

BIOLOGY SECONDARY EDUCATION COUGAR MAP



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: BIOLOGY SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR

The Cougar Map is intended to guide you with suggestions for potential activities and career paths that can help you along your educational journey. Although everyone has different abilities, experiences and obstacles, this Cougar Map can be used with the help of your advisors to prepare for the future you want with a clear vision of your college-to-career pathway.

Please refer to the SXU Academic Catalog and academic planning resources for detailed degree requirements.

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR

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Competence (major/minor, summer suggestions, academic research)	Explore scholarship opportunities. Bring writing assignments to the Learning Center/Writing Studio for help in fine-tuning papers. Visit the Counseling Center for stress relief ideas.	Become familiar with the HUB for all your technical needs. Form or join a study group with education majors and biology students. Consider summer courses to catch up or get ahead with your studies.	Complete an education research project for a possible conference presentation. Be mindful of important dates, i.e. semester ends and begins, deadline to withdraw from a course, petition for graduation.	Visit the library for access to resources for your research papers. Begin work on your topic for your Senior Seminar independent research project.
Character (Service, global perspective, study abroad, clubs/RSOs, volunteering)	Consider joining a student club or intramural sports team. Enroll in Cougars LEAD that supports leadership development and begin working on your leadership certificate. Participate in student activities.	Explore opportunities to work on campus or get involved with service opportunities through Campus Ministry. Volunteer at a local organization or education setting.	Take on a leadership role within a student club or organization. Consider participating in a spring break service trip or study abroad.	Complete the Cougars LEAD Leadership Certificate program. Serve as a peer mentor for next year's student-teachers. Join professional associations related to the field of education and biology.
Career Success (career or grad school prep, internships, jobs)	Complete your SXU Handshake profile for student employment with the help of Center for SUCCESS. Explore careers related to biology and education Attend SXU's career-related events throughout your time at SXU and network with professionals.	Create a LinkedIn profile and make connections within your academic and personal circles. Apply for an on-campus position in the Biology Department as a lab assistant or tutor. Secure a position in education as a tutor or after-school assistant.	Secure a position as a paraprofessional or teacher aide for a summer program. Research graduate schools and prepare for post-graduate academic/professional exam(s), if applicable.	Ensure that your LinkedIn or other professional social media accounts reflect all your recent experiences. Actively apply for teaching opportunities. Apply to graduate schools, if applicable.