



# Rensselaer

## COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY B.S.

### FIRST YEAR

| Fall      |  |    | Spring    |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|-----------|--|----|
| Number    | Course                                     | CR | Number    | Course                                   | CR |
| MATH 1010 | Calculus I                                 | 4  | MATH 1020 | Calculus II                              | 4  |
| CHEM 1110 | Chemistry I with Advanced Lab <sup>1</sup> | 4  | CHEM 1200 | Chemistry II                             | 4  |
| BIOL 1010 | Introduction to Biology                    | 4  | BIOL 2120 | Introduction to Cell & Molecular Biology | 4  |
| BIOL 1015 | Introduction to Biology Laboratory         | 4  | CSCI 1100 | Computer Science I <sup>3</sup>          | 4  |
|           | HASS Core Elective <sup>2</sup>            | 4  |           |  |    |

### SECOND YEAR

| Fall      |                                 |    | Spring    |                                 |    |
|-----------|---------------------------------|----|-----------|---------------------------------|----|
| Number    | Course                          | CR | Number    | Course                          | CR |
| CHEM 2250 | Organic Chemistry I             | 3  | CHEM 2260 | Organic Chemistry II            | 3  |
| CHEM 2230 | Organic Chemistry Lab I         | 1  | CHEM 2240 | Organic Chemistry Lab II        | 1  |
| PHYS 1100 | Physics I                       | 4  | PHYS 1200 | Physics II                      | 4  |
| BIOL 2500 | Genetics and Evolution          | 4  | BIOL 4620 | Molecular Biology               | 4  |
|           | HASS Core Elective <sup>2</sup> | 4  |           | HASS Core Elective <sup>2</sup> | 4  |

### THIRD YEAR (WITH 3RD YEAR FALL SEMESTER AWAY)

| The Arch Summer Semester |                                 |    | Spring |                                     |    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----|--------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Number                   | Course                          | CR | Number | Course                              | CR |
| BCBP 4760                | Molecular Biochemistry I        | 4  |        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |
| BIOL 4200                | Biostatistics                   | 4  |        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |
|                          | Elective                        | 4  |        | Elective                            | 4  |
|                          | HASS Core Elective <sup>2</sup> | 4  |        | Elective                            | 4  |

### FOURTH YEAR (WITH 3RD YEAR FALL SEMESTER AWAY)

| Fall   |                                     |    | Spring |                                     |    |
|--------|-------------------------------------|----|--------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Number | Course                              | CR | Number | Course                              | CR |
|        | Advanced Laboratory <sup>4</sup>    | 6  |        | Senior Research Thesis <sup>6</sup> | 4  |
|        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |
|        | HASS Core Elective <sup>2</sup>     | 4  |        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |
|        | Elective                            | 2  |        | Elective                            | 4  |

### THIRD YEAR (WITH 3RD YEAR SPRING SEMESTER AWAY)

| The Arch Summer Semester |                                 |    | Fall   |                                     |    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----|--------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Number                   | Course                          | CR | Number | Course                              | CR |
| BCBP 4760                | Molecular Biochemistry I        | 4  |        | Advanced Laboratory <sup>4</sup>    | 6  |
| BIOL 4200                | Biostatistics                   | 4  |        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |
|                          | Elective                        | 4  |        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |
|                          | HASS Core Elective <sup>2</sup> | 4  |        | Elective                            | 2  |

### FOURTH YEAR (WITH 3RD YEAR SPRING SEMESTER AWAY)

| Fall   |                                     |    | Spring |                                     |    |
|--------|-------------------------------------|----|--------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Number | Course                              | CR | Number | Course                              | CR |
|        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |        | Senior Research Thesis <sup>6</sup> | 4  |
|        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |        | Concentration Elective <sup>5</sup> | 4  |
|        | HASS Core Elective <sup>2</sup>     | 4  |        | Elective                            | 2  |
|        | Elective                            | 4  |        | Elective                            | 2  |

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***This curriculum requires a minimum of 128 credit hours.***

