Biology Major Map: 4 Year Plan

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
Get The Courses You Need	Explore the Biology program, and take some required core classes. Decided on a biology focus. Attend a Major Focus Expo to explore possible career options.	Continue taking required biology classes and required core classes. Work with a biology advisor to enroll in classes. Visit the Learning Center to get help and keep your grades on track for graduation.	Continue working with a biology advisor to stay on track and enroll in relevant courses. Consider doing an internship.	Participate in research based courses that can lead to a career or graduate school after graduation.
Get Relevant Experience	Join the Biology Club, and get involved in volunteer activities around the community.	Consider getting a summer job in a Biology related field.	Apply for an internship with Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, or as a research internship, or talk about options with your academic advisor.	Consider joining a professional organization. Try this link for organization suggestions: https://www2.clarku.edu/research/sciencelibrary/organizations/index.cfm
Get Ready For Life After Graduation	Attend Major Focus Expos to learn about the various biology jobs available. Talk to the Career Coordinator and Instructors about career options. Try the career interest survey at: https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/clusterSurvey?do=0	Start building your social media presence. Join Linkedin and connect with MoVal biology alumni. Participate in job shadowing opportunities.	Make more definite career plans. Develop a resume and cover letter. Attend mock interviews. Grad school? Study for MCAT, GRE, GMAT, etc.	Begin applying for jobs or graduate schools. Check the Career Information board outside the Student Success Center.