Generating Solutions

This major is an exciting and interdisciplinary science in which biological and medical problems are tackled using the techniques and concepts of physics. Many areas of biological physics have important implications for human health; examples include the probing of molecular structure in muscle by X-ray diffraction and the study of molecular dynamics in cell membranes by nuclear magnetic resonance. Medical physics provides the background for such advanced clinical tools as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), CAT and PET scans, and many more. Courses in the Biological and Medical Physics major include Biophysics of Excitable Cells, Radioactivity and Radiation, Molecular Biophysics, and Clinical Applications of Physics, providing an excellent education for careers in clinical research and in health services.

University of Guelph Advantage

- An international reputation for excellence in research - grants awarded to faculty have been higher than the national average for over a decade
- Five Physics/Biological & Medical Physics faculty members have been named Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada

Our co-op process responds to your needs. Employers can post, hire and interview throughout the semester and our students are available for 4 or 8 month work terms. The Recruit Guelph hiring tool makes hiring Guelph co-op students easy!

Student Strengths

- Excellent communication and problem solving skills
- By their first work term, students have had 10 lab courses, 3 hours/week per course, as well as a solid foundation in biology, physics, chemistry and mathematics
- As students begin the second and third work terms, they have started to specialize in one of a number of biological areas of emphasis such as genetics, microbiology, or toxicology
- In their final work term, students will have a greater theoretical understanding of physics and biophysics and will be skilled in writing reports and summaries
**Biological & Medical Physics Course Sequencing:**

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| ONE  | • INTRODUCTION TO MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY  
  • GENERAL CHEMISTRY I  
  • LINEAR ALGEBRA I  
  • TWO OF: INTEGRATED MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS I OR ONE OF: PHYSICS FOR LIFE SCIENCES OR ELEMENTS OF CALCULUS I OR ONE OF: CALCULUS I OR PHYSICS FOR LIFE SCIENCES | • GENERAL CHEMISTRY II  
  • BIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS OF HEALTH  
  • TWO OF: INTEGRATED MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS II OR ONE OF: ELEMENTS OF CALCULUS II OR PHYSICS FOR LIFE SCIENCES II OR ONE OF: CALCULUS II OR INTRODUCTORY ELECTRICITY & MAGNETISM  
  • INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING | OFF |
| TWO  | • APPLIED DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS  
  • ADVANCED CALCULUS I  
  • THERMAL PHYSICS  
  • ELECTRICITY & MAGNETISM I  
  • INTRODUCTION TO CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION | INTRODUCTION TO BIOCHEMISTRY  
  • EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES  
  • BIOPHYSICS OF EXCITABLE CELLS  
  • ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM II  
  • MECHANICS IN PHYSICS  
  • 1 ARTS OR SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE | WORK TERM ONE |
| THREE | • COMPUTATIONAL METHODS IN MATERIALS SCIENCE  
  • MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS  
  • 3 ELECTIVES | WORK TERM TWO | WORK TERM THREE |
| FOUR | • QUANTUM MECHANICS I  
  • RADIOACTIVITY & RADIATION INTERACTIONS  
  • 3 ELECTIVES | MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS  
  • INTERMEDIATE LABORATORY  
  • QUANTUM MECHANICS II  
  • INQUIRY IN PHYSICS  
  • 1 ELECTIVE | WORK TERM FOUR |
| FIVE | WORK TERM FIVE | CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF PHYSICS IN MEDICINE  
  • ADVANCED PHYSICS LABORATORY  
  • 3 ELECTIVES | |

**NOTE:** 1.00 CREDITS (2 COURSES) OF ARTS OR SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM AND 1.50 CREDITS (3 COURSES) ARE REQUIRED FROM EITHER LIST A OR B AS FOLLOWS:

**LIST A: BIOLOGICAL PHYSICS STREAM**
- STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION IN BIOCHEMISTRY
- MEMBRANE BIOCHEMISTRY
- FOUNDATIONS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS
- MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF THE CELL
- PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC ACID STRUCTURE
- OPTICS: FUNDAMENTALS AND APPLICATIONS

**LIST B: MEDICAL PHYSICS STREAM**
- CONCEPTS IN HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY
- MEDICAL IMAGING MODALITIES
- FOUNDATIONS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS
- PRINCIPLES OF DISEASE
- SUBATOMIC PHYSICS
- OPTICS: FUNDAMENTALS AND APPLICATIONS

**BASED ON THE 2016/17 UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR.**

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