

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 Environmental Conservation (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 Environmental Conservation (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 an Environmental Conservation (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 Environmental Conservation (BS) major requirements:
 - Earn a 2.0 cumulative GPA and 2.0 GPA in the major.
 - Earn a C- or higher in all courses taken for major requirements.
 - Earn a C- or higher in all prerequisite courses before proceeding to subsequent courses.
 - Complete the freshman core during the first year of enrollment; the sophomore core during the second year of enrollment; BIO 350 in the third fall semester; and BIO 356 in the fourth fall semester.
 - Begin the CHE 111, 112, 205, 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	
_____	3	ANT 100 Cultural Anthropology or another Social Science LAC course	
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	
_____	3-4	BIO 300 Evolution or Social Science LAC course	
_____	3	ETL 235 Ethical Life or Environmental Stewardship LLC (E.A.R.T.H.) [¶]	

SPRING 2017

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 231	4	Genetics	
_____	3-4	CHE 320 Environmental Chemistry or Environmental Conservation elective*	
BIO 309	4	Conservation Biology and GIS	
_____	3	Elective*** or Environmental Stewardship LLC (E.A.R.T.H.) [¶]	

FALL 2017

Course	Cr	Title	✓
_____	3-4	Humanities LAC course or Environmental Conservation elective*	
BIO ____	3-4	Field Research Experience or Environmental Conservation elective*	
BIO 248	3	Biostatistics	
BIO 350	2	Junior Colloquium	
BIO 360	3	Advanced Ecology	

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Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 315	3	BIO 315 Case Studies in Biodiversity and Conservation Biology	
_____	3-4	Field Research Experience or Environmental Conservation elective*	
_____	3	Humanities LAC course	
_____	3	Environmental Conservation elective*	
_____	3	elective***	

FALL 2018

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO 356	3	Science, Ethics, and Society	
_____	3-4	Humanities LAC course or Environmental Conservation elective*	
_____	3	Art LAC course	
_____	3	BIO 300 Evolution or Social Science LAC course	
_____	3	elective***	

SPRING 2019

Course	Cr	Title	✓
BIO ____	3-4	Environmental Conservation elective*	
_____	3-4	CHE 320 Environmental Chemistry or elective or Environmental Conservation elective*	
_____	3	Art LAC course	
_____	3	elective***	
_____	3	elective***	

* Complete 5 credits from: BIO 207, 224, 227, 228, 313, 323, 353 ¶ Two semester 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 Environmental Conservation majors

Natural Science: One must be a lab-based course
1. BIO 123 (lab)
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. BIO 248
Ethics: 3 cr.
1. ETL 235 or Environmental Stewardship LLC (E.A.R.T.H.)
Technology:
1. BIO 231, 239, 350, and 356
Oral Presentation:
1. BIO 231, 239, 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. BIO 309
Information Literacy:
1. BIO 231, 239, 350, and 356

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