ADMISSION ADDENDUM FOR BIOLOGY STUDENTS

Bay Path College is one of a select group of institutions that is offering a Bachelor of Science in Biology. One of the reasons so few institutions offer the degree in the four year format is the number and level of degree of difficulty of courses, especially in the areas on science and math. Students accepted into the Biology program at Bay Path College are in for an exciting, challenging and rigorous academic experience, and should understand the following about the program:

1.) All students accepted into the program are accepted *Conditionally*. This means that students must maintain a CGPA of 2.7 or better by the end of the typical "Freshman Year", and must take and complete all of the "Freshman Year" courses outlined on the attached degree audit. Students with a CGPA of below 2.7 will not be allowed to take the upper level science courses offered after freshman year.
2.) Students who are earning a CGPA of 3.0 or higher by the end of the "Sophomore Year" (as outlined on the attached audit), will earn *Advanced Standing* in the Biology program.
3.) The Biology Degree is a "lock-step" program, meaning that courses are offered in a particular sequence. Students must take courses in the sequence outlined on the attached document in order to complete the degree in four years.
4.) Students who do not test into college level English or algebra may be required to take additional preparatory courses to build their skills before being allowed to take required courses. This may mean taking courses over the summer or possibly taking longer than 4 academic years to complete the degree.
5.) The program is rigorous and requires students to devote a significant amount of time to studying and class preparation.
6.) It is important for all Science majors to stay in consistent contact with Dr. Christine Bacon, Science Department Chair (Phone: 413.565.1062 or ext. 1062; Email: cbacon@baypath.edu), and/or Dr. Sandra Haddad, Co-Director of Forensic Science Masters Program (Phone: 413.565.1355 or ext. 1355; Email: shaddad@baypath.edu), and/or Professor Adrian Garcia-Sega, Co-Director of Forensic Science Masters Program (Phone: 413.565.1774 or ext. 1774; Email: agarciasega@baypath.edu)
7.) Students who are unable to meet minimum qualifications to complete the degree, or who change their interests, are encouraged to explore and pursue related programs in Biotechnology, Criminal Justice, Forensic Psychology, Forensic Science or Legal Studies, and/or other Bay Path College programs, such as Business, Liberal Studies, Psychology or Occupational Therapy.
8.) It is important that you let a representative of the College know if you are struggling or need guidance so we can help advise you about your next steps.

The Bay Path College faculty and staff is committed to helping each student realize her potential. We will do everything in our power to assist students through the rigors of the Biology Program.

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I have read and understand the information on page one of this document regarding the Bay Path College Biology Program.

_____ _____
Signature Date

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Print Name

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Social Security Number

To acknowledge your conditional acceptance into the Biology program, please sign and return one copy of this addendum within two weeks of the date of your acceptance to:

Bay Path College
Admissions Office
588 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your admissions counselor at 413.565.1331.

Note: By signing this addendum, you are not obligated financially or legally to attend Bay Path College.