



INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)

<http://www.colorado.edu/iphy/>

MISSION AND VISION

Our mission in the Department of Integrative Physiology (IPHY) is to provide a flexible curriculum that equips students with the necessary skills for a wide range of career opportunities. Additionally, we strive to generate and share knowledge that is relevant to our field, and actively contribute to our affiliated communities.

Our vision is to be recognized as a leader in innovative educational and research programs, with a focus on advancing our understanding of human health and function throughout all stages of life.

Furthermore, we are committed to fostering inclusivity across various dimensions such as race, gender, age, culture, religion, identity, and experience. We warmly embrace and support all members of the IPHY community.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The IPHY physiology program leads to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree. Our curriculum integrates various life-science disciplines, including biology, anatomy, physiology, statistics, chemistry, and physics. Through these subjects, we explore the functioning of humans and other animals at the genetic, cellular, tissue, organ, and system levels. Our program focuses on understanding human health and function throughout all stages of life. We highly encourage students to engage in research, internships, independent study, teaching, honors, and extracurricular activities. This multi-faceted approach equips students with the knowledge, skills, and expertise necessary for advanced training and diverse careers in allied health, industry, government, science education, and research.

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BIOLOGY ADVISING – for information about meeting with an advisor, declaring the IPHY major, and for answers to frequently asked questions.

Location: Porter Bioscience Room B126

Website:

<https://www.colorado.edu/biologyadvising/>

PRE-HEALTH ADVISING – for information about declaring pre-health designation, setting your pre-health goals, and implementing your pathway plan.

Email: prehealth@colorado.edu

Website:

<https://www.colorado.edu/programs/prehealth-advising/>

CHECK YOUR DEGREE PROGRESS

A degree audit report is a tool on MyCUInfo (<https://myCUInfo.colorado.edu>) that tracks degree requirements. We recommend reviewing an up-to-date degree audit every semester to help yourself stay on track toward graduation.

REQUIREMENTS (curriculum for students who declared IPHY major in Fall 2026 or later)

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses below. Students must complete a minimum of 40 credit hours, 32 credit hours in courses with the IPHY subject code, including a minimum of 21 upper-division credit hours, and 8 credit hours in a biology sequence including requisite labs. All required major courses and all required ancillary courses must be passed with a C- or better and cannot be taken pass/fail. Students must have a grade point average of at least 2.00 in the major to graduate.



Course descriptions

COURSES & CREDITS

55-59 credits total

Required Biology Sequence: Select one of the following biology sequences of lectures and labs(s):		
Lecture		6 credits
EBIO 1210 & 1220	General Biology 1 & General Biology 2	
or MCDB 1150 & MCDB 2150	Intro. to Cellular and Molecular Biology & Principles of Genetics	
Lab		2 credits
EBIO 1230 & 1240	General Biology Laboratory 1 & General Biology Laboratory 2	
or MCDB 1161	From Dirt to DNA: Phage Genomics Laboratory	
or IPHY 1111	Analysis of Human Movement with Smart-Phone Technology	
or MCDB 1171	Drug Discovery Through Hands-on Screens I	
or IPHY/MCDB 1181	Biological Probiotic/Drug Discovery Through Hands-on Screens	
or MCDB 2161	From DNA to Genes, Phage Genomics Laboratory I	
or MCDB 2171	Drug Discovery Through Hands-On Screens 2	
Required IPHY Coursework		
IPHY 2400	Intro to Medical Terminology for Health Professionals	2 credits
or IPHY 3415	Human Anatomy Lab	
IPHY 3410	Human Anatomy	3 credits
IPHY 3430	Human Physiology	4 credits
IPHY 3435 or IPHY 3437	Physiology Lab or Virtual Physiology Lab	2 credits
Advanced IPHY Coursework *Select at least 15 credits (3 courses must be taken at CU Boulder).		
IPHY 4060	Cell Physiology	4 credits
IPHY 4440	Endocrinology	4 credits
IPHY 4540	Biomechanics	5 credits
IPHY 4580	Sleep Physiology	3 credits
IPHY 4600	Immunology	3 credits
IPHY 4650	Exercise Physiology	5 credits
IPHY 4720	Neurophysiology	4 credits
**IPHY Major Electives		0-6 credits
Total Credit Hours		40 credits

IPHY Recommended Coursework: May be used to reach IPHY 30-credit total.		
IPHY 1020	Introduction to IPHY	1 credit
**IPHY 3280	Introduction to Data Science and Biostatistics	4 credits

