

Natural Sciences with Concentration in Physics, B.S.

Learn more about the Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences.

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Natural Sciences with a concentration in Physics provides students more breadth than traditional science programs. Many exciting areas of scientific inquiry, such as the neurosciences, environmental sciences, and biophysical sciences, require general science backgrounds that encompass multiple science disciplines. This program prepares students for these trans-disciplinary programs.

With careful selection of laboratory-based courses, students are well prepared for entry level science positions, and a variety of graduate programs both disciplinary and interdisciplinary. In particular, this is an excellent background for students wishing to enter graduate programs in education, forensic science, scientific writing or editing, or related science technology areas. Students may also select many of the courses required for a variety of pre-health and professional school programs.

In the Bachelor of Science degree, there is greater emphasis on depth of science content knowledge and application of knowledge compared with the Bachelor of Arts in Natural Sciences. The B.S. degree requires additional science coursework and offers more advanced study in natural sciences. This option provides more flexibility for students declaring the B.S. in Natural Sciences later in their undergraduate course of study as they can apply more disciplinary science courses to meet the additional science requirements of this degree.

Students in this program can apply to our Professional Science Master's (PSM) programs in the following areas: Bioinnovation, Biotechnology and Scientific Writing. Students interested in these PSM programs can apply for admission to the +1 B.S./P.S.M. accelerated options for completion of these degrees. PSM programs provide specific curricula and training for workforce entry or re-entry.

This program of study can prepare students for graduate study in a traditional science discipline, and many Natural Sciences graduates have found employment in technical fields.

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Bachelor of Science

Summary of Requirements for the Degree

1. University Requirements (123 total s.h.)

- Students must complete all University requirements including those listed below.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses at Temple as part of their major. The specific writing-intensive course options for this major are:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SCTC 2396	Writing for Science and Technology	3
SCTC 4396	Paradigms of Scientific Knowledge: Knowledge Discovery from Scientific Data	3

- Students must complete the General Education (GenEd) requirements.
 - See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for the GenEd curriculum.
 - Students who complete CST majors receive a waiver for 2 Science & Technology (GS) and 1 Quantitative Literacy (GQ) GenEd courses.
- Students must satisfy general Temple University residency requirements.

2. College Requirements

- 45 Upper Level (2000+) credits within the College of Science & Technology (CST), the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), or the College of Engineering (ENG).
- 90 credits within the College of Science & Technology (CST), the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), or the College of Engineering (ENG).
- All students in the College of Science and Technology are required to take a one credit first year seminar. SCTC 1001 CST First Year Seminar is the appropriate course option for every entering first year CST major. Transfer students should use SCTC 2001 CST Transfer Seminar to fulfill this requirement. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CST College Requirements page.

3. Major Requirements for Bachelor of Science (76-88 s.h.)

At least 7 courses required for the major must be completed at Temple. At least 2 courses in the chosen concentration must be completed at Temple.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Biology		
Select one of the following:		4
BIOL 1011	General Biology I (F)	
BIOL 1111 or BIOL 1911	Introduction to Organismal Biology Honors Introduction to Organismal Biology	
Select one of the following:		4
BIOL 1012	General Biology II (S)	
BIOL 1112 or BIOL 1912	Introduction to Biomolecules, Cells and Genomes Honors Introduction to Biomolecules, Cells and Genomes	
BIOL 2112 or BIOL 2912	Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology Honors Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology	
Chemistry		
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 1021 & CHEM 1023	Introduction to Chemistry I and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory I	
CHEM 1031 & CHEM 1033	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry Laboratory I	
CHEM 1951 & CHEM 1953	Honors General Chemical Science I and Honors Chemical Science Laboratory I (F)	
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 1022 & CHEM 1024	Introduction to Chemistry II and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory II	
CHEM 1032 & CHEM 1034	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry Laboratory II	
CHEM 1952 & CHEM 1954	Honors General Chemical Science II and Honors Chemical Science Laboratory II (S)	
College of Science & Technology		
SCTC 1013	Elements of Data Science for the Physical and Life Sciences	3
SCTC 1501	STEM Challenge: The World Around Us	4
SCTC 1502	STEM Challenge: The World Within	4
SCTC 2396	Writing for Science and Technology	3
SCTC 3001	History of Science	3
SCTC 4396	Paradigms of Scientific Knowledge: Knowledge Discovery from Scientific Data	3
Computer Programming/Physics		
Select two of the following:		6-8
CIS 1051 or CIS 1951 or CIS 1057	Introduction to Problem Solving and Programming in Python ¹ Honors Introduction to Problem Solving and Programming in Python Computer Programming in C	
CIS 1052	Introduction to Web Technology and Programming	
CIS 1053	Programming in Matlab	
PHYS 1004 SCTC 3312	Introduction to Astronomy (F) Coding STEM Lessons ²	
Earth & Environmental Science		
EES 2001	Physical Geology	4
Mathematics		
Select one of the following:		4-8
MATH 1031	Differential and Integral Calculus	
MATH 1041 & MATH 1044	Calculus I and Introduction to Probability and Statistics for the Life Sciences ³	

MATH 1041 & MATH 1042	Calculus I and Calculus II ³
MATH 1941 & MATH 1942	Honors Calculus I and Honors Calculus II ³

