1. Is it necessary to take both chemistry and biology in my freshman year?

Intro chemistry should be taken as a freshman. Intro bio is usually taken in the freshman year, but it can be postponed to Spring freshman year or sophomore year (when many students are taking organic chemistry). Most students can complete the sequence of courses required for their majors if they take chemistry, but not biology, in their freshman year. Postponing biology and/or chemistry may affect the timing of meeting the requirements needed to apply to professional and graduate schools. Many athletes do not take biology in their freshman year. Students should discuss alternative scheduling with their advisers.