

To major in Biology or Biochemistry a student must first perform well as a 'premajor', earning at least a C+ average (2.3 GPA) in their first two required biology lecture courses taken at Geneseo. For most students this would be BIOL 117 and 119. Students unsure of their readiness for college science may choose to start with BIOL 105/106 as a preparatory course before taking BIOL 117/119.

The premajor also applies to students with credit (from an AP Biology score or from the transfer of college credits) for BIOL 117 and/or 119. The required lecture courses after BIOL 117 and 119 are: BIOL 203 and 222 (for biology majors) and BIOL 222 and 300 (for biochemistry majors). Students with AP or college credit for part of the required course sequence are strongly encouraged to talk with someone from the Biology Department before choosing courses.

Students performing poorly as a pre-major can choose to withdraw from a required lecture course rather than earn a grade that will make it difficult to achieve a C+ average; however, this may make it difficult to graduate in eight semesters.