

Degree Requirement Guide - Bachelor of Science in Physics

A Suggested Sequence of Required Courses

F r e s h m a n Y e a r

Fall			Spring		
_____	0	Core: Common Course (Chapel)	_____	0	Core: Common Course (Chapel)
_____	0	Core: Common Requirement (Cultural Events)	_____	0	Core: Common Requirement (Cultural Events)
_____	3	Core: Common Course	_____	3	Core: Common Course
_____	3-4	Core: Distribution List (**Foreign Language)	_____	3-4	Core: Distribution List (**Foreign Language)
_____	3	Core: Distribution List Course	_____	3	CHE (1301 recommended/see below)
_____	3	MTH 1321 Calculus I	_____	3	MTH 1322 Calculus II
_____	4	PHY 1420 General Physics I	_____	4	PHY 1430 General Physics II
Total:	16-17		Total:	16-17	

S o p h o m o r e Y e a r

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_____	0	Core: Common Requirement (Cultural Events)	_____	0	Core: Common Requirement (Cultural Events)
_____	3	Core: Common Course	_____	3	Core: Common Course
_____	3	Core: Distribution List (**Foreign Language)	_____	3	Elective (see below) / DL (Foreign Language)
_____	3	MTH 2311 Linear Algebra	_____	4	CSI 1430 Intro to Computer Science w/ Lab
_____	3	MTH 2321 Calculus III	_____	3	MTH 3325 Ordinary Differential Equations
_____	1	PHY 2135 Basic Electronics Lab	_____	1	PHY 2190 Introduction to Research
_____	3	PHY 2350 Modern Physics	_____	3	PHY 2360 Math and Computational Physics
Total:	16		Total:	17	

J u n i o r Y e a r

Fall			Spring		
_____	0	Core: Common Requirement (Cultural Events)	_____	0	Core: Common Requirement (Cultural Events)
_____	3	Core: Common Course	_____	3	Core: Distribution List Course
_____	3	Core: Distribution List Course	_____	3	Core: Distribution List Course
_____	3	MTH 3326 Partial Differential Equations	_____	3	MTH/Science
_____	2	PHY 3276 Intermediate Physics Lab II	_____	3	PHY 3330 Intern. Electricity and Magnetism
_____	3	PHY 3320 Intermediate Classical Mechanics	_____	3	PHY 3373 Intro to Quantum Mechanics II
_____	3	PHY 3372 Intro to Quantum Mechanics I	_____		
Total:	17		Total:	15	

S e n i o r Y e a r

Fall			Spring		
_____	3	Core: Distribution List Course	_____	1	Core: Lifetime Fitness
_____	0	PHY 4001 Exit Exam	_____	3	PHY 4322 Adv. Topics in Classical Mechanics
_____	1	PHY 4190 Dissemination of Research Results	_____	3	PHY 4372 or 4373 or 4374
_____	3	PHY 4340 Statistical and Thermal Physics	_____	3	MTH/Science
_____	3	PHY 4372 or 4373 or 4374	_____	3	Elective (see below)
_____	3	MTH/Science	_____	3	Elective (see below)
_____	3	Elective (see below)	_____		
Total:	16		Total:	16	

All students must graduate with a minimum of 124 hours, 36 of which must be at the 3000/4000 level.

Notes about major requirements:

- This is a Degree Requirement Guide. It provides a general understanding of how the courses that fulfill a BS degree may be taken during your time at Baylor. Because every major under the BS degree will differ, it is important that you refer to your degree audit and catalog for the specific requirements for your chosen major. In addition, it is imperative that you meet with your assigned advisor each semester to make sure you are fulfilling all requirements for a timely graduation.

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Notes about major requirements in Physics:

- MTH/Science requirement - Complete 9 hours from: BIO, CHE, GEO, MTH, or STA. Some of these hours may need to be advanced level courses to fulfill the 3000-4000 level course requirement.
- English requirement: It is recommended that science majors take ENG 3300 during their junior year rather than ENG 1304. Students may also take FAS 1118, 1128, and 1138 instead of ENG 1304.
- Prior to taking PHY 4190, students are expected to make substantial progress on a research project. Research typically begins when PHY 2190 is taken in the sophomore year. Students involved in research during their junior year should enroll in PHY 3V95 (Undergraduate Research). In addition, students are strongly encouraged to participate in summer research opportunities.
- Many required courses are offered only one time each year in either the fall semester or the spring semester.
- Check your degree audit often through Bearweb to ensure that you are making timely progress toward your degree.
- For more information, see the undergraduate catalog.

- **Core - Common Course:** These are common courses that are part of the general education requirements for all College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) degrees. All students in A&S must fulfill these requirements. Those areas within the Core that may require multiple semesters are indicated above. The 1000-level Core courses should be taken in the freshman or sophomore years and 2000-level Core courses should typically be taken in the sophomore year or later. Please refer to your degree audit or catalog for a full listing of courses. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation.

- **Core - Distribution Lists (DL):** This portion of the A&S Core curriculum includes 9 separate sections with over 200 courses from which to choose. You must complete the specific requirements of each section. Those areas within the DLs that may require multiple semesters are indicated above. One additional section for the 2019-2020 catalog only will be a one-hour Lifetime Fitness course. Please refer to your degree audit or catalog for a full listing of courses. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation. **NOTE:** Three of the DL sections (Scientific Method I, II, and Critical Thinking) are covered by science classes from most BS majors. Please see your advisor to discuss if this will apply to your chosen major.

- ***Core - Cultural Events Experience (CEE):** You must attend 12 approved CEE events as part of their general education requirements. You are encouraged to attend 2 approved CEE events per semester (or 4 within one academic year) in order to fulfill this requirement in a timely manner. Please see your assigned advisor for more information.

- ****Core - Foreign Language:** The hours to complete your foreign language requirement may differ depending on which of the three options you choose from the DL or if you test into a higher level of language from the beginning. The hours could range from 8-12 hours. Please see your assigned advisor for more information.

- **Elective:** Because the number of electives that are available with most BS majors can vary significantly, you will want to discuss the possibility of adding a double major, secondary major, minor(s) or certificate(s) with your assigned advisor. Otherwise, these elective hours can be any 1000-4000 level course for which you qualify to register. Please refer to your catalog for a full listing of classes. Please see your assigned advisor for a more detailed explanation.