

BIOTECHNOLOGY - B.S.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Biological Sciences
Department of Chemistry

Examples of Possible Careers*

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

Biological technicians

- 4.9% about as fast as the average
- 87,500 number of jobs
- \$46,340 potential earnings

Medical scientists, except epidemiologists

- 6.1% faster than the average
- 138,300 number of jobs
- \$91,510 potential earnings

Biological scientists, all other

- 2.2% slower than the average
- 44,700 number of jobs
- \$85,290 potential earnings

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Fully Offered

- Kent Campus

*Note

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description

The Bachelor of Science degree in Biotechnology is an interdisciplinary program that provides a strong academic foundation in biological sciences and chemistry, practical training in the various biotechnologies and a solid understanding of their application in industry and biomedicine. The science of biotechnology extends across many areas of biology and chemistry and provides cutting-edge technology tools for modern biology and biomedical research. The curriculum includes a

research experience at Kent State and/or an internship at a biotechnology company.

Biotechnology graduates have employment opportunities in biomedical research and in the rapidly growing biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Apply knowledge and information to complex issues in biotechnology
2. Use problem-solving and data-gathering skills to comprehend issues in biotechnology.
3. Develop inductive reasoning and technical communications skills in the context of working in a complex group environment.
4. Analyze scientific papers and expand skills for listening to and critiquing scientific seminars based on the literature or current research.
5. Effectively communicate scientific information.
6. Develop collaborative working relationships with research mentors and laboratory members.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
BSCI 10120	BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (KBS) (KLAB)	4
BSCI 30140	CELL BIOLOGY	4
BSCI 30156	ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	3
BSCI 30171	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	4
BSCI 40158	MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	3
BTEC 10210	INTRODUCTION TO BIOTECHNOLOGY	3
BTEC 40191	SEMINAR: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY	1
BTEC 40192	INTERNSHIP IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (ELR)	6-12
or BTEC 40196	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (ELR)	
BTEC 40210	CASE STUDIES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (WIC)	3
BTEC 40220	BIOINFORMATICS	3
BUS 10123	EXPLORING BUSINESS	3
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4

CHEM 10061	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4
CHEM 10062	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
CHEM 10063	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
CHEM 20481	BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	4
CHEM 30284	INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	4
CHEM 40251	ADVANCED BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY (WIC) (min grade C) ¹	2
CHEM 40262	PRINCIPLES OF BIOCHEMISTRY II	3
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
MATH 30011	BASIC PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	3
PHIL 30015	MEDICINE AND MORALITY	3
PHY 13001	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
PHY 13021	GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Major Electives, choose from the following:		9
BSCI 30518	VERTEBRATE ANATOMY	
BSCI 40143	EUKARYOTIC CELL BIOLOGY	
BSCI 40159	MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LABORATORY (ELR) (WIC)	
BSCI 40174	IMMUNOLOGY	
CHEM 30105	ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY I	
CHEM 30107	ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY I (WIC)	
CHEM 30301	INORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	
CHEM 30475	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LABORATORY I (ELR)	
CHEM 40567	PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY FOR LIFE SCIENCES	
PSYC 41363	BIOPSYCHOLOGY	
Upper-Division Electives (30000 or 40000 level) approved by program director		

Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
CS 10051	INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE (KMCR)	4
PHIL 21001	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		8
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		6
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
General Elective (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)		1
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.S.

- Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 8 credit hours of foreign language.¹
- Minimum Elementary I and II of the same language

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All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 8 credit hours and two courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	BSCI 10120 BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS (KBS) (KLAB)	4
!	CHEM 10060 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	4
!	CHEM 10062 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
	MATH 12002 ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	5
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Credit Hours		15
Semester Two		
	BSCI 30140 CELL BIOLOGY	4
	BTEC 10210 INTRODUCTION TO BIOTECHNOLOGY	3
	CHEM 10061 GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	4
	CHEM 10063 GENERAL CHEMISTRY II LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Three		
	BSCI 30171 GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	4
	CHEM 20481 BASIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I	4
	PHIL 21001 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
Foreign Language		4
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
	BSCI 30156 ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	3
	CS 10051 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER SCIENCE (KMCR)	4
	PHY 13001 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS)	4
	PHY 13021 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB)	1
Foreign Language		4
Credit Hours		16
Semester Five		
	BUS 10123 EXPLORING BUSINESS	3
	MATH 30011 BASIC PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	3
	PHIL 30015 MEDICINE AND MORALITY	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
General Elective		1
Credit Hours		16
Semester Six		
	BSCI 40158 MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	3
	CHEM 30284 INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	4
Major Elective		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Third Summer Term		
	BTEC 40192 INTERNSHIP IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (ELR)	2-6
or	BTEC 40196 or INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (ELR)	
Credit Hours		2

Semester Seven

BTEC 40191	SEMINAR: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY	1
BTEC 40210	CASE STUDIES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (WIC)	3
BTEC 40220	BIOINFORMATICS	3
Major Elective		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		13
Semester Eight		
BTEC 40192	INTERNSHIP IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (ELR)	4-6
or	or INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN BIOTECHNOLOGY (ELR)	
BTEC 40196		
CHEM 40251	ADVANCED BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY (WIC)	2
CHEM 40262	PRINCIPLES OF BIOCHEMISTRY II	3
Major Elective		3
Credit Hours		12
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120