Oakland University.

Please contact [College of Arts and Sciences Advising](#) at (248) 370-4567 for more information regarding degree requirements.