The core science requirement aims to develop critical awareness of the methods and limits of scientific inquiry, while fostering observational and analytical skills, particularly in reference to the natural and physical world. When choosing a science course, students should make sure they have reviewed and met the specified prerequisites for the course prior to enrollment.

Students who are considering careers in science-related fields, including health-related professions, are urged to begin their study of science within the first two semesters after matriculation at GS.

Science Requirement
To fulfill the science requirement, students must successfully complete three courses selected from two of the following Columbia departments or from the list of approved courses below, no more than two of which should be from the same department:

- Astronomy
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology
- Physics
- Psychology (Columbia department only, excluding courses numbered at the 2600, 3600, or 4600 level)

Students may also use international high school leaving exams for which they received at least three transfer credits on the Entrance Credit Report (ECR) in one of the disciplines listed above to fulfill one of the three science requirement courses.

List of Approved Science Courses
The list of approved courses that fulfill the science requirement includes recommended sequences, science courses for non-science majors, and approved courses from departments not listed above and Barnard.

The following two courses may satisfy both the QR requirement and one science requirement when passed with a letter-grade of C or above. The P/D/F grading option is not available for either of these two courses.

- Foundations of Science (SCNC UN1212)
  Using modern, student-centered, active and collaborative learning techniques, students will engage — through field observations, in-class experiments, computer simulations, and selected readings — with a range of ideas and techniques designed to integrate and anchor scientific habits of mind. Topics covered will include statistics, basic probability, a variety of calculations skills, graph reading and estimation, all aimed at elucidating such concepts as energy, matter, cells, and genes in the context of astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth sciences, neuroscience, and physics.

- Frontiers of Science (SCNC CC1000)
  The principal objectives of Frontiers of Science are to engage students in the process of discovery by exploring topics at the forefront of science and to inculcate or reinforce the specific habits of mind that inform a scientific perspective on the world. Sample topics include the evolution of human language, brain dynamics, global climate change, the nanoworld, and biodiversity, among others.

GS students interested in taking this course should have earned a minimum score of 16 on the GS Quantitative Reasoning Exam and/or meet the specific criteria listed for this course in the Quantitative Requirements Core section of the website by the specified timelines. Prior to enrolling in the course, students should also read the first chapter of the electronic textbook *Scientific Habits of Mind* and take the self-exam.
EEEB UN1010  Human Origins and Evolution
EEEB UN1011  Behavioral Biology of the Living Primates
EEEB S1115S  The Life Aquatic

Recommended Sequences:
EEEB UN1001  Biodiversity
- EEEB UN3087  and Conservation Biology
EEEB UN1010  Human Origins and Evolution
- EEEB UN1011  and Behavioral Biology of the Living Primates

Electrical Engineering
ELEN E1101  The digital information age

Food Studies
FSEB UN1020  Food and the Body
FSPH UN1100  FOOD, PUBLIC HEALTH & PUBLIC POLICY

Philosophy
PHIL UN3411  Symbolic Logic
PHIL GU4424  Modal Logic

Physics
PHYS UN1001  Physics for Poets
PHYS UN1018  Weapons of Mass Destruction

Recommended Sequences:
PHYS UN1001  Physics for Poets
- PHYS C1002  and Physics for Poets

Psychology**
Columbia Department only:
PSYC UN1001  The Science of Psychology
PSYC UN1010  Mind, Brain and Behavior

Recommended Sequences:
PSYC UN1001  The Science of Psychology
- PSYC UN1010  and Mind, Brain and Behavior
PSYC UN1001  The Science of Psychology ((and any PSYC course numbered 22xx or 24xx**))

Science
SCNC UN1212  Foundations of Science
SCNC UN1800  Energy and Energy Conservation

Statistics
STAT UN1001  Introduction to Statistical Reasoning
STAT UN1010  Statistical Thinking for Data Science with Python Labs

* Note: Students electing to take Human Origins and Evolution (EEEB UN1010 [link]) and Behavioral Biology of the Living Primates (EEEB UN1011 [link]) as a sequence are recommended, but not required, to take EEEB UN1010 (http://bulletin.columbia.edu/search/?P=EEEB %20UN1010/) before EEEB UN1011 (http://bulletin.columbia.edu/search/?P=EEEB %20UN1011/).

** Note: 2600-, 3600-, or 4600-level psychology courses may not be used to fulfill the science requirement.

*** Note: The Science of Psychology (PSYC UN1001 [link]) or Mind, Brain and Behavior (PSYC UN1010 [link]) must be taken as a prerequisite to any psychology course numbered 22xx or 24xx.

**** Students may not receive credit for both PSYC BC 1101 and PSYC UN 1001. Psychology majors should consult the Psychology department for additional restrictions on overlapping courses.

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Additional Courses Approved for the Science Requirement

Most of the following courses have required prerequisites and/or require instructor approval. Prerequisite and instructor approval requirements can be found in the course descriptions for each course or on the department website.

Astronomy
Any 3-point course numbered 2000 or higher

Biology
Any 3-point course numbered 2000 or higher

Chemistry
CHEM UN1403  General Chemistry I (Lecture)
CHEM UN1404  General Chemistry II (Lecture)
CHEM UN1500  General Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM UN1604  Intensive General Chemistry (Lecture)
CHEM UN2507  Intensive General Chemistry Laboratory

Any 3-point course numbered 3000 or higher

Computer Science
COMS W1004  Introduction to Computer Science and Programming in Java
COMS W1005  Introduction to Computer Science and Programming in MATLAB
ENGI E1006  Introduction to Computing for Engineers and Applied Scientists
COMS W1007  Honors Introduction to Computer Science

Any 3-point course numbered 3000 or higher

Computing Science - Philosophy (CSPH)
CSPH G4801  Mathematical Logic I
CSPH G4802  Mathematical Logic II

Earth and Environmental Sciences
EESC UN2100  Earth’s Environmental Systems: The Climate System
EESC UN2200  Earth’s Environmental Systems: The Solid Earth System
EESC UN2300  Earth’s Environmental Systems: The Life System

Any 3-point course numbered 3000 or higher

Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology
EEEB UN2001  Environmental Biology I: Elements to Organisms
EEEB UN2002  Environmental Biology II: Organisms to the Biosphere
EEEB UN3087  Conservation Biology (Any 3-point course numbered 3000 or higher except EEEB GU4321 or EEEB GU4700)

History-Applied Math
HSAM UN2901  Data: Past, Present, and Future

Mathematics
Any 3-point course numbered 1100 or higher

Physics
PHYS UN1201  General Physics I
PHYS UN1202  General Physics II
PHYS UN1401  Introduction To Mechanics and Thermodynamics
PHYS UN1402  Introduction To Electricity, Magnetism, and Optics
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**Psychology**

- Any 3-point course numbered 32xx, 34xx, 42xx, or 44xx **

**Statistics**

- Any 3-point course except STAT W3997

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** **Note:** These courses may serve as a second term of a recommended sequence starting with Mind, Brain and Behavior (PSYC UN1010) or The Science of Psychology (PSYC UN1001).

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**Special Summer Program**

The following special program fulfills two of the three terms of the science requirement.

**Earth Institute Center for Environmental Sustainability [EICES]**

- Summer Ecosystem Experience for Undergraduates (SEE-U): Locations change yearly. Check with the center in the spring semester for details.