

Cedar Crest College's Four-Year Graduation (4YG) Guarantee is open to all academically qualified candidates enrolled full-time in a 4-year bachelor's degree program, with the exception of Nuclear Medicine Technology. It does not apply to dual degree, fifth-year, or graduate programs. Provided students comply with all of the conditions of the program, Cedar Crest College will guarantee graduation within four years. The guarantee extends to one major only. While many students add additional majors and minors and finish within four years, Cedar Crest will not be able to provide four year guarantee in those cases.

Conditions

By signing below, _____ is enrolled in the 4YG program for the Biology (BS) major under the 2015 catalog requirements and agrees to

- assume ultimate responsibility for monitoring academic progress and the completion of all academic requirements;
- enroll at Cedar Crest for four continuous academic years;
- remain in good academic standing;
- complete an average of 30 new credits in each academic year. Courses must be selected in consultation with her academic advisor and 4YG coordinator and must apply to the recommended course sequence on page 2;
- maintain the GPA requirements of the Biology (BS) major and Liberal Arts Curriculum;
- meet regularly with her assigned academic advisor and 4YG coordinator following the schedule outlined below;
- resolve all outstanding holds that would prevent registration prior to the start of registration for each semester;
- register for classes each semester on the date appropriate for class standing as set forth by the Registrar;
- be responsive to communication from Cedar Crest College, including advisors and the 4YG coordinator;
- officially declare a Biology (BS) major by the completion of 30 credits. If a change of major is requested after 30 credits, the ability to sign a new 4YG contract is not guaranteed.
- complete the following and all other Biology (BS) major requirements:
 - Earn a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and 2.0 GPA in major coursework.
 - Earn a C- or better in all courses taken for major requirements.
 - Earn a C- or better in all prerequisite courses before proceeding to subsequent courses.
 - Complete freshman core courses during the first year of enrollment; sophomore core courses during the second year of enrollment; BIO 350 in the third fall semester; and BIO 356 in the fourth fall semester
 - Complete at least 12 credits toward the elective requirement prior to the final semester.
 - Begin the CHE 111, 112, 205, and 206 (or 320) sequence no later than the fall of junior year.
 - Abide by all other departmental policies and successfully meet all other graduation requirements.

The 4YG does not guarantee that courses will be offered at a particular time or on particular days, nor can it assure graduation in four years if accreditation agencies require immediate curricular changes. This agreement pertains only to the catalog specified; if major requirements change and the student elects to follow the newer requirements, this contract is void.

If a student meets all of the degree/program requirements but cannot graduate in four years because a course or courses are not available, the student will meet with her advisor as soon as the problem is discovered to discuss options for completion. These options could include a course substitution, an independent study, or permission to enroll in the course in a subsequent semester at no tuition cost to the student.

Required Meeting Schedule:

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Beginning of Semester	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator
Prior to registration	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator
	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
Beginning of Semester	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator
Prior to registration	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator	____ Advisor ____ 4YG Coordinator

I agree to the stipulations set forth in this agreement.

Student Signature

Date

ID Number

Entry Term

Advisor Signature

Date

4YG Coordinator Signature

Date

FALL 2015

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 123	4	Foundations in Biology	
CHE 111	4	Chemical Principles	
MAT 141	3	Calculus I	
FYS ____	3	First Year Seminar	
SPS 120	0.5	College Life	

SPRING 2016

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 124	4	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	
CHE 112	4	Chemical Equilibrium and Analysis	
MAT 142	3	Calculus II*	
WRI 100	3	College Writing	
SPS 160	0.5	Exploring Your Future	

FALL 2016

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 239	4	Animal Ecology, Evolution and Development	
CHE 205	4	Organic Chemistry I	
ETL 235	3	Ethical Life	
_____	3	Humanities LAC course	

SPRING 2017

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 231	4	Genetics	
CHE__	4	CHE 206 Organic Chemistry II <i>or</i> CHE 320 Environmental Chemistry	
_____	3	Social Science LAC course	
_____	3	Global Studies LAC course	
_____	3	Art LAC course	

FALL 2017

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 350	2	Junior Colloquium	
_____	1-4	Biology elective**	
PHY 101	4	Introductory College Physics I	
_____	3	BIO 248 Biostatistics* <i>or</i> elective	
_____	3	Art LAC course	
_____	3	Social Science LAC course	

SPRING 2018

Course	Cr	Title	✓
_____	1-4	Biology elective**	
_____	1-4	Biology elective**	
PHY 102	4	Introductory College Physics II	
_____	3	elective***	
_____	3	Humanities LAC course	

FALL 2018

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 356	3	Science, Ethics, and Society	
_____	1-4	Biology elective**	
_____	1-4	elective <i>or</i> Biology elective*	
_____	3	elective***	
_____	3	elective***	

SPRING 2019

Course	Cr	Title	✓
_____	1-4	Biology elective**	
_____	3	elective***	
_____	3	elective***	
_____	3	elective***	
_____	3	elective***	

* Choose either MAT 142 or BIO 248 for the Mathematics and Logic LAC requirement. If BIO 248 is taken for the LAC, it cannot be used as a Biology elective.

**Biology electives: 16 credits from: any additional 200 or 300 level BIO or NEU course except BIO 243 or 354; CHE 307, 308, or 248; up to 2 credits of BIO 353; up to 1 credit of BIO 201. At least one course must be a 4-credit lecture/lab course.

***Electives must be included to ensure that the overall total number of credits reaches the 120 credits needed to complete a degree.

Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC) for Biology majors

Natural Science: One must be a lab-based course
1. BIO 123 2. BIO 124
Arts: 6 cr. total, one must be a 3 cr. course*
1. _____ 2. _____
Mathematics & Logic: 6 cr total, one mathematics course
1. MAT 141 2. MAT 142 or BIO 248
Ethics: 3 cr.
1. ETL 235
Technology: 3 cr.
1. BIO 239, 231, 350, and 356
Public Speaking: 3 cr.
1. BIO 239, 231, 350, and 356

Writing: 6 cr.
1. WRI 100 2. BIO 356
Humanities: 6 cr. total from two disciplines*
1. _____ 2. _____
Social Science: 6 cr. total from two disciplines*
1. _____ 2. _____
Global Studies: 3 cr.
1. _____
Information Literacy: 3 cr.
1. BIO 239, 231, 350, and 356

* The 4 disciplines used to fulfill the Humanities and Social Science requirements cannot be used to fulfill the Arts requirement.