Program Description

Not all options are available at every campus. Contact the campus you are interested in attending to determine which options are offered.

The Science major is an interdisciplinary degree that aims to provide a broad, general education in science. The bachelor of science (B.S.) curriculum is designed specifically for students who have education goals relating to scientific theory and practice and who require a high degree of flexibility to obtain their educational objectives. After completing foundation courses in calculus, chemistry, physics, and the life sciences, students will select additional science courses from designated areas. A large number of supporting credits permit students to readily include significant breadth or specialization into their undergraduate curriculum. Some examples include minors in business, computer and information science, education, kinesiology, or other fields. The degree allows students throughout the Commonwealth to become familiar with both the theory and the practice of science. It can help prepare students for various careers in pharmaceutical, biotechnical, chemical, medical, and agricultural industries. The degree can also be tailored to meet the specific requirements of professional programs such as medical, dental, or pharmacy schools.

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General Science Option

Available at the following campuses: Altoona, Berks, Harrisburg, Scranton, University Park, York

The General Science option of the B.S. Science degree allows for the most flexibility.

Achievement in a more specialized set of goals can be met by selecting one of the other B.S. options offered:

- **Biological Sciences and Health Professions Option**
  Available at the following campuses: University Park

- **Legal Studies, Government Service, Public Policy Option**
  Available at the following campuses: University Park

- **Life Sciences Option**
  Available at the following campuses: Altoona, Berks, Harrisburg, Scranton, University Park, York

- **Mathematical Sciences Option**
  Available at the following campuses: Altoona

- **Physical Sciences Option**
  Available at the following campuses: Altoona

Two-Year Preprofessional Preparation

The first two years of the Science major (62 credits) can meet the preprofessional needs of those interested in admission to some schools of pharmacy, physical therapy, optometry, nursing, and physician assistant training. Successful students can then transfer after two years of undergraduate study to the professional school to which they are admitted. Note, however, that no Penn State degree can be awarded after only two years (62 credits) of study in the Science major. Also, note that the abbreviated two-year curriculum alone does not prepare students for admission to professional schools of general medicine, veterinary medicine, or dental medicine. Consult with your college’s health sciences professional adviser for additional information.

What is Science?

The Science major provides a broad and interdisciplinary foundation in the natural sciences. The Science BS program uses the principles of chemistry, physics, and life sciences to understand how these integrate over general areas including biological sciences and health professions, public policy, and science research and development.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You like learning by doing hands-on experiments.
- You are curious about the natural world and how science disciplines come together to explore and understand it.
- You are intrigued by science and desire a career in current and emerging interdisciplinary science disciplines, health professions, or molding science with law, policy, or business.

Entrance to Major

In order to be eligible for entrance to the Science major, a student at any location must have:

1. attained at least a 2.00 cumulative grade-point average;
2. completed MATH 140 with a grade of C or better;
3. completed at least two of the following courses, BIOL 110; CHEM 110; PHYS 211 or PHYS 250, with a grade of C or better.

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Science, a minimum of 124 credits is required, with at least 15 credits at the 400 level:

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15 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses.

**General Education**

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

**Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)**
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

**Knowledge Domains**
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

**Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)**
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

**University Degree Requirements**

**First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

**Cultures Requirement**

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

**Writing Across the Curriculum**

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

**Total Minimum Credits**

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

**Quality of Work**

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

**Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition**

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

**Requirements for the Major**

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

**Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)**

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**Requirements for the Option**

**General Science Option (74 credits)**

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PHYS 211 General Physics: Mechanics
& PHYS 212 and General Physics: Electricity and Magnetism
& PHYS 213 and General Physics: Fluids and Thermal Physics
& PHYS 214 and General Physics: Wave Motion and Quantum Physics ¹

PHYS 250 Introductory Physics I
& PHYS 251 and Introductory Physics II ¹

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
A maximum of 12 credits of Independent Study (296, 496) may be applied toward credits for graduation.