Required Ancillary Coursework		
CHEM 1113 & 1114	General Chemistry 1 & Laboratory in General Chemistry 1	5 credits
CHEM 1133 & 1134	General Chemistry 2 & Laboratory in General Chemistry 2	5 credits
PHYS 2010	General Physics 1	5 credits
***IPHY 3280 (recommended)	Introduction to Data Science and Biostatistics	3-4 credits
or EBIO 1010	Intro. to Statistics and Quantitative Thinking for Biologists	
or PSYC 2111	Psychological Science I: Statistics	
or MATH 2510	Introduction to Statistics	
or SOCY 2061	Introduction to Social Statistics	
or STAT 2600	Introduction to Data Science	
Total Credit Hours		15-19 credits

*Three of these courses must be taken at CU Boulder, including Main Campus, Continuing Education, or select Education Abroad courses.

**The number of IPHY major electives needed to reach the requirement for 32 credit hours in IPHY coursework and 40 total major credit hours will vary based on what major courses are taken and could be unnecessary. See IPHY website for list of elective courses.

*** If a student successfully completes IPHY 3280, the course will count towards IPHY elective credit rather than ancillary credit.

GRADUATING IN FOUR YEARS

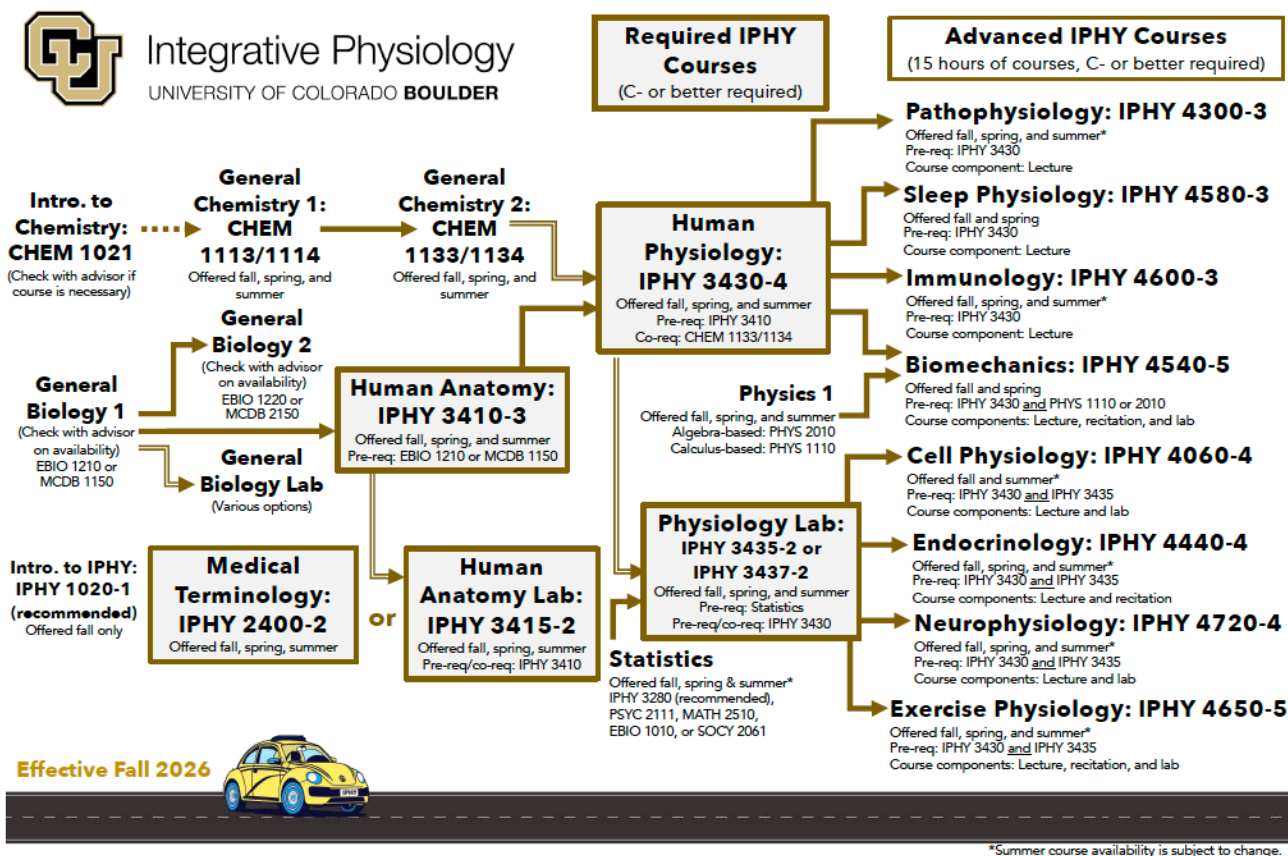
To ensure steady progress in the IPHY degree, please meet these requirements:

- Declare the major by the first semester.
- Complete general biology and chemistry sequences by the third semester.
- Finish anatomy and physiology sequences by the fifth semester.



