### Natural Science, Minor

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

### Program Description

This interdepartmental minor in Natural Science is designed for nonscience students who wish to gain a better appreciation for science and the scientific method. The courses required in the minor include 3 to 4 credits of general education science designed for nonscience students, 3 to 4 credits of mathematical science, 8 to 9 credits of life or physical science, including some laboratory work, and 6 credits of 400-level science courses. Certain combinations of courses are disallowed (as listed in the curriculum description), and higher-level courses are generally accepted as substitutes for lower-level courses if both are offered by the same department. Any substitutes for laboratory courses must also be laboratory courses. Advising for students in this minor will be available through the Eberly College of Science Academic Advising Center and approval of curriculum exceptions will be through the faculty committee and professor in charge of the program.

### What is Natural Science?

Science is a way of knowing. The Natural Science minor is designed for students in non-science majors of the Eberly College of Science to explore their curiosity and passion about the natural world. From introductory level to upper division immersion, you can delve into science topics and the scientific method.

### You Might Like This Program If...

You are inherently curious about the natural sciences, mathematics and/or statistics and their applications in everyday life.

### Program Requirements

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### Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student’s major(s).

#### Code Title Credits

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### Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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

Select 0-2 credits of 496 (independent studies) courses from the Eberly College of Science course offerings

Select 3-5 credits of 400-level courses (other than independent studies) from the Eberly College of Science course offerings

### 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 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

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