

SHSU Catalog (2025/2026)

Bache	lor of Scie	ence, Physics	
CORE REQUIREMENTS Depar	tment of Physics	& Astronomy	936.294.1601 physandastron@shsu.edu
Course Name	Hours	TCCNS	SHSU
	Communicatio	n (6 hours)	
Composition I	3	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301
Composition II	3	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302
Mathematics (3 hours) ¹			
Calculus I	4	MATH 2413	MATH 1420
Life	& Physical Scie	ences (6 hours) ²	
Choose <u>two</u> courses from you	r current Texas	community college's cor	e approved list.
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3 hours)			
Choose <u>one</u> course from your	r current Texas	community college's core	approved list.
Creative Arts (3 hours)			
Choose <u>one</u> course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.			
American History (6 hours)			
United States History to 1876	3	HIST 1301	HSTY 1301
United States History since 1876	3	HIST 1302	HSTY 1302
Government/Political Science (6 hours)			
American Government	3	GOVT 2305	POLS 2305
Texas Government	3	GOVT 2306	POLS 2306
		Science (3 hours)	
Choose <u>one</u> course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.			
Component Area Option Recommendations (6 hours) ¹			
Choose <u>two</u> courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.			
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS Full degree	can be found here: h	nttps://www.shsu.edu/programs/	bachelor-of-science-in-physics/index.html
Course Name	Hours	TCCNS	SHSU
Calculus II	4	MATH 2414	MATH 1430
Calculus III	4	MATH 2415	MATH 2440
General Chemistry I w/ lab	4	CHEM 1411	CHEM 1411
General Chemistry II w/ lab	4	CHEM 1412	CHEM 1412
General Biology I OR		BIOL 1406	BIOL 1406
Physical Geology OR	4	GEOL 1403	GEOL 1403
Solar System Astronomy	_	PHYS 1404	PHYS 1404
General Biology II OR Historical Geology OR	4	BIOL 1407 GEOL 1404	BIOL 1407 GEOL 1404
Stars & Galaxies	·	PHYS 1403	PHYS 1403
Programming Fundamentals	4	COSC 1436	COSC 1436
Introduction to Physics I w/ lab	4	PHYS 2425	PHYS 1411
Introduction to Physics II w/ lab	4	PHYS 2426	PHYS 1422
Courses for required minor			

A minor is required for this program. A full list of minors can be found here: https://catalog.shsu.edu/degree-programs/

*SHSU accepts a maximum of 70 credit hours: 66 academic hours + 4 hours of activity-based physical education (kinesiology) hours. Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework, overall major GPA in all major coursework, SHSU GPA in all coursework, and SHSU major GPA in all major coursework.

A minor is required for this program. The Physics major degree plan automatically includes enough math hours for a <u>minor in Mathematics</u>. The following minor cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Physics.

1 - 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 Minor requirement.

2 - CHEM 1411 and CHEM 1412 satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).