



Bachelor of Science

BIOLOGY, LIFE SCIENCE CERTIFICATION

GRADES 7-12 Psychology Minor Degree Map | 2020-2024

	YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE	ACADEMIC ADVISING	ENRICHING EXPERIENCES	LIFELONG SUCCESS
Freshman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least 30 hours during your freshman year. Pass ALL courses with a C or better. Make sure that you have the prerequisites for a course before you enroll. Pass all prerequisite courses with a C or better. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in New Student Orientation Meet with your Academic Advising Center Freshman Advisor before registration. Talk with your advisor about the certification process. Register for classes as soon you are able to. 	<p>Prioritize Your Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in campus recreation Attend Financial Literacy seminars Form healthy study habits <p>Build Your Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use FalconLink & attend Club Day Volunteer Attend campus events <p>Explore Your World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an athletics event, musical performance, or visit the art gallery Read books for enjoyment. 	<p>Build Your Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft your resume Register for the Job Board <p>Craft Your Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore career options Meet with your instructors during their office hours: These individuals may be writing recommendation letters for you in the future.
Sophomore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least 30 hours during your sophomore year. Pass all courses with a C or better. Make sure that you have the prerequisites for each of your courses and that you have passed these prerequisites with a C or better. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your Academic Advising Center Sophomore Advisor before registration. Talk with your advisor about your progress in the certification process. Register for classes as soon as you are able to. 	<p>Prioritize Your Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy outdoor spaces on campus <p>Build Your Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join an organization (ex: Biology Club) Explore campus leadership (SGA, Orientation Leader, Resident Asst.) Volunteer to tutor students at a local school or community org. <p>Explore Your World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend a lecture series 	<p>Build Your Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update your resume Join LinkedIn Consider student employment <p>Craft Your Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in mock interviews Complete the requirements for admission to the certification program. Apply for admission to the Teacher Preparation Program during the spring semester.
Junior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least 30 hours during your junior year. Pass all courses with a C or better. Make sure that you have the prerequisites for each of your courses and that you have passed these prerequisites with a C or better. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your Biology Advisor as soon as you have been assigned one. Meet with your Certification Advisor in the College of Education. Register for classes as soon as you are able to. 	<p>Prioritize Your Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend a health fair <p>Build Your Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run for organization officer role Apply to be a Falcon Ambassador <p>Explore Your World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider study abroad Participate in service learning 	<p>Build Your Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update your resume <p>Craft Your Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your Education professors. Ask about their research and experiences. Begin preparing for the Life Science 7-12 and PPR TEXES exams.
Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the remaining hours for your degree during your senior year. Pass all courses with a C or better. Make sure you have the prerequisites for each of your courses and that you have passed these prerequisites with a C or better. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your Biology Advisor as soon as you have been assigned one. Meet with your Certification Advisor about your progress in the certification process. Register for classes as soon as you are able to. 	<p>Prioritize Your Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend financial literacy seminars <p>Build Your Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend your ring ceremony Join Alumni Association upon graduation <p>Explore Your World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider study abroad (summer prior to senior year) 	<p>Build Your Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update your resume <p>Craft Your Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the requirements for Student Teaching during the fall semester. Pass the Life Science 7-12 and PPR TEXES exams by the end of the spring semester. Apply for certification at the end of the spring semester. Apply for teaching positions for the fall.

UTPB students will graduate with these skills:

- Empirical and Quantitative Skills
- Adaptability
- Communication
- Planning and Organization
- Research
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking

Career opportunities:

- Middle or High School Biology Teacher
- Science Educator for nonprofit organization



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Semester 1

BIOL 1306/1106 General Biology I
 PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology
 ENGL 1301 Composition I
 MATH 1314 College Algebra
 COMM 1315 Introduction to Public Speaking
 UNIV 1101 Freshman Seminar

17 hours

Semester 2

BIOL 1307/1107 General Biology II
 PSYC 3341 Child/Adolescent Psychology
 ENGL 1302 Composition II
 PSYC 3301 Introductory Statistics
 COSC 1335 Computers and Problem Solving ()

16 hours

Semester 3

CHEM 1311/1111 General Chemistry I
 HIST 1301 U.S. History to 1877
 EDUC 3352 The Exceptional Child

PSYC elective
 3000 Level BIOL elective

17 hours

Semester 4

CHEM 1312/1112 General Chemistry II
 HIST 1302 U.S. History since 1877
 EDUC 4362 Foundations of Bilingualism or Multiculturalism

BIOL 3372 Ecology
 3000 Level BIOL elective

17 hours

Semester 5

CHEM 3311/3113 Organic Chemistry I
 PLSC 2305 American National Politics
 EDUC 4322 Classroom Instruction and Management
 2000 Level ENGL elective
 EDUC 4326 Reading in the Content Areas OR
 BIOL 4340/4340R Genetics

16 hours

Semester 6

PSYC elective
 PLSC 2306 State and Local Politics
 EDUC 4326 Reading in the Content Areas OR
 BIOL 4340/4340R Genetics
 Creative Arts General Education course
 BIOL 3300/3101 Microbiology
 OR BIOL 3324/3125 Cell Biology

16 hours

Semester 7

PSYC elective
 NTSC 4311 History and Philosophy of Science
 BIOL 4342 Evolution
 EDUC 4376 Teaching Science: Grades 7-12
 3000 or 4000 BIOL elective

16-17 hours

Semester 8

EDUC 4099 Seminar: Student Teaching
 EDUC 4385 Student Teaching: Grades 7-12

6 hours