

Major Course Requirements

A minimum of 106.5 hours (39 upper-division hours)

► **Required Core Courses (96.5 hours)**

BIOL 111+112+113	Biological Foundations I,II,III	5+5+5
BIOL 320	Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
BIOL 348	Systems Physiology	5
CHEM 111+L	General Chemistry I+Lab	4+1
CHEM 112+L	General Chemistry II+Lab	4+1
CHEM 113+L	General Chemistry III+Lab	4+1
CHEM 371+L	Organic Chemistry I+Lab	3+1
CHEM 372+L	Organic Chemistry II+Lab	3+1
CHEM 373+L	Organic Chemistry III+Lab	3+1
CHEM 481	Biochemistry I	4
MATH 131+132	Calculus I,II	4+4
MATH 267	Multivariable Calculus	5
PHYS 111+112+113	General Physics I, II, III	4+4+4
PHYS 265	Calculus Applications for Physics	3
PHYS 280	Introduction to Physical Science	1
PHYS 290	Sophomore Seminar	0.5
PHYS 314	Elementary Modern Physics	4
PHYS 321	Biophysics	3
PHYS 322	Medical Physics	3
PHYS 380	Research in Physics	1
PHYS 490	Senior Seminar in Physics	1

► **Required Core Electives (10 hours)**

At least 10 hours from the following: 10
(Including at least 2 upper-division hours)

In consultation with the advisor, select additional non-service BIOL and PHYS courses. CHEM 450L, CHEM 451, CHEM 482, and CHEM 452 may also apply.

Recommended Courses:

INFS 115	Intro to Computer Programming (4)
MICR 134	General Microbiology (5)

Student Learning Outcomes

Students can:

- Demonstrate proficiency in the fundamentals of applied physics and Biology (Applied Optics, Modern Physics, Circuit Theory, Biophysics).
- Identify career options appropriate to their degree program, both within Physics and Biology careers (especially medical school).
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate scientific information and concepts in both written and verbal form.
- Apply physical principles to novel situations, both in the classroom and in laboratory settings, through critical thinking, problem solving, mathematical and computer modeling, and laboratory experimentation.
- Construct and assemble experimental apparatuses, conduct and analyze measurements of physical phenomena, assess experimental uncertainty, and make meaningful comparisons between experiment and theory.

Occupational Information

What can I do with this major?

The biophysics major provides a footing-track to pre-professional schools such as medical, dental, and pharmacy schools. Additionally, the major provides an excellent preparation for graduate training in biophysics, physiology, radiation-biology, and environmental science. With additional professional education courses this broad exposure to physics, biology, chemistry, and mathematics qualifies the biophysics major for teaching at the secondary level.

Additional Education Required?

This program is intended as a preparation for graduate study in a university or professional school rather than an entry-level degree to employment.

Public Sector vs. Denominational, Job Outlook

The fields of health and medicine, as well as teaching, provide numerous opportunities in the public sector and within the denomination.

Undergraduate Research Opportunities

For more than a decade, PUC students have participated in world-class physics research, most of which has been funded through NASA's APRA contracts and National Science Foundation grants. As a result, students have traveled to many national laboratories and international conferences; some have published their research in peer-reviewed journals.

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major, please refer to page A-01, Summary of General Education Requirements: B.S. Degree.

How to Construct Your Own Program

1. Consult with your academic advisor.
2. Consider your aptitudes, interests, and available courses.
3. Schedule major courses and cognates first.
4. Fill the rest of your schedule with G.E. requirements.
5. For the freshman year include English, Religion, and PE courses. Also include Basic Algebra I+II unless waived by previous work.

What the Degree Includes

- A total of 192 quarter hours including:
1. A minimum of 60 upper division hours.
 2. General Education requirements.
 3. Major requirements.
 4. Minimum 2.0 GPA, overall and major.

For More Information

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Sample Four-Year Program

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

First Year	F	W	S
Intro to Computer Programming	-	-	4
General Chemistry I,II,III	5	5	5
Calculus I,II	4	4	-
College English I,II	-	4	4
General Education/Electives	7	3	3
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Second Year	F	W	S
General Physics I,II,III	4	4	4
Biological Foundations I,II,III	5	5	5
Organic Chemistry I,II,III	4	4	4
Physical Science Research	-	-	1
Sophomore Seminar	-	0.5	-
Calculus Apps for Physics	-	-	3
General Education/Electives	3	3	0
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Third and Fourth Years	F	W	S
Multivariable Calculus	5	-	-
Elementary Modern Physics	4	-	-
Research in Physics	-	-	1
Cell & Molecular Biology	-	4	-
Biochemistry I	4	-	-
Biophysics (even)*	-	3	-
Medical Physics (even)	-	-	3
Systems Physiology	5	-	-
Major Electives	4	3	3
Senior Seminar in Physics	-	-	1
Senior Assessment Seminar	-	-	.2
General Education/Electives	11	22	23
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* Courses marked (even) or (odd) are taught in alternate years only. 2020-2021 is odd, 2021-2022 is even.