Physics

Select one of the following: 4

PHYS 1021	Introduction to General Physics I
PHYS 1061 or PHYS 1961	Elementary Classical Physics I Honors Elementary Classical Physics I
PHYS 2021 or PHYS 2921	General Physics I Honors General Physics I

Select one of the following: 4

PHYS 1022	Introduction to General Physics II
PHYS 1062 or PHYS 1962	Elementary Classical Physics II Honors Elementary Classical Physics II
PHYS 2022 or PHYS 2922	General Physics II Honors General Physics II

Science Electives

Four Upper-Level (2000+) Physics Electives ⁴ 12-16

Science Breadth Electives

Select one of the following: 3-4

ANTH 2705	Introduction to Evolutionary Anthropology
ENST 2001	Environment and Society
MATH 2031	Probability and Statistics
PHIL 2157	Environmental Ethics
SCTC 2100	Special Topics in Science and Technology
SCTC 2101	Medical Imaging Physics - Seeing Through Ourselves
SCTC 2102	SERC: Science of Energy Resource Consumption

Select one of the following: 3-4

Any Upper-Level (2000+) CST Course

Total Credit Hours 76-88

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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(F) - Fall only course

(S) - Spring only course

- 1 Students may **not** take both CIS 1051 and CIS 1057 as their two CIS electives. They must choose one and then make another choice from the list for their second elective.
- 2 SCTC 3312 is a variable credit course and must be taken for 3 credits in order to meet the requirement for this program. Since the default credits are set to 1, students must contact CSTbce@temple.edu to have an advisor change the credits to 3.
- 3 These courses are not required if MATH 1031 is completed.
- 4 The four electives (2000+) must all be taken from within the Physics department and must satisfy elective criteria of the department. In the circumstance where a laboratory course is the complement of a lecture course, both must be completed to fulfill the requirement for ONE science elective.

Suggested Academic Plan

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Requirements for New Students starting in the 2022-2023 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 1021 & CHEM 1023	Introduction to Chemistry I	
CHEM 1031 & CHEM 1033	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 1951 & CHEM 1953	Honors General Chemical Science I (F)	
Select one of the following:		4
MATH 1031	Differential and Integral Calculus	
MATH 1041 or 1941	Calculus I	
SCTC 1001	CST First Year Seminar	1
SCTC 1013	Elements of Data Science for the Physical and Life Sciences	3
SCTC 1501	STEM Challenge: The World Around Us	4
Term Credit Hours		16
Spring		
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 1022 & CHEM 1024	Introduction to Chemistry II	
CHEM 1032 & CHEM 1034	General Chemistry II	
CHEM 1952 & CHEM 1954	Honors General Chemical Science II (S)	
Select one of the following: ¹		0-4
MATH 1042 or 1942	Calculus II	
MATH 1044	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for the Life Sciences	
SCTC 1502	STEM Challenge: The World Within	4
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
Elective		4-0
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
Select one of the following:		4
PHYS 1021	Introduction to General Physics I	
PHYS 1061 or 1961	Elementary Classical Physics I	
PHYS 2021 or 2921	General Physics I	
Select one of the following:		4
BIOL 1011	General Biology I (F)	
BIOL 1111 or 1911	Introduction to Organismal Biology	
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Term Credit Hours		14
Spring		
Select one of the following:		4
PHYS 1022	Introduction to General Physics II	
PHYS 1062 or 1962	Elementary Classical Physics II	
PHYS 2022 or 2922	General Physics II	
Select one of the following:		4

BIOL 1012	General Biology II (S)	
BIOL 1112 or 1912	Introduction to Biomolecules, Cells and Genomes	
BIOL 2112 or 2912	Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology	
IH 0852 or 0952	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Elective		2
Term Credit Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
EES 2001	Physical Geology	4
SCTC 3001	History of Science	3
Physics Elective (2000+) ²		3-4
GenEd Breadth Course		3-4
Elective		2-0
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Select one of the following:		3-4
CIS 1051, 1951, or 1057	Introduction to Problem Solving and Programming in Python	
CIS 1052	Introduction to Web Technology and Programming	
CIS 1053	Programming in Matlab	
SCTC 3312	Coding STEM Lessons (Must be taken for 3 credits)	
SCTC 2396	Writing for Science and Technology [WI]	3
Physics Elective (2000+) ²		3-4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Elective		3-1
Term Credit Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
Select one of the following:		3-4
PHYS 1004	Introduction to Astronomy (F)	
CIS 1051, 1951, or 1057	Introduction to Problem Solving and Programming in Python	
CIS 1052	Introduction to Web Technology and Programming	
CIS 1053	Programming in Matlab	
SCTC 3312	Coding STEM Lessons (Must be taken for 3 credits)	
Physics Elective (2000+) ²		3-4
Science Breadth Elective ³		3-4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Elective		3-0
Term Credit Hours		15
Spring		
SCTC 4396	Paradigms of Scientific Knowledge: Knowledge Discovery from Scientific Data [WI]	3
Physics Elective (2000+) ²		3-4
Science Breadth Elective ³		3-4
Elective		3
Elective		4-2
Term Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours:		123

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3 See Requirements for course options.

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