Suggested 4-year plans

IPHY ROADMAP



LEARNING OUTCOMES - Students completing an undergraduate degree in IPHY are expected to:

1. Apply foundational biological concepts, including structure and function, information flow, energy and matter transformations, and systems, to analyze and explain physiological processes.
2. Apply knowledge of the human body to new and real-world contexts.
3. Extract meaning from visual representations of data (e.g., graphs, tables, images), and discern relevant from irrelevant information in various contexts.
4. Synthesize ideas and concepts from multiple sources to create a more comprehensive understanding of integrative physiology.
5. Apply the scientific method to research questions related to integrative physiology, including designing experiments, collecting and analyzing experimental data, forming evidence-based conclusions, and placing results in the larger scientific context.
6. Search, critically evaluate, and analyze the scientific literature related to integrative physiology, and apply this knowledge to critique claims in the popular media.
7. Possess effective collaborative, teamwork, and oral and written communication skills, including the ability to work with others towards shared goals and successfully communicate an understanding of integrative physiology to a wide audience.
8. Recognize the limit of one's knowledge or ability; and determine how to expand that knowledge or extend the ability.
9. Gain experience in disciplinary settings (e.g., research, teaching, internships, leadership, outreach, volunteering) and awareness of careers suitable for those with expertise in integrative physiology.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IPHY STUDENTS



Health Professions Residential Academic Program (HPRAP) – Kittredge West Hall is the logical choice of residence for incoming freshmen and sophomores who have declared or are interested in life science majors and careers in the health professions.

Email: HPRAP@colorado.edu Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/hprap>



Join the IPHY Club – An effective way to make connections with fellow IPHY students and faculty. The IPHY Club is run by an Executive Student Board, and any IPHY student can apply for a board position.

Email: iphyclub@colorado.edu GroupMe: https://web.groupme.com/join_group/94074811/fMi9tTPK
Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/iphy/undergrad/student-club>



Undergraduate Research – Participate as a subject in a study performed on human volunteers or volunteer to assist in a laboratory.

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/iphy/undergrad/undergraduate-research>



Internship for Credit – Earn academic credit for work experiences in laboratory, clinical, or field settings. Students earn 1 credit per 45 hours of work as an intern.

Email: jia.shi@colorado.edu (internship faculty advisor)

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/iphy/undergrad/internship-credit>



Teaching Opportunities for Undergraduates – Gain valuable teaching and laboratory experience by teaching your peers in certain IPHY courses. Students must have earned at least a B in the course they wish to assist.

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/iphy/undergrad/teaching-opportunities-undergraduates>



Independent Study – Earn academic credit for lab or library research experiences. Students earn 1 credit per 25 hours of work on an independent study project.

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/iphy/undergrad/getting-credit-independent-study>



Arts and Sciences Honors Program – Provides a community for highly motivated and academically prepared undergraduate students to perform honors thesis research.

Email: tammy.maldonado@colorado.edu or alena.grabowski@colorado.edu (IPHY honors council representatives)

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/honors/>



International Education – Offers support, resources, and programs for both outbound education abroad students and inbound international students.

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/oie/>



Certificate Programs – Offer students the opportunity to pursue certain professional skills, customize their degree, or explore different educational interests.

Cognitive Science: <https://www.colorado.edu/ics/undergraduate-certificate-cognitive-science>

Neuroscience: <https://www.colorado.edu/neuroscience/undergraduate-education>



Scholarships and Awards – Financial support for undergraduate IPHY students.

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/iphy/undergrad/scholarships-and-awards>



Career Services – Support CU students in each step of their career planning.

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/career/>



Bachelor's-Accelerated Master's Degree Program – Offers qualified IPHY undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor's (BA) and master's (MS) degree in 5 years.

Email: iphygrad@colorado.edu

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/iphy/graduate/bachelors-accelerated-masters-degree-program>