

## Suggested First-Semester Curriculum for Plant Biology Students College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)

**Fall 2009**

CALs 001*	Foundations: Communication Methods	3 credits
BCOR 11**	Exploring Biology	4 credits
Chemistry 31	Intro to Chemistry	4 credits
Math	see note below***	3 credits
Elective	Choose 1 Humanities or Social Science course****	<u>3 credits</u>
		17 credits

\* Foundations (CALs 001 and 002) are **strongly recommended** for all first-year students in CALs and includes a course section on Communication Methods (Fall '09) and Information Technology (Spring '10). Because CALs 001 and 002 are courses designed for the first-year experience, it is **recommended that** sophomores, juniors, seniors, and transfer students take CALs 85, Information Technology, and CALs 183, Communication Methods, or equivalent as an alternative, preferably as soon as possible.

\*\* BCOR 11 and 12 is the recommended introductory sequence for Plant Biology majors.

\*\*\*The ideal course for most students is Math 19, Fundamentals of Calculus, but those with strong math aptitude might enroll in Math 21. Another option for students needing extra preparation for calculus is to enroll in Math 10, Precalculus, and then go on to Math 21.

\*\*\*\* **Humanities and Fine Arts** courses include subjects such as art, classics, history, literature, music, philosophy, religion, language, and theater; **Social Science** courses include subjects such as anthropology, community development, economics, geography, history, political science, public policy, psychology, and sociology. *It is highly recommended that students select, in consultation with their advisor, a course that also satisfies one of the two Diversity requirements.*

**Advanced Placement** credit or transfer credit will have an impact on this suggested schedule. Any necessary changes will be handled when you meet with your academic advisor at the beginning of the fall semester. A good guideline regarding AP credit: if you took an AP exam in Chemistry but don't know your score as yet, enroll in Chem 31 anyway. If you **receive** AP credit for Chemistry, you may drop it from your schedule.