

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Associate in Science Degree | Joint Degree Program | Department of Biological Sciences

Biotechnology can be broadly defined as the use of living organisms in the design of useful products as well as the exploration of the genetic and biomedical basis of how living organisms function. Some of the fields in which biotechnology plays an important role are:

- Forensic Science;
- Medical research involving genetic diseases, cancer, screening and treatment and embryological development;
- Design of novel drugs aimed at specific biological targets;
- Crop design and genetically modified organisms;
- Production of relevant biologicals such as insulin for treatment of disease; and
- Basic research in areas like, genetics, biochemistry, evolution, etc.

Biotechnological techniques allow genes to be isolated, amplified, expressed in different organisms completely chemically characterized (sequenced). These techniques also allow for insight into the normal as well as pathological regulation of genes. This is a rapidly expanding field and trained individuals are needed.

The Biotechnology Program is a joint degree program with the City College of New York (CCNY) leading to a B.S. degree.

The first 60 credits, resulting in the AS Degree, are taken at BCC. To graduate from the AS Degree program, students must satisfy course requirements as well as college-wide requirements. Students who successfully complete the AS Degree in Biotechnology with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and 2.75 in the sciences, will be accepted into the CCNY B.S. program.

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BIOTECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM

60 Credits required for AS Degree

Required Core

- A. English Composition (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning
 - MTH 30 Pre-Calculus Mathematics *OR* MTH 31 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (4 Credits)
- C. Life and Physical Science
 - BIO 11 General Biology I (4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 14

Flexible Core

- A. World Cultures and Global Issues (3 Credits)
- B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity (3 Credits)
- C. Creative Expression (3 Credits)
- D. Individual and Society (3 Credits)
- E. Scientific World
 - BIO 12 General Biology II (4 Credits)

Additional course from the Flexible Core A, B, C, D, *OR* E (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 19

Major Requirements

- BIO 55 Genetics (3 Credits)
- BIO 56 Cell and Molecular Biology with an Introduction to Biotechnology (4 Credits)
- CHM 11 General College Chemistry I (4 Credits)
- CHM 12 General College Chemistry II (4 Credits)
- Free Elective¹ (3-4 Credits)
- MTH 31 Analytic Geometry and Calculus (0-4 Credits)¹
- MTH 37 Elements of Calculus and Statistics (4 Credits)
- PHY 11² College Physics I *OR* CHM 31 Organic Chemistry I (4-5 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 27

¹ Students who place into MTH 30 will not have free electives.

² Students that are required to take MTH 30 can only select PHY 11 so as not to exceed the 60 credit limit for the program.