# Major Course Requirements

A minimum of 85.5 hours (29.5 upper-division hours)

**Required Core Courses (68.5 hours):**
- BIOL 111+112+113 Biological Foundations 5+5+5
- BIOL 222 Introduction to Research Methods 2
- CHEM 111+112+113 General Chemistry 5+5+5
- INF 115 Intro to Computer Programming 4
- MATH 131+132 Calculus I,II 4+4
- MATH 265 Elementary Linear Algebra 4
- MATH 269 Elementary Differential Equations 4
- MATH 275 Logic and Sets 4
- MATH 284 Biomathematics 4
- MATH 285 Mathematical Modeling 4
- MATH 390 Seminar .5
- MATH 400 Senior Seminar 1
- STAT 222 Statistical Methods 3

**Required Core Electives (17 hours):**

At least 17 hours from the following courses: 17

(Include at least one MATH course and two BIOL courses)

- BIOL 320 Cell and Molecular Biology (4)
- BIOL 328 Animal Behavior (4)
- BIOL 331 Marine Science (4)
- BIOL 338 Field Biology (3)
- BIOL 348 Systems Physiology (5)
- BIOL 354 Genetics (4)
- BIOL 430 Neurobiology (4)
- BIOL 469 Immunology (4)
- CHEM 371+372 Organic Chemistry I,II (4+4)
- MATH 331 Probability Theory (3)
- MATH 332 Mathematical Statistics (3)
- MATH 351+352 Intro to Abstract Algebra I,II (4+3)
- MATH 355 Combinatorics (4)
- MATH 375 Numerical Analysis (4)
- MATH 421+422 Elementary Real Analysis I,II (4+3)
- MATH 425 Complex Analysis (4)
- MATH 465 Linear Algebra (4)
- CHEM 373 Organic Chemistry III (4)
- CHEM 481 Biochemistry (4)
- PHYS 111+112+113 General Physics (4+4+4)
- or
- PHYS 211+212+213 Physics with Calculus (4+4+4)

*Recommended Cognate Courses:*
- CHEM 373 Organic Chemistry III (4)
- CHEM 481 Biochemistry (4)
- PHYS 111+112+113 General Physics (4+4+4)
- or
- PHYS 211+212+213 Physics with Calculus (4+4+4)

Many of the required and elective courses for this major carry pre-requisites; consult with the major advisor to select and sequence all courses.

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# Student Learning Outcomes

**Students can:**
- Demonstrate proficiency in the basic problem-solving skills and problem-solving methods of calculus, elementary linear algebra, elementary differential equations, and statistics.
- Demonstrate basic competence with the concepts and constructs of general chemistry and biology.
- Apply mathematical methods in the modeling of various biological phenomena.
- Communicate modeling methods and results in appropriate written and oral form to peers as well as to people with less scientific and mathematical background.
- Perform as an effective member of a mathematical modeling team.
- Display familiarity with various technologies commonly used for mathematical investigations.

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# Occupational Information

**What can I do with this major?**

The Biomathematics major is an attractive way to prepare for medical school or dental school. The major provides excellent preparation for graduate study leading to a Master's Degree in Public Health with emphasis in Biostatistics. A growing area of biological research uses sophisticated mathematics to study genetics, population fluctuations, and metabolic functions. This major provides entry to such graduate programs as Biomathematics, Biostatistics, Mathematical Biology, and Biometrics.

**Additional Education Required?**

The normal career paths leading from a Bachelor's degree with a major in Biomathematics all require an advanced degree.

**Public Sector vs. Denominational**

The fields of health and medicine, as well as teaching, provide numerous opportunities in the public sector and within the denomination.

**Job Outlook**

Health care jobs such as medicine and dentistry continue to show a high demand. Biostatisticians should experience employment growth, primarily because of the growing pharmaceuticals business. As pharmaceutical companies develop new treatments and medical technologies, biostatisticians will be needed to do research and clinical trials.
General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major, please refer to page A-01, Summary of General Education Requirements: B.S. Degree.

How to Construct Your Own Program

1. Counsel with your advisor.
2. Consider your aptitudes, interests, and available courses.
3. Schedule major courses and cognates first.
4. Fill the rest of your schedule with G.E. requirements.
5. For the freshman year include English, Religion, and PE courses. Also include Basic Algebra I+II unless waived by previous work.

What the Degree Includes

A total of 192 quarter hours including:
1. A minimum of 60 upper division hours.
2. General Education requirements.
3. Major requirements.
4. Minimum 2.0 GPA, overall and major.

For More Information

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Sample Four-Year Program

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

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