

Beyond the First Year: Hints for Biology Major Course Choices

- In general, take no more than two science courses with lab in any one semester. Similarly, during summer mini-semesters one course with lab and one without is normal. Two courses with lab is allowed but it may be difficult to schedule.
- During the second year students should take organic chemistry (CHMU311/12 and CHMU313/314) and genetics (BIOU301/302). The Biology Department will control registration in genetics during the fall semester; students permitted to take the course, based on major and division, will be pre-registered. Some exceptions can be made after the PASS period is over.
- Each fall semester there will be at least one advanced elective that does not require genetics or organic chemistry.
- The second year is a good time to take free electives.
- Physics can wait. Since physics is not a pre-requisite for other courses, students should wait until they finish those courses that are pre-requisites (organic chemistry and genetics).
- If required courses are full please check with an advisor; often these courses can be expanded.
- The choices for Advanced Writing in the Disciplines are ENGU301 and ENGU307. The English Department encourages students to take this course as soon as possible after completing 64 SH.
- Before taking Biology Capstone (BIOU701) you must complete the experiential education requirement.
- A schedule of biology electives that will be offered each semester is available at the Biology website (<http://www.biology.neu.edu/>).
- Whenever possible intermediate and advanced electives will be offered in both divisions; if not they will be alternated from year to year.

Advising is available every day on a walk-in basis - Please see the schedule on the web:

<http://www.biology.neu.edu/bioadvising.html>