First-Year Fall Semester Schedule: Biology Majors

The liberal arts curriculum of Georgetown College strikes a balance between structure and freedom. The structure is contained in the core requirements which will be the focus of your academic efforts during your first and sophomore years. However, there is a great deal of freedom within those requirements. As you fulfill your requirements, you will be introduced to new ways of perceiving the world, to methods and disciplines that will enrich your analytic and critical abilities, and to areas of study you may not have encountered before.

In your first semester in the College, you will select a schedule of four courses. As a Biology major pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree, three of your courses will be major requirements. For the remaining course you will choose from among the following areas:

- Writing
- Humanities: Arts, Literatures, and Cultures
- History
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Foreign Language
- Courses Engaging Diversity
- Free Electives

The Department of Biology recommends that Biology majors take four courses in their first semester because the three science/math courses alone will equal 14.5 credits. If you are taking Biology, Chemistry, and Calculus you should only add one core requirement to your schedule. If you have AP credit for Calculus and will only be taking two math-science courses, then you may register for five total courses. The approval of Professor Anne Rosenwald (anne.rosenwald@georgetown.edu), Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Biology, is required in order to take five courses.

In making your selections, please read carefully the other information and resources found at college.georgetown.edu/guide-to-prereg. As you plan, please note that students in the College are not permitted to take more than one course per department per semester until the junior year.

Your first semester schedule will look like this:

**COURSE 1:**  
- BIOL 103 (Biology Lecture) and BIOL 113 (Biology Lab)  
- BIOL 101 (.5 credit Biology seminar – not considered a separate course)

**COURSE 2:**  
- CHEM 001 (Chemistry Lecture) and CHEM 009 (Chemistry Lab)*

**COURSE 3:**  
- MATH 035 (Calculus I) unless you have received AP credit for Calculus I. In that case you should preregister for a second core requirement or an elective course.

**COURSE 4:**  
- core requirement (ex: Writing or Foreign Language)

You have already been enrolled in specific sections of these Biology and Chemistry courses. You can find your section numbers and meeting times by viewing your schedule in MyAccess. You do not need to re-enter these courses while registering.

Although we hope you create your preregistration schedule deliberately and thoughtfully, please note that you may not receive a seat in every course you select. Not to worry. You will have the opportunity to adjust or
complete your course schedule during registration in late August. Remember that preregistration is the first of several steps in constructing a final schedule.

*If you received a 5 on the Chemistry AP exam you will receive 3 credits for CHEM 001 and need not take the course. However, you will still need to take the Chemistry Lab. If you scored a 5 on the AP Chemistry exam and take CHEM 001, you will forfeit your AP credit. If you do not need to take CHEM 001 please email Dean Chiarolanzio at chiarolt@georgetown.edu so we can delete it from your schedule. Please note: Pre-med students must take CHEM 001 even if they received a 5 on the Chemistry AP exam.