

Biology FAQ

Commonly asked questions listed in alphabetical order

[Biology Department Website](#)

Anatomy and Physiology – Do Bio 181 and Bio 182 count towards the biology major? **ANS:** Yes, the two courses are combined to give 4 credits for Bio 228. However, either course alone does not count towards the Bio major.

Bio 181, 182, 230 – I have a question about nursing programs or nursing prerequisites. **ANS:** for all questions or issues regarding the pre-nursing courses, [contact the college pre-nursing adviser.](#)

Biochemistry – Can I take the biochemistry course through the Chemistry Department? **ANS:** Yes, but we will only accept Che 444 (lecture) + Che 447 or Che 245 (lab) as equivalent to Bio 400. You can take Che 444 and Che 447/Che 245 during the same semester or in different semesters. Che 444 alone with a lab in biochemistry is not accepted as equivalent to Bio 400.

Calculus Math Requirements - Do I need to take Mat 155? **ANS:** Yes, if you are taking Mat 175 at Lehman College, you must also register to take Mat 155. You do not have to take Mat 155 if you transferred Mat 175 credits to Lehman.

Change of class section – How do I switch my class section or how do I register for two classes with only a 10-minute overlap between the class schedules? **ANS:** If you have a scheduling conflict, you must choose which course you want to take, the adviser is not authorized to override any scheduling conflicts or switch your section to another that is closed.

Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) Grade Policy: The Rule No Longer Applies to Courses Taken in Spring 2021 and Beyond. A CR grade will transfer to Lehman College and can count towards the Bio major but will not count in the GPA. Students that require the course for admission to another program, must consult with an adviser of that program to determine how the CR grade will affect their admission. Students that earned an CR/NC grade in biology courses can repeat the courses at Lehman College for a letter grade.

Evaluation of Transfer Credits - How do I have my transfer credits evaluated? **ANS:** All transfer evaluations are conducted online at Lehman 360. For questions regarding the system or the procedure, contact the Admissions office at Lehman College.

Grades - Can I graduate if I have earned a D in one of my major's requirements? **ANS:** Yes, you can if your major GPA and your cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above.

Microbiology – Can I take Bio 230 if I am a Bio major. **ANS:** No. Bio 230 is not accepted towards the biology major. Bio majors must take Bio 331.

Missing Transfer Credits – DegreeWorks is showing that I am missing transfer credits for some of my science courses, even though I passed those courses. What can I do? **ANS:** Once you have completed all your major requirements, email the biology adviser: your CUNY Empl ID, the course number, the number of credits granted by Lehman for the transfer course, and the total number of missing credits.

Honors – How do I graduate with departmental honors? **ANS:** You must achieve a cumulative index of 3.2 and an index of 3.5 in the Bio major for a minimum of 24 credits and pass Bio 490.

Permission for a closed course - The lecture for a course is open but the lab is not. How do I go about registering for the course? **ANS:** A course is closed when either the lab or the lecture is closed. Both sections must be open before you can register for the course. You must wait for seats to become available in the lab before attempting to register for the course. The adviser will not process over-tallies for any biology course that is closed. Both lab and lecture sections of a class must be open before you can register for a course. If a course is closed, you can either wait until seats become open or apply for an e-permit to take an equivalent course at another CUNY college. The e-permit instructions are shown on the Biology Departmental website.

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Permission for an open course - The bio course (other than Bio 181, Bio 182, Bio 230) is open and I meet the prerequisites for taking the course, but the system is blocking me from registering. **ANS:** Complete the [Course Permission Request Form online](#).

Plant Sciences Program – Where do I get information about the individualized plant sciences program offered jointly by the Lehman College and the New York Botanical Garden? **ANS:** We no longer offer that program. Students interested in Plant Sciences should choose Biology BS major with the Bio-Data Science Track. See information about the track on the departmental website.

Premed or Pre-health programs - What premed program and resources are offered at Lehman College? **ANS:** We have a BS degree in biology with the Biomedical track that prepares students for health professional schools. Once you are admitted to Lehman College, you will be assigned to see an academic adviser, the Biology major adviser, and the Pre-health adviser. For all questions regarding medical or health professional schools and programs (PA, dental, veterinarian, etc.), [contact the pre-health adviser](#).

Repeating Courses – Can the Bio Adviser give me permission to repeat a course. **ANS:** No. The adviser is not authorized to give you permission for repeating a course. If you got a D, you must ask the Registrar to enroll you in the course. If you got a C-, you must ask permission from an academic adviser.

Residency Requirements – As a transfer student, how many Bio elective credits do I have to complete at Lehman? **ANS:** Transfer students must complete the requirements of the Bio major and the Lehman Residency. They must complete at least half the required credits for the BS or the BA degree. Transfer students that have completed their science requirements at another institution must take additional elective credits in biological courses at any level to meet the residency requirement for the biology major. As this is a Lehman College policy, the Department of Biological Science cannot provide any exceptions to this rule.

Transfer to Lehman Courses – How do I transfer to Lehman College? **ANS:** To facilitate your transfer to Biology Department at Lehman College, you can take a year of general biology, a year of general chemistry and precalculus. However, we do not suggest that you transfer too many science courses because of the college's residency requirements, which states that students must take half the credits in their major at Lehman College.

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