The biophysics major is ideal for students who like quantitative sciences, but also have a passion for understanding life. During training, you'll be exposed not only to novel learning methods and laboratory experiences, but can also participate in real biophysics research, working directly with faculty in the field.

Program Description

Biophysics uses the methods and theories of physics to study biological systems. The BS in biophysics is a transdisciplinary program providing students with a working understanding of the important principles of physics, chemistry and biology that govern all scales of biological organization from the molecular processes of life to organisms and ecosystems.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 270 - Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I
- **Math Intensity:** Substantial

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)

Admission Requirements
General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

Current ASU students wishing to change their major to physics should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00= "A") for all critical classes they have completed.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

Career Opportunities
The broad range of applicability of the principles of biophysics gives great flexibility in a choice of career or further education including, but not limited to:

- chemical industries
- engineering
- government
- health care
- physics research
- teaching

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
<th>*Median Salary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Clinical Trial Manager</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
<td>$118,970</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medical Lab Technician</td>
<td>14.0%</td>
<td>not available</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medical Scientist</td>
<td>13.4%</td>
<td>$82,090</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nuclear Medicine Physician</td>
<td>11.4%</td>
<td>#</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physicist</td>
<td>14.5%</td>
<td>$118,830</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scientist/Biochemist</td>
<td>11.5%</td>
<td>$91,190</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

🌟 Bright Outlook 🌿 Green Occupation

**Contact Information**

Department of Physics | PSF 470
physics.undergrad@asu.edu | 480-965-3561