Bachelor of Science in Physics (BS) 2024-26 Checklist

CORE CURRICULUM Core courses must be chosen from approved lists.	Minimum Hours Required	OPTION 7: BIOPHYSICS	Minimum Hours Required
bit.ly/1d6oP6l		Biology, Chemistry, and Biochemistry:	14–17
First Year Signature Course	3	BIO 311C, 311D, and 325 or BIO 315H and 325H BIO 206L	
English Composition	3	CH 320M or 328M BCH 369	
Humanities	3		
American & Texas Government	6	 Upper-division mathematics: M 427J or 427K 	14
American History	6	M 427L	
Social & Behavioral Science	3	 6 additional hours of upper-division Mathematics: M 340L, 361, and 362K are recommended 	
Mathematics (Fulfilled by course in major)	0	Upper-division physics:	21
Science & Technology-I (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0	PHY 355 Modern Physics & Thermodynamics	
Science & Technology-II (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0	PHY 345 Biophysics PHY 353L Modern Physics Laboratory	
Visual & Performing Arts	3	PHY 336K Classical Dynamics PHY 352K Classical Electrodynamics I PHY 373 Quantum Physics I: Foundations	
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE FLAGS		PHY 369 Thermodynamics & Statistical Mechanics	
Flags attached to courses are displayed in the online Course Schedule.		1 of the following areas:	3–6
		Cell Biology: MBS 320 Microbiology: MBS 326R	
Two Writing Flags: 1. Core Writing Flag (cannot also fulfill another core	ЦЦ	 Developmental Biology: MBS 350 	
curriculum requirement)		Neurobiology: NEU 371M Virology: MBS 330	
2. Additional Writing Flag Note: One of the two writing flags must be upper-division.		Computation: SDS 335 & BIO 337J* * Note: if computation is selected, both courses must be	
One Quantitative Reasoning Flag		completed	
One Global Cultures Flag		A list of recommended biology laboratory courses that	
One Cultural Diversity in the U.S. Flag		 complement some lecture courses are available in the Mathematics, Physics, and Astronomy Advising Center. 	
One Ethics and Leadership Flag			
One Independent Inquiry Flag			
		ELECTIVES Enough elective hours to reach 126 total	VARY
FOREIGN LANGUAGE		(The number of elective hours needed may vary depending on	VARI
1 of the following:	6–12	course selections.)	
a. Beginning level proficiency in a foreign language	0-12	-	
b. 1 course in a foreign language & 1 three-hour		ADDITIONAL GRADUATION	
course in the culture of the same language area c. 2 three-hour courses from the same foreign		REQUIREMENTS	
culture area		☐ Minimum 21 upper-division hours in residence	including 12 in Physics
Foreign culture courses selected from approved lists maintained by the college. Bit.ly/19Ao6pc		 ☐ Minimum 60 hours in residence overall ☐ Minimum 36 upper-division hours ☐ 126 hours total overall 	
INTRODUCTORY		 ☐ Minimum grade of C- & minimum 2.0 GPA in al Natural Sciences courses ☐ Minimum UT-Austin Grade Point Average of 2.0 	
MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE	0.10	☐ Must apply to graduate during final semester	•
M 408C & 408D or 408N, 408S, & 408M	8–12	_ □ 2024-26 Catalog expires August 2032	
PHY 301 & 101L*, 316 & 116L*, and 315 & 115L * PHY 303K & 105M and 303L & 105N, substitute for PHY 301 & 101L and 316 & 116L. However, they are not preferred preparation for PHY 315 & 115L.	12	-	
CH 301 or 301C	3	_	
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Note: Introductory science is substantially different for Option 6			