

SHSU Catalog (2025/2026)

Bachelor of Science, Physics							
CORE REQUIREMENTS	Department of Physics & Astronomy		& Astronomy	936.294.1601 physandastron@shsu.edu			
Course Name		Hours	TCCNS	SHSU			
Communication (6 hours)							
Composition I		3	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301			
Composition II		3	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302			
Mathematics (3 hours) <sup>1</sup>							
Calculus I		4	MATH 2413	MATH 1420			
Life & Physical Sciences (6 hours) <sup>2</sup>							
Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3 hours)							
Choose one course from your 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			
Social & Behavioral Science (3 hours)							
Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							
Component Area Option Recommendations (6 hours) <sup>1</sup>							
Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.							
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	Full degree can be found here: https://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-science-in-physics/index.html						
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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 Physical Geology OR Solar System Astronomy	4	BIOL 1406 GEOL 1403 PHYS 1404	BIOL 1406 GEOL 1403 PHYS 1404		
General Biology II OR Historical Geology OR Stars & Galaxies	4	BIOL 1407 GEOL 1404 PHYS 1403	BIOL 1407 GEOL 1404 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 minor in Mathematics. 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).