

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN PHYSICS

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Physics		
Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics)		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
BIOL 1411 or GEOL 1403 or PHYS 1404	General Botany Physical Geology Solar System Astronomy	4
BIOL 1413 or GEOL 1404 or PHYS 1403	General Zoology Historical Geology Stars & Galaxies	4
CHEM 1411	General Chemistry I ¹	4
CHEM 1412	General Chemistry II ¹	4
COSC 1436	Programming Fundamentals I	4
Advanced General elective		7
MATH (Advanced) or Science (Advanced)		6
Major Core		
PHYS 1401	Physics Boot Camp	4
PHYS 1411	Introduction To Physics I	4
PHYS 1422	Introduction To Physics II	4
PHYS 3391 & PHYS 3111	Modern Physics I and Modern Physics Laboratory I	4
PHYS 3370 & PHYS 4110	Intro To Theoretical Physics and Adv Undergrad Laboratory I	4
PHYS 4366	Intro Quantum Mechanics	3
PHYS 4368	Electricity And Magnetism	3
PHYS 4370	Classical Mechanics	3
PHYS 4371	Thermodynamcs & Statistcl Mech	3
PHYS 4395	Undergraduate Research	3
Major		
Advanced PHYS elective		3
General Elective		1
Minor (if required)		
MATH 1420	Calculus I ¹	4
MATH 1430	Calculus II	4
MATH 2440	Calculus III	4
MATH 3376	Differential Equations	3
MATH 3377	Intro to Linear Alg & Matrics	3
Total Hours		120

¹ CHEM 1411, CHEM 1412 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science). MATH 1420 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics), one semester credit hour of Component Area IX (Component Area Option), and the Degree Specific requirement.

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CHEM 1411		4 CHEM 1412 ³	4
ENGL 1301 ¹		3 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
General Elective		1 MATH 1430	4
MATH 1420 ²		4 PHYS 1411	4
PHYS 1401		4	
		16	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)		3 COSC 1436	4
HIST 1301		3 HIST 1302 ⁴	3
MATH 2440		4 PHYS 3370 & PHYS 4110	4
PHYS 1422		4 POLS 2306 ⁵	3
POLS 2305		3	
		17	14

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area VIII (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		3 BIOL 1413, GEOL 1404, or PHYS 1403	4
BIOL 1411, GEOL 1403, or PHYS 1404		4 MATH 3377	3
MATH 3376		3 PHYS 4370	3
PHYS 3111		1	
PHYS 3391		3	
		17	13

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced General Elective		3 Advanced General Elective	4
Math or Science (Advanced)		3 Math or Science (Advanced)	3
PHYS 4368		3 PHYS 4366	3
PHYS 4371		3 PHYS Advanced Elective	3
PHYS 4395		3	
		15	13

Total Hours: 120

¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).

² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and one semester credit hour of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

- 3 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).
- 4 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- 5 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science).

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Physics is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Ability to creatively solve real-world problems.
- Sophisticated understanding of applied mathematics.
- Capacity to analyze and interpret complex data.
- Quantitative understanding of mechanical, electrical, and thermal systems.
- Model complex interactions with computer programming and technology.