

Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Overview

The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics offers a diverse range of courses, programs and degrees (B.Sc., B.A., M.Sc.) in Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Pre Medicine and Physics and Astronomy.

Students enrolled in the experimental science classes receive extensive laboratory experience. Laboratories are well equipped and laboratory courses are instructed by the regular faculty. Laboratories and classes tend to be small (often fewer than 20 students) and students are able to obtain essential feedback from Professors. The Division also offers students free help in learning mathematics/statistics, physics and computer science through Help Centres staffed with upper year students and/or professional tutors, under the supervision of Faculty members. The Bishop's University Astronomical Observatory is also available for graduate and undergraduate research as well as for public viewing.

Graduates from the Division pursue careers in many diverse fields. In recent years these careers have included, but are not limited to: medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, biomedical research, engineering, actuarial science, statistics, software engineering, pharmacology, physiotherapy, secondary and primary school science teaching and the chemical industry.

Degrees and Programs

Detailed descriptions of the degrees and programs offered are found under the respective Departmental sections of this calendar. The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics offers selected Masters of Science (M.Sc.) degrees and a wide range of programs leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) or Bachelor of Arts (B.A) degrees with Honours or Majors specialization. In addition, several departments offer Minor programs that can be added to one's Honours/Major program, and Computer Science offers a certificate program. Please see the complete list of programs in Table I below.

Divisional Major

The Division offers an entry level program for a limited number of students, allowing them to register as Divisional Majors (rather than into a specific program) for a maximum of two semesters. After two semesters of full-time study are completed, students must enrol into a specific program (Major). Students who are not accepted into one of the regular programs must consult with the Dean of Science to determine an academic plan.

Length of Degrees and Collegial Equivalent Science Courses

All students admitted into their first Bachelor's degree come into a 4-year, 120-credit program. Students having a Québec collegial diploma (DEC), as well as Mature students (please consult the Admission section of the calendar for the definition of Mature status), will be granted up to one year of advanced credits (30 credits) if they have completed all the collegial courses that are equivalent to the introductory science courses which must be taken as part of the various science programs. CEGEP/Bishop's course equivalencies are listed below; Bishop's collegial-equivalent science courses that must be completed in each of our science programs are listed in Table II. Note that the labs that are associated with many of these courses (e.g. the course BIO 196 has an associated lab named BIL 196), must be taken concurrently.

Cellular/Molecular Biology	BIO 196
General Chemistry	CHM 191
Solutions Chemistry	CHM 192
Differential Calculus	MAT 191
Integral Calculus	MAT 192
Mechanics	PHY 191 or PHY 193
Electricity and Magnetism	PHY 192 or PHY 194

Arts and Science Requirement

In addition to the courses listed in Table II, in order to encourage students enrolled in the Division of Natural Sciences & Mathematics to broaden the scope of their education, all majors and honours are required to complete at least three credits in either the Division of Humanities or the Division of Social Sciences. While this requirement will not in itself ensure against excessive specialization, it is hoped that it will lead students to find and pursue various areas of interest. Students with program combinations which require more than 72 credits are exempt from this requirement.

Advanced Placement

The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics grants credit for successful completion of AP examinations in the Sciences as follows. Note that a minimum score of 4 is required. When applicable, credit will also be granted for the lab that is associated with the course (e.g. the course BIO 196 and associated lab BIL 196).

Biology	BIO 196
Chemistry	CHM 191 and CHM 192
Computer Science AB	CS 311
Mathematics BC	MAT 191 and MAT 192
Physics C-Mechanics	PHY 191 (or PHY 193)
Physics C-Electricity	PHY 192 (or PHY 194)

Table I: Programs Offered

Department/Program	Concentration	Degree type	Specialization Level
Biology and Biochemistry		B.Sc.	Honours, Major, Minor
Biology and Biochemistry / Biology	Health Science	B.Sc., B.A	Honours, Major
	Biodiversity and Ecology	B.Sc., B.A	Honours, Major
	Biology		Minor
Chemistry		B.Sc.	Honours, Major, Minor
Computer Science		M.Sc.	
		B.Sc.	Honours, Major, Minor
		Certificate	
	Information Technology	B.A.	Major
Environment and Geography (Social Science Division)	Environmental Science	B.Sc.	Honours, Major, Minor
Mathematics		B.Sc., B.A	Honours, Major, Minor
	Matemáticas en Español	B.Sc., B.A	Honours, Major
	Mathematical Contexts		Minor
Physics		M.Sc.	
		B.Sc.	Honours, Major, Minor
Psychology (Social Science Division)	Neuroscience	B.Sc.	Honours, Major

