

Sample Four Year Plan

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (BS), Pre-Med Track

This sample academic plan was developed by the Pre-Med Committee to assist students interested in pursuing medical school after graduation from Truman with course sequencing. The listed courses fulfill the Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (BS) degree requirements while also incorporating prerequisites required by most medical schools. For a list of suggested pre-medical prerequisite courses, click here.

Semester 1

- BCMB 145: Freshman Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Seminar (1 cr)
- CHEM 130: Chemical Principles I (4 cr)
- BIOL 107: Cells, Molecules, and Genes (4 cr)
- TRU 120: First Year Seminar (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

Semester 3

- CHEM 245: Sophomore Chemistry Seminar (1 cr)
- BIOL 330: Cell Biology OR BIOL 300: Genetics (4
- CHEM 329: Organic Chemistry I (3 cr)
- CHEM 275: Intro to Inorganic Principles (1 cr)
- MATH 263: Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (4 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

Semester 5

- BCMB elective with lab (****) (3-4 cr)
- CHEM 345: Junior Chemistry Seminar (1 cr)
- CHEM 332: Organic Chemistry II Lab (**) (1 cr)
- CHEM 335: Biochemistry I Structure and Function (3 cr)
- PHYS 185: College Physics I (***) (4 cr)

Semester 7

- BCMB 445: Senior Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Capstone Seminar $(1\ cr)$
- CHEM 323: Thermodynamics and Kinetics (3 cr)
- CHEM 324: Thermodynamics and Kinetics Lab (2 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum courses (9 cr)

Semester 2

- CHEM 131: Chemical Principles II (4 cr)
- MATH 198: Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (5 cr)
- STAT 190: Basic Statistics (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

Semester 4

- BIOL 300: Genetics OR BIOL 330: Cell Biology (4 cr)
- CHEM 331: Organic Chemistry II (3 cr)
- CHEM 330: Organic Chemistry I Lab (**) (1 cr)
- CHEM 312: WE/Foundations of Chemical Analysis (5 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

Semester 6

- BCMB elective 2 (****) (3-4 cr)
- PHYS 186: College Physics II (***) (4 cr)
- JINS 3XX: WE/Junior Interdisciplinary Seminar (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum courses (6 cr)

Semester 8

- **BCMB elective 3** (****) (3-4 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum courses (12 cr)

NOTES:

- Typically, students planning to enter medical school will take PSYC 166: General Psychology or a similar course as part of the Dialogues curriculum or as an elective course.
- (**) = Organic Chemistry I and II Labs (CHEM 330 and CHEM 332) can be replaced by CHEM 333: Organic Chemistry Laboratory (2 credits)
- (***) = PHYS 195/196 also possible which would add 1 credit hour each semester
- WE = Writing Enhanced course
- If you have not completed the Civics Exam, we recommend doing so in your **first year**.
- Truman students are required to complete a Portfolio to graduate. We recommend starting to

- compile your work for the Portfolio sooner than later.
- Students must complete their Application to Graduate **the semester prior to graduating**. Apply to graduate through TruView.
- Graduating seniors need to complete their seniors test and questionnaire. We recommend reviewing the <u>Assessment & Testing page</u> to plan accordingly.
- **The Dialogues curriculum** requires a certain number of courses/credit hours in the following Perspectives: Social, Arts and Humanities, STEM, Communications, and Statistics. The exact number of courses a student will be required to take during their undergraduate career varies individually according to the credit transferred in.

Department Chair: Please contact the <u>Center for Academic Excellence</u> with any updates to the plan above. Revised 10-4-2025.