The 30-credit interdisciplinary major in Origins Sciences consists of:

- Science Core
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### Science Core:
- BIOL 214: Genes, Evolution and Ecology (3 units)
- BIOL 214L: Genes, Evolution and Ecology Lab (1 unit)
- BIOL 225: Evolution (3 units)
- CHEM 105: Principles of Chemistry I (3 units)
- CHEM 106: Principles of Chemistry II (3 units)
- MATH 121: Calculus for Science and Engineering I (4 units)
- or MATH 125: Math and Calculus Applications for Life, Managerial, and Social Sci I (4 units)
- MATH 122: Calculus for Science and Engineering II (4 units)
- or MATH 126: Math and Calculus Applications for Life, Managerial, and Social Sci II (4 units)
- PHYS 121: General Physics I - Mechanics (4 units)
- or PHYS 123: Physics and Frontiers I - Mechanics
- PHYS 122: General Physics II - Electricity and Magnetism (4 units)
- or PHYS 124: Physics and Frontiers II - Electricity and Magnetism

### Origins Core:
- ORIG 101: Origins Prologue: Life, the Universe, and Everything (Optional) (1 unit)
- ORIG 201: Origins I: From the Beginning (3 units)
- ORIG 202: Origins II: Life in all its diversity (3 units)
- ORIG 301: Mathematical Modeling Across the Sciences (3 units)
- ORIG 351: Topics in Origins (Must be taken twice) (3 units)

### Sample First Year Schedule

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Origins Sciences Program

Genes, Evolution and Ecology (BIOL 214) (or PHYS or CHEM) 3
Genes, Evolution and Ecology Lab (BIOL 214L) 1
Calculus for Science and Engineering I (MATH 121) (or MATH 125) 4
Humanities Elective 3
SAGES First Seminar 4
PHED Elective 0
Year Total: 16

Total Units in Sequence: 16

Freshman Units Spring

Origins I: From the Beginning (ORIG 201) 3
Evolution (BIOL 225) 3
Calculus for Science and Engineering II (MATH 122) (or MATH 126) 4
Humanities or Global/Cultural Elective 3
SAGES University Seminar 3
PHED Elective 0
Year Total: 16

Total Units in Sequence: 16

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Courses
ORIG 101. Origins Prologue: Life, the Universe, and Everything. 1 Unit.
This one-credit course introduces students to the research interests of Origins faculty, and thereby to some of the possibilities for student research or focused study. Topics range across cosmology, astronomy, planetary sciences, astrobiology, evolutionary biology, evolutionary cognitive science, anthropology, and evolutionary medicine.

ORIG 201. Origins I: From the Beginning, 3 Units.
A three credit quantitative introduction to cosmology, astrophysics, planetary science and geology in which they are connected through the narrative of origins setting the stage for the development of life on Earth. Prereq: PHYS 121 or PHYS 123.
ORIG 202. Origins II: Life in all its diversity. 3 Units.
An integrated introduction to the origins sciences including aspects of evolutionary biology, ecology, paleontology, physical anthropology and cognitive science. The course will generally meet at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Prereq: BIOL 214.

ORIG 301. Mathematical Modeling Across the Sciences. 3 Units.
A three credit course on mathematical modeling as it applies to the origins sciences. Students gain practical experience in a wide range of techniques for modeling research questions in cosmology and astrophysics, integrative evolutionary biology (including physical anthropology, ecology, paleontology, and evolutionary cognitive science), and planetary science and astrobiology. Offered as ORIG 301, ORIG 401 and MATH 357. Prereq: ORIG 201, ORIG 202, BIOL 225, MATH 122, CHEM 106 and (PHYS 122 or PHYS 124).

ORIG 351. Topics in Origins. 3 Units.
A three-credit special topics course in any Origins discipline or interdisciplinary combination. Instruction may take place on campus or at partner institutions such as the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and may at times include fieldwork. Offered as ORIG 351 and ORIG 451. Prereq: ORIG 201, ORIG 202, ORIG 301.

ORIG 360. Independent Study in Origins. 1 - 3 Units.
A 1-3 credit offering available on an ad hoc basis to students wishing to pursue in depth study in an appropriate origins topic under the supervision of a willing faculty member. Prereq: ORIG 201, ORIG 202.

ORIG 370. Research in Origins. 1 - 6 Units.
A 1-6 credit offering available on an ad hoc basis to students wishing to pursue independent research in an origins topic under the supervision of a willing faculty member. Offered as ORIG 370 and ORIG 470. Prereq: ORIG 201, ORIG 202, ORIG 301.

ORIG 401. Mathematical Modeling Across the Sciences. 3 Units.
A three credit course on mathematical modeling as it applies to the origins sciences. Students gain practical experience in a wide range of techniques for modeling research questions in cosmology and astrophysics, integrative evolutionary biology (including physical anthropology, ecology, paleontology, and evolutionary cognitive science), and planetary science and astrobiology. Offered as ORIG 301, ORIG 401 and MATH 357. Prereq: ORIG 201, ORIG 202, BIOL 225, MATH 122, CHEM 106 and (PHYS 122 or PHYS 124).

ORIG 451. Topics in Origins. 3 Units.
A three-credit special topics course in any Origins discipline or interdisciplinary combination. Instruction may take place on campus or at partner institutions such as the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and may at times include fieldwork. Offered as ORIG 351 and ORIG 451. Prereq: ORIG 201, ORIG 202, ORIG 301.

ORIG 470. Research in Origins. 1 - 6 Units.
A 1-6 credit offering available on an ad hoc basis to students wishing to pursue independent research in an origins topic under the supervision of a willing faculty member. Offered as ORIG 370 and ORIG 470. Prereq: ORIG 201, ORIG 202, ORIG 301.

ORIG 485. Comparative & Evolutionary Physiology. 4 Units.
This course presents physiological concepts from the comparative and evolutionary perspective. Aspects of vertebrate and mammalian evolution will be considered with respect to the generation of adaptive advantages for organisms to changing environmental challenges since the Cambrian. Comparative physiological concepts include scaling, variations in nutrition, energy metabolism and work efficiency. The important influences of time, temperature, water and energy on mammalian biology will be presented. The course is a lecture based course that can be taken in person or on-line. Evaluations will be by regular quizzes, a mid-term and a final exam, all MCQ. Offered as PHOL 485 and ORIG 485.