

INTEGRATIVE SCIENCE, B.S. (SCIENCE)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

The Integrative Science major is an interdisciplinary degree that aims to provide a broad, general education in science. The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) curriculum is designed specifically for students who have education goals relating to scientific theory and practice across disciplinary areas, and who seek a high degree of flexibility to obtain their educational objectives. After completing foundation courses in biology, calculus, chemistry, physics, and statistics, students select additional science courses from designated areas to customize the curriculum to their own interests. A large number of supporting credits enable students to incorporate significant breadth or specialization into their academic training, such as through courses in business, computer and information science, health science, social science, and other fields.

This major helps prepare students for careers in many different job sectors including agriculture, biotechnology, chemistry, education, government, industry, medicine, pharmaceutical, research & development, sustainability, and more. Graduates of this major pursue diverse career paths and hold a variety of roles such as research scientist, data analyst, technician, program coordinator, project manager, consultant, and laboratory associate. The degree can also be tailored to meet specific requirements of professional programs such as medical, dental, physician assistant, pharmacy, or law school, as well as graduate school.

General Science Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Berks, Harrisburg, Scranton, University Park, York

The General Science option of the B.S. Integrative Science degree allows for the most flexibility.

Achievement in a more specialized set of goals can be met by selecting one of the other B.S. options offered:

Biological Sciences and Health Professions Option

Available at the following campuses: University Park

Legal Studies, Government Service, Public Policy Option

Available at the following campuses: University Park

Life Sciences Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington, Berks, Harrisburg, Scranton, York

Mathematical Sciences Option

Available at the following campuses: Abington

Secondary Education Option

Available at the following campuses: Harrisburg

Not all of these options are available at all locations. See the Integrative Science program director at your College for details regarding program curriculum at your location.

What is Integrative Science?

The Integrative Science major provides a broad and interdisciplinary foundation in the natural sciences. The Integrative Science BS program uses the principles of chemistry, physics, and life sciences to understand how these integrate over general areas including biological sciences and health professions, public policy, and science research and development.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You like learning by doing hands-on experiments.
- You are curious about the natural world and how science disciplines come together to explore and understand it.
- You are intrigued by science and desire a career in current and emerging interdisciplinary science disciplines, health professions, or melding science with law, policy or business.