

BIOLOGY (BA) - SECONDARY EDUCATION TRACK

Admission Requirements

In order to declare a major in biology, a student is required to have an overall GPA of 2.5. During the sophomore year, students intending to complete a teacher education program make formal application to the teacher education program. Normally, this occurs after the student has completed three semesters of full-time course work. Application is made to the COEHP Office of Student Advising and Field Experiences. For a list of current admission requirements, go to https://safe.columbusstate.edu/teacher_ed.php.

Additional Program Requirements

Students must receive a grade of "C" or better for all classes in Areas D, F, G, and H. Classes with grades lower than a "C" cannot be used to satisfy prerequisite requirements for courses required in the major. To complete a degree in biology, students must obtain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 in all science courses applied to graduation. For teacher certification, students must obtain a minimum overall and CSU grade point average of 2.5. Prior to the student teaching semester, students must meet all requirements for admission to Student Teaching. For a list of current requirements, go to https://safe.columbusstate.edu/stu_teach.php.

To be recommended for teacher certification, students must pass the GACE Biology Test I and Test II (for additional information on the GACE, go to <https://gace.ets.org/>).