For highly qualified students, the Accelerated Dual-Degree BS in Biology/MS in Molecular and Cell Biology (3+1) provides an opportunity for students to achieve both a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science within the field of Molecular and Cell Biology within a 4-year time frame typically associated with only an undergraduate education. The 3+1 program provides an excellent foundation for students intending to pursue studies in professional healthcare fields and doctoral programs. It also offers a competitive edge for students wishing to pursue a career in biotechnology and biopharmaceutical industries.

The requirements and policies for the undergraduate degree are the same as described on the Bachelor of Science in Biology page, except that students in the 3+1 combined BS/MS program are expected to maintain a GPA of at least 3.00 at the end of each school year for continued participation in the program. The requirements and policies for the graduate degree are the same as described on the Master of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology page.

Students in the 3+1 accelerated dual degree program in biology/MCB must meet the following requirements. The minimum number of credits required for a Bachelor of Science degree is 120. The minimum number of credits required for a Master of Science in molecular and cell biology is 34.

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**Biology Electives**

Select a minimum of one course from each of the following categories:

**Molecular and Cellular Electives (3-4 credits):**

- BIO 240 Cellular Communication
- BIO 282 Genetics & 282L and Genetics Lab
- BIO 317 Developmental Biology & 317L and Developmental Biology Lab
- BIO 346 Cell Physiology & 346L and Cell Physiology Lab
- BIO 365 Cancer Biology
- BIO 382 Human Genetics & 382L and Human Genetics Lab
- BIO 471 Molecular Genetics & 471L and Molecular Genetics Lab

**Organismal Electives (3-4 credits):**

- BIO 215 Environmental Biotechnology
- BIO 300 Special Topics
- BIO 323 Invertebrate Zoology & 323L and Invertebrate Zoology Lab
- BIO 324 Vertebrate Zoology & 324L and Vertebrate Zoology Lab
- BIO 328 Human Clinical Parasitology & 328L and Human Clinical Parasitology Lab
- BIO 352 Botany & 352L and Botany Lab
- BIO 358 Conservation Biology & 358L and Conservation Biology Lab
- BIO 375 Physiological Models for Human Disease and Physiological Models for Human Disease Lab
- BIO 383 Evolution

**Physiology Electives (3-4 credits):**

- BIO 211 Human Anatomy and Physiology I & 211L and Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I
- BIO 212 Human Anatomy and Physiology II & 212L and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab
- BIO 225 Physiological Diversity & 225L and Physiological Diversity Lab
- BIO 329 Neurobiology
- BIO 350 Cardiovascular Physiology

**Experiential Learning (1-4 credits):**

- BIO 385 Explorations in Biology
- BIO 491 Independent Research in Biological Science
- BIO 492 Independent Research in Biological Sciences
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- BIO 494 Independent Research in Biological Sciences

**Physical Science Core Requirements**

- CHE 110 General Chemistry I & 110L and General Chemistry I Lab
- CHE 111 General Chemistry II & 111L and General Chemistry II Lab
- CHE 210 Organic Chemistry I & 210L and Organic Chemistry I Lab
- CHE 211 Organic Chemistry II & 211L and Organic Chemistry II Lab
The Accelerated Dual-Degree BS in Biology/MS in Molecular and Cell Biology (3+1) program is designed for outstanding applicants. Students are offered acceptance into the program upon admission to Quinnipiac University.

**Admission Requirements: College of Arts and Sciences**

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective first-year students are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the Admissions ([http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions/](http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions/)) page of this catalog.

**Accelerated Dual-Degree BS in Biology/MS in Molecular and Cell Biology (3+1)**

Shown below is one of several possible paths through the curriculum. Students choose courses and follow a curriculum in consultation with their academic advisor; individual planning will vary based on a number of factors, including, for instance, Advanced Placement and/or transfer credits.

The minimum number of credits required for the undergraduate degree is 120, and the minimum number of credits required for the graduate degree is 34. At least 18 credits must be completed after conferral of the bachelor's degree and cannot be double counted.

Courses taken to fulfill the undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Biology are identical to those listed in the BS in Biology curriculum ([https://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/biological-sciences/biology-bs/#curriculumtext](https://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/biological-sciences/biology-bs/#curriculumtext)).

Courses to take to fulfill the graduate Master of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology are identical to those listed in the MS in Molecular and Cell Biology curriculum ([https://catalog.qu.edu/graduate-studies/arts-sciences/molecular-cell-biology-ms/#curriculumtext](https://catalog.qu.edu/graduate-studies/arts-sciences/molecular-cell-biology-ms/#curriculumtext)).

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**Summer Session**

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Second Year
Milestones: Earn 84 credits, a GPA of 3.0 or higher and a science GPA of 2.25 or higher. Meet with your advisor at least once per semester to discuss academic, experiential learning, career, and co-curricular opportunities.

Fall Semester
BIO 252 & 252L Ecology and Biodiversity and Ecology and Biodiversity Laboratory 4
or BIO 298 Research Methods in Biology 4
CHE 210 Organic Chemistry I 3
& 210L and Organic Chemistry I Lab 4
Language at the 101 level 3
University Curriculum (UC) Course 3
J-Term 3
Open Elective 3

Spring Semester
BIO 298 Research Methods in Biology 3-4
or BIO 252 Ecology and Biodiversity and Ecology and Biodiversity Laboratory 4
Biology Elective 4
CHE 211 Organic Chemistry II 3
& 211L and Organic Chemistry II Lab 4
Language at the 102 level (Satisfies CAS Language Requirement) 3
University Curriculum (UC) Course 3
Summer Session
University Curriculum (UC) Course 3
Open Elective 3

Third Year
Milestones: Earn 120 UG credits, a GPA of 3.0 or higher and a science GPA of 2.25 or higher. Meet with your advisor at least once per semester. Participate in study abroad, complete internship or research opportunities.

Fall Semester
BIO 571 Molecular Genetics 4
PHY 110 & 110L General Physics I and General Physics I Lab 4
CAS 420 CAS Integrative Capstone 3
Open Electives 3
J-Term 3
Open Elective 3

Spring Semester
Biology Elective 4
BIO 515 Advanced Biochemistry 4
BIO 605 DNA Methods Laboratory 4
PHY 111 & 111L General Physics II and General Physics II Lab 4
Summer Session 3
Graduate Elective 3

Fourth Year
Milestones: Earn 35 Graduate credits and a GPA of 3.0 or higher with a minimum grade of C in all graduate courses. Prepare for graduation.

Fall Semester
BIO 568 Molecular and Cell Biology 4
BIO 606 Protein Methods Laboratory 4
Graduate Elective 3

Spring Semester
BIO 675 Comp Exam in Molecular and Cell Biology 2
Graduate Elective 4
Graduate Elective 3
Total combined credits 143

1 Initial placement in the English and mathematics courses is determined by placement exam and an evaluation of high school units presented. Students intending to pursue graduate or professional studies (medicine, dentistry, osteopathy or veterinary medicine) are advised to complete at least one semester of calculus. A minimum of MA 141 is required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.
2 Students may take either BIO 252 and 252L or BIO 298 in either order or concurrently.