Student Success Map for BIOLOGY BA

	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year
Create Classroom Success	 Meet with your Academic Advisor to review major requirements Take Biology for Majors, University Chemistry I & II, and Math courses Tour the CORD to locate the Writing Center and tutoring 	☐ Talk to a professor about your career plans, a research project, and/or grad school ☐ Check with your advisor on your progress ☐ Take Biology, Statistics, Chemistry and Physics courses	☐ Meet with your Academic Advisor to confirm you are ready to graduate☐ Take Biology elective courses
Find Campus Belonging	☐ Attend HillFest in September ☐ Join an RSO like Biology Club and/or read the "One Community, One Book" selection	☐ Increase your involvement in an RSO☐ Attend weekly departmental seminars	☐ Mentor a first-year student ☐ Take on a leadership role in an RSO
Make Local & Global Connections	☐ Find a service project on GivePulse☐ Attend the STEM Career Fair☐ Explore Study Abroad opportunities	☐ Study Abroad☐ Consider summer research, an REU, or an internship	☐ Attend a professional conference
Build Career Ready Skills	☐ Take the Career Readiness Inventory ☐ Pre-med? Work with a career coach to make your parallel plan for a back-up career path if plans change. Start now for success! ☐ Explore the STEM education minor, certificate, or licensure program	☐ Complete the Career Launch program ☐ Explore the PACE microcertificate and/or UA Career Ready Badge ☐ Visit "Careers for Biology Majors" SharePoint Site	☐ Take the Career Readiness Inventory & complete the First Destination Survey ☐ Career Connections is here to help you as a senior AND as an alum; call for an appointment any time after graduation.
Prep for Post- Graduation	☐ Talk to a Career Coach about on-campus and/or summer jobs ☐ Create LinkedIn & Handshake profiles ☐ Make an affordability plan with a financial aid counselor	 □ Do an internship (visit with a Career Coach or take ARSC 10401: Internship Readiness for help applying) □ Complete a Challenge Card assessment 	☐ Conduct 3 career conversations ☐ Meet with a Career Coach and/or faculty member for assistance applying for grad programs or jobs



Career Info for BIOLOGY BA

What are Career Ready Skills?

What skills does this major develop?

What graduate programs do majors often go into?

- Career and self-development
- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Perspective awareness
- Leadership experience
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technology

- Problem solving
- Communicate complex ideas
- Analytical and problem solving skills
- Maintain records
- Prepare technical reports
- Statistical awareness
- Technical Skills
- · Curiosity and creativity

- Biology
- Medicine
- Optometry
- Law
- Physician Assistant
- Dentistry
- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Statistics and Analytics

What careers do majors often go into?

How do I start to plan my career?

- Biology Teacher
- Ecology Teacher
- Science Writer/Editor
- Science Communication Specialist
- Environmental Compliance Advisor
- Lab Technician
- Lawyer, Science Specialty
- Science Policy Analyst
- Nonprofit Program Manager
- Science Entrepreneur
- Environmental Advocate
- Corporate Sustainability Officer
- Medical Doctor
- Physician Assistant
- Sustainability Manager
- Work in research, government, nonprofits, education, media, law, healthcare, business development, social services, or other industries.
- Write your own story!

- Complete the SparkPath Challenge Card activity online and then discuss your results with a career coach or career peer mentor. Talk about why it is important to you, how it relates to you and your previous experiences.
- \square What organizations are working on it?
- ☐ Which of these organizations appeal to me? What role would I like to have with them?
- ☐ What are my skills and how will I use them to work on this challenge?
- ☐ What skills, knowledge and experience do I need to develop to contribute more to the challenge?
- ☐ What is my plan to learn these things? Who can I connect with at the UofA for help?



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