Table II: Collegial-equivalent courses

Department/Program	Biology	Chemistry	Mathematics	Physics	Humanities*
Biology and Biochemistry	BIO 196	CHM 191	MAT 198	PHY 191 or PHY 193	ENG 116 + 1**
		CHM 192	MAT 199	PHY 192 or PHY 194	
Biology and Biochemistry/ Biology B.Sc	BIO 196	CHM 191	MAT 198	PHY 191 or BIO 193	ENG 116 + 1**
		CHM 192	MAT 199	PHY 192 or PHY 194	
Biology B.A.	BIO 196				ENG 116 + 1**
Chemistry		CHM 191	MAT 198	PHY 191	ENG 116 + 1**
		CHM 192	MAT 199	PHY 192	
Computer Science B.Sc.			MAT 191	PHY 191	ENG 116 + 1**
			MAT 192	PHY 192	
Information Technology B.A.			MAT 196		ENG 116 + 1**
			MAT 197		
Environment and Geography*** (Environmental Science)	BIO 196	CHM 191	MAT 198	PHY 193	
		CHM 192	MAT 199	PHY 194	
Mathematics B.Sc.			MAT 191	PHY 191	ENG 116 + 1**
			MAT 192	PHY 192	
Mathematics B.A.			MAT 191		ENG 116 + 1**
			MAT 192		
Physics		CHM 191	MAT 191	PHY 191	ENG 116 + 1**
		CHM 192	MAT 192	PHY 192	
Psychology*** (Neuroscience)	BIO 196	CHM 191	MAT 191 or MAT 198	PHY 191 or PHY 193	
		CHM 192	MAT 192 or MAT 199	PHY 192 or PHY 194	

* Any CEGEP DEC fulfils the Humanities requirement

** ENG 116 (Effective Writing) can be replaced by another English course (coded 'ENG'). The second humanities course can be selected from the 100- or 200-level courses in the following disciplines: Classical Studies (CLA), English (ENG), History (HIS), Liberal Arts (LIB), Philosophy (PHI) and Religion, Society and Culture (RSC)

*** The Environment and Geography Department and the Psychology department are part of the Social Science Division.

Transfers from other Universities and Colleges

Students entering a program in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics from another Canadian University or College, or from accredited international post-secondary institutions, will have their transcripts of grades examined individually for possible transfer credit against a Bishop's program's requirements. Please consult the Admission section of this Calendar or the Admissions Office, admissions@ubishops.ca for details.

Transfers from other programs at Bishop's University

Bishop's students wishing to transfer into a program offered by the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics normally require a cumulative average of 65% on all courses attempted at Bishop's. Students whose average is below 65% may still register in courses offered in the Division, subject to the normal regulations regarding course registration in the University. Program transfers are not normally permitted in a student's first semester of studies at Bishop's University.

Graduation "with Distinction"

The notation "with Distinction" will appear on the transcript of students who graduate with a cumulative average of 80% or more. It is only available for first degree students.

Department of Biology and Biochemistry

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Program Overview

Our programs cover a wide range of subjects, all with the central focus of the components and processes of life. Whether it is studying biologically important molecules or entire ecosystems, our courses are designed to help students gain an understanding of the content and to develop their own abilities to further explore the subject. Many of our graduates go on to professional and graduate studies in medicine, dentistry, veterinary school, forestry, wildlife biology, microbiology, and biotechnology; while others go into direct employment in the biotechnology sector, conservation, agriculture, education, or the allied health fields. The best attribute of our department is its teachers. Our faculty members are dedicated to undergraduate education and thrive on helping students develop their knowledge and skills both inside and outside the classroom. This dedication coupled with a strong faculty culture of inquiry and research, encourages students to develop an analytical approach to investigating the world around them. This is further facilitated by an extensive focus on hands-on learning in our modern and well equipped laboratory facilities. For those students interested in biochemistry or health sciences, our proximity and continued collaboration with the Université de Sherbrooke provides our students, both Francophones and Anglophones, access to some of the leading researchers in Canada in biochemistry, physiology, cellular and molecular biology, medicine, and microbiology. For those interested in ecology, the rural setting of Bishop's coupled with its proximity