

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS: CONCENTRATION IN PHYSICS FOR TEACHING ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required

Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 64

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

Course	Title	Units
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENG 114	Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2) <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH 226	Calculus I (Major Prerequisite, B4) <sup>2</sup>	4
GE Area A <sup>3</sup>		3
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3

**Units 16**

<b>Second Semester</b>		
MATH 227	Calculus II (Major Prerequisite)	4
PHYS 220 & PHYS 222	General Physics with Calculus I and General Physics with Calculus I Laboratory (Major Prerequisite, B1, B3)	4
GE Area A		3
GE Area E		3

**Units 14**

<b>Third Semester</b>		
MATH 228	Calculus III (Major Prerequisite)	4
PHYS 230 & PHYS 232	General Physics with Calculus II and General Physics with Calculus II Laboratory (Major Prerequisite)	4
GE Area B: Life Science (B2)		3
Select One:		3
SF State Studies or University Elective (if selecting MATH 245)		
MATH 325	Linear Algebra (if selecting MATH 376)	

**Units 14**

<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
Select One (Major Prerequisite):		3

MATH 245	Elementary Differential Equations and Linear Algebra	
MATH 376	Ordinary Differential Equations I	
PHYS 240 & PHYS 242	General Physics with Calculus III and General Physics with Calculus III Laboratory (Major Prerequisite)	4
GE Area C - Take Two		6
GE Area D		3

**Units 16**

<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
PHYS 320	Modern Physics I (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
PHYS 321	Modern Physics Laboratory (Major Upper-Division Core)	2
PHYS 330	Analytical Mechanics I (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
PHYS 385	Introduction to Theoretical Physics I (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
GE Area F <sup>±</sup>		3

**Units 14**

<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
PHYS 360	Electricity and Magnetism I (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
PHYS 370	Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
Major Elective (12 Units Total) - Take Two <sup>4</sup>		6
GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences		3

**Units 15**

<b>Seventh Semester</b>		
PHYS 491GW	Advanced Laboratory Techniques I - GWAR (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
SCI 652	Major Upper-Division Core	
Major Elective (12 Units Total) - Take One <sup>4</sup>		3
GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences		3
GE Area UD-C: Upper-Division Arts and/or Humanities		3

**Units 12**

**Eighth Semester**

PHYS 695	Culminating Experience in Physics (Major Upper-Division Core)	1
Major Elective (12 Units Total) - Take One <sup>4</sup>		3
U.S. and California Government ( <a href="http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg">http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg</a> )		3
SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Three		8
	<b>Units</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>116</b>

<sup>1</sup> ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

<sup>2</sup> To determine the best B4 course option, students should complete the online advising activity at [mathadvising.sfsu.edu](https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu) (<https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu>). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

<sup>3</sup> To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

<sup>4</sup> Selected in consultation with a departmental advisor to prepare to teach a second subject in addition to physics, or general science at the 9th grade level. Electives may be lower-division or upper-division courses. If MATH 325 was taken, those units can be applied to this requirement.

± Given catalog rights, fall 2023 transfer students do not need to complete an Area F course.