

Shenandoah University Bachelor of Arts in Biology

TRANSFER GUIDE

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Biology

Catalog Years 2024-2025

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Shenandoah University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY		Notes	BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Notes
Course	Credits	CC Course		Course		
STSK 101	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		200+ Level Biology Electives	6-8	
ShenEd	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		300+ Level Biology Electives	6-8	
ShenEd	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or 113 Tech Prof Writing		200+ Level Chemistry Elective	3-4	
ShenEd	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	BIO 316 Genetics	3	
ShenEd	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature		BIO 321 Ecology	4	
ShenEd	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)		BIO 340 Evolution	3	
BIO 121	4	BIO 101 Gen Bio I		BIO 409 Cell Biology	4	
MATH 207	3	MTH 245 Stats	MTH 245 has a prerequisite of MTH 154 or MTH 161	Additional Coursework for Minor, Remaining Secondary Language courses, Second Major, Graduate School Prerequisites, Electives	27-32	A minor or second major is required for BA Biology Major
ShenEd	3	Any UCGS History				
BIO 122	4	BIO 102 Gen Bio II				
CHEM 121	4	CHM 111 Gen Chem I				
CHEM 122	4	CHM 112 Gen Chem II				

BIO 260	4	BIO 205 Microbiology		
Elective	4-5	BIO 270 Ecology, or CHM 241 Organic Chem I + CHM 245 Lab		
BIO 231 and BIO 232 - Anatomy and Physiology	8	BIO 141 and BIO 142 Anatomy & Physiology		
	6-8	Additional Transfer Courses Needed to Reach 60+ credits	Recommended: Secondary Language through 202 level, Remaining Math Prerequisites	
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-64				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 56-60

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

VCCS and Shenandoah University Guaranteed Admissions Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to SU undergraduate programs (*acceptance to Shenandoah Conservatory and School of Nursing is competitive; additional application requirements will be necessary*)

- Completion of Applicable Associates Degrees: AA, AS, AA&S
- Meet minimum GPA requirement: 2.5 or higher
- Earn grades of "C-" or higher in all community college courses
- Applicants will need to submit an official transcript showing they have met the above requirements to the SU Office of Admissions

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **Transfer Admissions & Services** <https://www.su.edu/admissions/transfer-students/>
- Shenandoah University practices Early Action and then rolling admissions for most undergraduate programs
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org
- **Admission Application:** <https://www.su.edu/admissions/transfer-students/application-information/>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.su.edu/financial-aid/>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Shenandoah University. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Your first semester courses at Shenandoah University will be chosen with the help of the [Office of Academic Advising, Transitions, and Progression](#)

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Bachelor of Arts in Biology is a good option for students who want to explore a range of topics within the field of Biology, and explore courses outside the major.
- The Bachelor of Arts in Biology degree is a good choice for Secondary education majors wishing to pursue a second major in biology

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Completion of AA, AS, or AA&S degree waives the ShenEd requirement
- **Dual Enrollment** – All Dual Enrollment coursework at the 100 level or higher will be considered for credit. The completion of an Associate Degree concurrent with high school results in course work towards your degree and all general education courses satisfied.

- **Credit for Prior Learning:** You can earn credit for your results on AP, IB, and CLEP exams
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at SU
- **Joint Service Transcripts:** Shenandoah is a military friendly institution. SU awards credit based on ACE recommendations for students with a military background. Military personnel must provide their official transcript from their particular branch of the service by using the Joint Services Transcript request system to earn credit

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- **Family Atmosphere:** Students often mention the close-knit community that makes SU feel like a second home.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Engage in collaborative projects, capstone projects, and internships that provide real-world experience
- **Extracurricular Activities:** With 22 athletics teams and over 90 clubs, you'll find an active social life and make lasting friendships
- **Professional Readiness:** SU's curriculum is designed to prepare you for the professional world, with a focus on entrepreneurship, leadership, and innovation.

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org or su.edu

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- You'll be in a small class with professors who know your name, care about your success and provide advice as you pursue your academic and career goals.
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DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- BA Biology majors may have more elective credit room to pursue a second major