Select 21-26 credits from program list (Students may apply 6 credits 21-26 of ROTC)

Select 3 credits from earth and mineral sciences 3
Select 3 credits in Global, Social, and Personal Awareness from department approved course list in consultation with adviser
Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication from department approved course list in consultation with adviser
Select 6 credits of 400-level courses 6

Supporting and Related Courses: Require a grade of C or better
Select 18 credits in life, mathematical, or physical sciences, with at least 9 credits at the 400 level ²
Select 18 credits in life, mathematical, or physical sciences, with at least 9 credits at the 400 level ²

¹ PHYS 211 and PHYS 250 require a grade of C or better.
² Only the 9 credits at the 400 level require a grade of C or better.
³ Physical sciences include ASTRO, CHEM, PHYS; mathematical sciences include CMPSC, MATH, STAT; life sciences include BIOL, BIOTC, BMB, MICRB.

Biological Sciences and Health Professions Option (74 credits)
Available at the following campuses: University Park

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Additional Courses
Select 4 credits of the following: 4

BIOL 129 Mammalian Anatomy
BIOL 220W Biology: Populations and Communities
BIOL 230W Biology: Molecules and Cells
BIOL 240W Biology: Function and Development of Organisms
BIOL 141 Introductory Physiology
& BIOL 142 and Physiology Laboratory

Select 3-4 credits of the following: 3-4

STAT 200 Elementary Statistics
STAT 250 Introduction to Biostatistics
STAT 301 Statistical Analysis I
STAT 401 Experimental Methods

Select 6-8 credits of the following: 6-8

CHEM 202 Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry I
& CHEM 203 and Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry II
CHEM 210 Organic Chemistry I
& CHEM 212 and Organic Chemistry II
& CHEM 213 and Laboratory in Organic Chemistry

Select 3 credits of the following: 3

BIOL 222 Genetics

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& PHYS 214 and General Physics: Wave Motion and Quantum Physics ²

PHYS 250 Introductory Physics I
& PHYS 251 and Introductory Physics II ²

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
A maximum of 12 credits of Independent Study (296, 496) may be applied toward credits for graduation.

Select 15 credits from program list for Healthcare/ Medicine/Ethical Competencies ¹
Select 10-17 credits from program list (Students may apply 6 credits 10-17 of ROTC)
Select 3 credits in Global, Social, and Personal Awareness from department approved course list in consultation with adviser
Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication from department approved course list in consultation with adviser
Select 9 credits from 400-level BMB, BIOL, BIOTC, or MICRB courses 9

¹ Six credits must be at the 400-level. Select from department approved course list in consultation with adviser.
² PHYS 211 and PHYS 250 require a grade of C or better.

Legal Studies, Government Service, Public Policy Option (74 credits)
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STAT 250 Introduction to Biostatistics
STAT 301 Statistical Analysis I
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& PHYS 214 and General Physics: Wave Motion and Quantum Physics ¹

PHYS 250 Introductory Physics I
& PHYS 251 and Introductory Physics II ¹

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select 12-17 credits from program list (Students may apply 6 credits of ROTC)

Select 18 credits from program list for Legal Studies, Government Service, Public Policy 2

Select 3 credits in Global, Social, and Personal Awareness from department approved course list in consultation with adviser

Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication from department approved course list in consultation with adviser

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 18 credits in life, mathematical, or physical sciences, with at least 9 credits at the 400 level 3,4

1 PHYS 211 and PHYS 250 require a grade of C or better.
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Select 23-29 credits from program list (Students may apply 6 credits of ROTC)

Select 3 credits in Global, Social, and Personal Awareness 3

Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication 3

Select 6 credits of 400-level courses

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits of 400-level BMB, BIOL, BIOTC, or MICRB courses 9

PHYS 211 and PHYS 250 require a grade of C or better.

