

Undergraduate Physics Bachelors Program Changes (Spring 2026)

We propose the following changes to the Undergrad Physics Bachelors program:

1) Remove CS 105 (2 credits) and Chem 125 (4 credits) as requirements for the major.

CS 105 is no longer required as part of the core. Chem 125 is also not needed to meet core requirements and the content is not needed as a prerequisite for other courses in the program. This frees up 6 credits, which we propose to **convert to 3 physics elective credits (any Phys 300+ level course) and 3 free elective credits.**

2) Remove Phys 440 (Computational Physics) as a major requirement and replace with 3 credits of physics electives.

This course would continue to be offered, and would be cross-listed as a graduate course, (i.e. Physics 540 or 541).