**FOOTNOTES**

1. Students may substitute CHEM 1100 for CHEM 1110.
2. Humanities, Arts & Social Science (HASS) courses should add up to 24 credits.
3. May be taken in another semester depending on individual student schedule
4. Advanced Lab option: BIOL 4720 Molecular Biology Laboratory or BIOL 4320: Microbiology Laboratory. The Advanced Lab Option fulfills the Communication Intensive and Culminating Experience requirements.
5. Concentration courses. Students must choose a concentration, among 1. Biomolecular Systems 2. Ecological Systems and must complete 20 credits of course work within the concentration, including required and elective courses (see below).
6. Senior Research Thesis (BCBP 4990 or BIOL 4990) is recommended; however, students may substitute any additional 4000-level elective course from either concentration (see below).

**CONCENTRATION 1: BIOMOLECULAR SYSTEMS (20 CREDITS TOTAL)**

**REQUIRED COURSES**

|           |                    |           |                      |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| BCBP 4550 | Molecular Modeling | BIOL 4630 | Molecular Biology II |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|

**BIOMOLECULAR ELECTIVES (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)**

|                |                                 |           |   |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---|
| BCBP 4660      | The Biology of Systems          | CHEM 6250 | Glychochemistry, Glycobiology, and Glychotechnology |
| BIOL/BCBP 4770 | Molecular Biochemistry II       | CHEM 6510 | Computational Chemistry                             |
| BCBP 4800      | Methods in Biophysics           | BMED 2100 | Biomaterials Science and Engineering                |
| BCBP 4870      | Protein Structure Determination | BMED 4200 | Modeling of Biomedical Systems                      |
| CHEM 4300      | Medicinal Chemistry             | BMED 4450 | Drug and Gene Delivery                              |
| CHEM 4310      | Bioorganic Mechanisms           | BMED 4500 | Advanced Systems Physiology                         |

**COMPUTATIONAL ELECTIVES (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)**

|           |   |           |                                     |
|-----------|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| BIOL 4220 | Machine Learning for Env. Biology       | CSCI 4350 | Data Science                        |
| BIOL 4550 | Sequence Analysis                       | CSCI 4370 | Data and Society                    |
| CSCI 1200 | Data Structures                         | CSCI 4390 | Data Mining                         |
| CSCI 2300 | Introduction to Algorithms              | CSCI 4800 | Numerical Computing                 |
| CSCI 4100 | Machine Learning from Data              | MATH 4720 | Mathematics in Medicine and Biology |
| CSCI 4150 | Introduction to Artificial Intelligence |           |                                     |

**CONCENTRATION 2: ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS (20 CREDITS TOTAL)**

**REQUIRED COURSES**

|           |                                   |           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| BCBP 4220 | Machine Learning for Env. Biology | BIOL 4850 | Principles of Ecology |
| BIOL 4880 | The Global Environment            |           |                       |

**ECOLOGICAL ELECTIVES (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)**

|           |  |           |  |
|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| BIOL 4870 | Lake George Liminology and Underwater Ecology (BLUE) | ENVE 4710 | Groundwater Hydrology                  |
| BIOL 4961 | Human Population                                     | ERTH 4190 | Environmental Measurements             |
| CHEM 4810 | Chemistry of the Environment                         | ERTH 4500 | Earth's Climate: Past, Present, Future |
| ECON 4260 | Env. and Resource Economics                          | IENV 4700 | One Mile of the Hudson River           |

**COMPUTATIONAL ELECTIVES (CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE)**

|           |                                  |           |                                     |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| BIOL 4550 | Sequence Analysis                | CSCI 4370 | Data and Society                    |
| CSCI 1200 | Data Structures                  | CSCI 4390 | Data Mining                         |
| CSCI 2300 | Introduction to Algorithms       | CSCI 4800 | Numerical Computing                 |
| CSCI 4100 | Machine Learning from Data       | MATH 4720 | Mathematics in Medicine and Biology |
| CSCI 4150 | Intro to Artificial Intelligence | ERTH 4750 | Geographic Info. Sys. in Sciences   |
| CSCI 4350 | Data Science                     | MATP 4600 | Probability Theory and Applications |