Mathematical Science Option (74 credits)
Available at the following campuses: Altoona

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Select 3 credits of the following:

BMB 211  Elementary Biochemistry
BMB 251  Molecular and Cell Biology I
MICRB 201  Introductory Microbiology

Select 3 credits of the following:

CMPSC 121  Introduction to Programming Techniques
CMPSC 201  Programming for Engineers with C++
CMPSC 202

Select 8-12 credits of the following:

PHYS 211  General Physics: Mechanics
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& PHYS 213  and General Physics: Fluids and Thermal Physics
& PHYS 214  and General Physics: Wave Motion and Quantum Physics 1

PHYS 250  Introductory Physics I
& PHYS 251  and Introductory Physics II 1

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A maximum of 12 credits of Independent Study (296, 496) may be applied toward credits for graduation.

Select 18-24 credits from program list (Students may apply 6 credits of ROTC)

Select 6 credits of 400-level courses

Select 3 credits in Global, Social, and Personal Awareness 3

Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication 3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits of 400-level CMPSC, CSE, MATH, or STAT courses 9

PHYS 211 and PHYS 250 require a grade of C or better.

Physical Science Option (74 credits)
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Select 3 credits in Global, Social, and Personal Awareness 3

Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication 3

Select 6 credits of 400-level courses

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits of 400-level BMB, BIOL, BIOTC, or MICRB courses 9

PHYS 211 and PHYS 250 require a grade of C or better.
### Program Learning Objectives

1. Have a basic knowledge of the fundamental concepts in molecular, organismal, and population biology.
2. Demonstrate the ability to use scientific and quantitative reasoning.
3. Demonstrate the ability to retrieve scientific information, analyze scientific data, and use computers and scientific equipment in a laboratory setting.
4. Demonstrate the ability to disseminate scientific findings through oral and written communication.
5. Demonstrate the ability to work cooperative in teams.

### Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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### Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2019-20 academic year. To access previous years’ suggested academic plans, please visit the archive [http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive](http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

#### General Option at Abington Campus

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Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

### Disallowed Courses

Students may select free elective courses from nearly the entire range of the University’s offerings. However, the following courses may NOT be used to satisfy degree requirements in the Biology major, regardless of option, not even as free electives.

- BIOL 011**, 012**
- BISC 001, 002, 003**, 004**
- BMB 001**
- CHEM 001, 003, 101, 108
CMPS 001, 100, 110
ENGL 004, 005
LL ED 005, 010
MATH 001, 002, 003, 004, 017, 018, 021, 022, 026, 030, 035, 036, 040, 041, 081, 082, 083, 110, 111, 200
MICRB 120, 121A, 121B, 150 151A, 151C, 151D, 151E, 151F, 151W
PHYS 001, 150, 151
CAS 004, 126
STAT 100

In addition, the following types of courses may NOT be used to satisfy degree requirements in the Biology major:

- Courses which are remedial in nature or which focus on reading improvement or study skills. NOTE: Only 3 credits of CHEM 017 and only 4 credits of MATH 140A may be used to satisfy degree requirements.
- Courses which substantially duplicate the subject matter covered in other completed courses taught at a comparable level.
- No more than 6 credits of ROTC and 12 credits of Independent Study (296, 496) may be used to satisfy degree requirements. Unless special permission is granted, Independent Study credit may only be used in the “Free Electives” category.
- No more than 5 credits of KINES may be used to satisfy degree requirements.
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Additional Notes

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**Career Paths**

Penn State students with a BS in Science are prepared for a broad range of careers and graduate programs. The solid foundation of science and math prepares students to think critically and scientifically in a range of industries and professions.

**Careers**

This program often leads to careers in all healthcare professions, including physicians and physician assistants, dentists, optometrists, and podiatrists; laboratory research associates; scientific product representatives and science-based consulting.

**Opportunities for Graduate Studies**

Many graduates of the Science B.S. program choose to pursue graduate studies (MS and PhD) in the natural sciences. Most often, students gravitate to medically-related fields and life science sub-disciplines for focused graduate training. Students in the legal studies and public policy options may choose law school or master’s in public policy programs.

**Professional Resources**

- Association of American Medical Colleges (https://www.aamc.org)
- American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (https://www.aacom.org)
- American Dental Education Association (http://www.adea.org)
- Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (https://optometriceducation.org)
- American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (http://www.aacpm.org)

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