

Tips for transferring to Pitt (Pittsburgh)

TO MAJOR IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Below we list course recommendations for current WCCC students intending to transfer to Pitt (Pittsburgh) to major in Biological Sciences. *These are just recommendations and General Education requirements and approved courses may change at any time without notice.* For more information about how courses transfer, please check the WCCC/Pitt Connection Transfer Guide and our Biology Transfer worksheet.

SKILLS and GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (for students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later)

1. Take your Seminar in Composition course. Your best option at WCCC is ENG 161: College Writing.
2. Take your Algebra requirement (must be completed before transfer). Options at WCCC include MTH 158: Precalculus and BUS 250: Calculus for Business. Or take **MTH 172**: Analytical Geometry and Calculus I and satisfy your Algebra and Quantitative Reasoning requirements as well as one of your BIOSC co-requisite courses.
3. Begin taking some Division Requirements. DSAS students need courses in Literature, Arts, Social Science, Historical Change, and more to satisfy their General Education Requirements. Check the DSAS Gen-Ed requirements and the Pitt-WCCC articulation agreement for specific courses that will fulfill these requirements. It is recommended that you take 1-2 gen-eds per term before you transfer.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS Please visit www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/advising and review the major requirements in more detail.

1. Take the General Biology sequence (**BIO 155 & 156**). Students need a grade of 'C' (not 'C-') or better in both parts to be eligible for the credits to transfer and to declare the Biological Sciences major at Pitt.
2. Take the General Chemistry sequence (**CHM 155 & 156**). Students need a grade of 'C' (not 'C-') or better in both parts to be eligible for the credits to transfer and to declare the Biological Sciences major at Pitt.
3. Take a math class or (even better!) two. Biological Sciences majors are required to take at least 2 math courses: Calculus 1 and Calculus 2 or Statistics. You can satisfy these courses by taking **MTH 172** (Calc 1) and either **MTH 173** (Calc 2) at WCCC.
4. Take the Organic Chemistry (**CHM 250 & 251**) and Physics (**PHY 155 & 156**) sequences. This will allow you to maximize your time taking Bio classes at Pitt. **Please note: to receive the Chemistry minor, you would need to complete at least half of the required courses at the Pittsburgh campus. These tips do not support this option, but are the best advice we can offer.*
5. Do NOT split your sequence courses (those that have a part 1 & part 2) between schools! For example, do NOT take Organic Chemistry 1 at one school and Organic Chemistry 2 at a different school. Different schools break the material up differently and you will likely be at a big disadvantage if you do this.

The above are just guidelines and recommendations. Student Records will officially evaluate your transcript when you apply to tell you how all of your courses transfer. At least 50% of the credits for majors and minors must be completed on the Pittsburgh campus.