### Requirements for Degree: 128 credits

The Natural Sciences divisional major provides for a broad background in science with concentrations in selected areas. It is an appropriate major for students preparing for admission to professional programs in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science or for students desiring a liberal arts degree with an emphasis in natural sciences. Additional coursework is frequently necessary for students planning to pursue a specific field of science i.e., biology at the graduate level.

#### Degree Requirements/Recommendations:

- **Primary Area**: Select a primary area from the disciplines of biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, physics or statistics: 27 credits, of which at least 25 credits are at 300/400 level
- **Minor #1**: Select a minor area from the disciplines of biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geology, mathematics, physics, polymer science or statistics: 16 credits, of which at least 2 credits are at 300/400 level
- **Minor #2**: Select a second minor from the disciplines of biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geology, mathematics, physics, polymer science or statistics: 16 credits OR: Select 2 areas from the disciplines of biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geology, mathematics, physics, polymer science or statistics: 8 credits in each of 2 selected disciplines
- **Courses for the Natural Sciences Divisional major** must be selected with the approval of the Natural Sciences Divisional program adviser
- Professional schools often have specific pre-requisite courses; it is the student's responsibility to be aware of these requirements and to research and contact the professional schools they are considering for specific requirements
- Recommend students gain field experience, such as volunteering in a hospital or nursing home
- Recommend research-focused courses

The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum of 47 credits (exclusive of workshops and General Education courses) consisting of either:
- 300/400-level courses both in and outside the student’s major
- Any courses outside the major department as specified in and approved by the student’s major adviser and the department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment), except workshops and General Education courses

**GPA Requirements for Graduation:**
- 2.0 Overall grade point average
- 2.0 Major grade point average

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an academic adviser for course scheduling and career planning. For more information or to schedule an appointment with an adviser, contact the Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences Academic Advising Office, bcasadvising@uakron.edu or 330-972-7880.

Students may monitor their academic progress and grade point averages by running a DARS Report at the beginning and end of each semester.

This document is intended to serve as a guide to assist students in achieving a baccalaureate degree in three years, but is not intended to reflect each individual student’s exact course sequence, guarantee course availability, student eligibility for coursework or other credits. All students must meet course prerequisites. Students considering completion of a degree in three years may need to take appropriate coursework toward a declared or anticipated major/degree, even while in high school. In order to complete a degree within a three-year time frame, students will need to utilize any or all of the above methods and plan their intended major/degree well in advance of enrolling in credit courses at The University of Akron. Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in three years may not be able to achieve a baccalaureate degree within that time frame in the event they choose to alter their major, seek a different baccalaureate degree, or otherwise explore educational alternatives that result in extending the time to degree attainment. Depending on each individual student’s abilities, participation in student activities, if chosen, may serve to complement or interfere with the completion of a degree in three years. Such activities would include, but not be limited to: co-curricular activities, athletics, membership in student government or clubs, honors work, internships, study abroad, service learning, research projects and eligibility requirements for admission to graduate school.

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