

### Sample 3-Year Plan, With Summer Sessions

Some students may desire to complete the PLB B.S. degree in less than four years. However, completing a Plant Biology degree in three years is not recommended for most students for the reasons below. Students interested in attempting this *must* meet with a BASC adviser to form an individual plan. The 3-year plan shown is just a sample.

- Only students with exceptional ability and study habits should consider this plan. The preparatory and depth courses for PLB majors are challenging and build upon one another. Students normally need time to practice and assimilate material in prerequisite courses to effectively learn material in subsequent courses. Completing the major in three years would not allow this for the majority of students.
- A key aspect of the educational experience for Plant Biology majors is carrying out internships and/or research outside of the classroom, over multiple quarters. Such experience is needed for students to directly obtain employment upon graduation, or to be competitive for admission to professional and graduate programs. The heavy course load during the year and summer required to finish in 3 years makes it difficult to obtain the necessary in-depth experience.
- A three-year schedule is time-intensive and should only be considered by students who do not need outside employment while attending the University.
- Course offerings are subject to change and the suggested courses may not be available as listed; summer offerings of science courses are limited. Students must evaluate course offerings each quarter and work with BASC advisers to optimize their schedule.
- **Major and GE requirements do not complete the 64 upper division unit requirement, therefore some electives must be upper division, research, internship, etc. to complete this requirement.**

	Fall		Winter		Spring		Summer I		Summer II	
Year 1	BIS 2B	5	BIS 2C	5	BIS 2A	5	MAT 17C	4	STA 100	4
	CHE 2A or 3A	5	CHE 2B or 3B	5	CHE 2C or 3C	5	GE	3		
	EC	4	MAT 17A	4	MAT 17B	4				
	GE	4	GE	4	GE	4				
	FRS	2	FRS	2	BIS 5	1				
		<u>20</u>		<u>20</u>		<u>19</u>		<u>7</u>		<u>4</u>
Year 2	CHE 8A	2	CHE 8B	4	PLB 112	3	BIS 103	3	BIS 104	3
	PHY 7A	4	PHY 7B	4	PLB 112D	1				
	PLB 105	5	BIS 101	4	PHY 7C	4				
	GE	4	BIS 101D	1	BIS 102	3				
			RESEARCH	3	RE	4				
		<u>15</u>		<u>16</u>		<u>15</u>		<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
Year 3	PLB 111	3	RE	4	RE	3	GE	4	GE	3
	PLB 111D	1	RE	4	ELECTIVES (UD)	4	GE	3	GE	3
	RESEARCH	3	ELECTIVES (UD)	4	ELECTIVES	8				
	EC	4	ELECTIVES	3						
	ELECTIVES	4								
		<u>15</u>		<u>15</u>		<u>15</u>		<u>7</u>		<u>6</u>

Abbreviations: EC = College English Composition Requirement (lower & upper division); GE = General Education (see an adviser for categories covered by major courses); RE = Restricted Elective for the major