SCIENCE, B.S. (CAPITAL)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Harrisburg

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.

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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General Science Option (74 credits)

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

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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 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 3

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

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)

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Select 3 credits of the following: 3
Available at the following campuses: University Park

Select 8-12 credits of the following: 

**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

**PHYS 250**
Introductory Physics I

& **PHYS 251**
and Introductory Physics II

**BIOL 222**
Genetics

**BIOL 322**
Genetic Analysis

**BMB 211**
Elementary Biochemistry

**BMB 251**
Molecular and Cell Biology I

**MICRB 201**
Introductory Microbiology

**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 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

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

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

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)  
Available at the following campuses: University Park

**Code**  | **Title**  | **Credits**
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**Additional Courses**

Select 4 credits of the following:  

**BIOL 129**
Mammalian Anatomy

& **BIOL 142**
and Physiology Laboratory

**BIOL 220W**
Biology: Populations and Communities

**BIOL 230W**
Biology: Molecules and Cells

**BIOL 240W**
Biology: Function and Development of Organisms

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

**STAT 200**
Elementary Statistics

**STAT 250**
Introduction to Biostatistics

**STAT 301**

**STAT 401**
Experimental Methods

Select 8-12 credits of the following:  8-12

**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

**PHYS 250**
Introductory Physics I

& **PHYS 251**
and Introductory Physics II

**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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Life Science Option (74 credits)  
Available at the following campuses: Abington, Altoona, Berks, Harrisburg, Scranton, York

**Code**  | **Title**  | **Credits**
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**Additional Courses**

Select 4 credits of the following:  

**BIOL 220W**
Biology: Populations and Communities

**BIOL 230W**
Biology: Molecules and Cells

**BIOL 240W**
Biology: Function and Development of Organisms

Select 3 credits of the following:  

**CMPSC 101**
Introduction to Programming

**MATH 250**
Ordinary Differential Equations

**STAT 250**
Introduction to Biostatistics

Select 3 credits of the following:  

**BMB 211**
Elementary Biochemistry

**BMB 251**
Molecular and Cell Biology I

**MICRB 201**
Introductory Microbiology

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 8-12 credits of the following:  8-12

**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

**PHYS 250**
Introductory Physics I

& **PHYS 251**
and Introductory Physics II

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

A maximum of 12 credits of Independent Study 296, 496 may be applied toward credits for graduation.
Select 23-29 credits from program list (Students may apply 6 credits of ROTC)

Select 3 credits in Global, Social, and Personal Awareness

Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication

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 CMPSC, CSE, MATH, or STAT courses

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

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

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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

Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication

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

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

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

Physical Science Option (74 credits)
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Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

PHYS 211 General Physics: Mechanics

Additional Courses
Select 6-8 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:

ASTRO 292 Astronomy of the Distant Universe
EMCH 211 Statics
ME 300 Engineering Thermodynamics I
PHYS 237 Introduction to Modern Physics

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

Select 20-22 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

Select 3 credits in Teamwork and Interpersonal Communication

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

Select 9 credits of 400-level ASTRO, CHEM, or PHYS courses

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

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 (https://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](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.