Students enrolled in a UW–Madison doctoral program can pursue a doctoral minor in biophysics. The doctoral minor offers substantial training in biophysics. A doctoral minor in biophysics can serve as supplement to training in a broad range of disciplines in which physics, physical chemistry, biology, and medicine intersect. The biophysics minor will give students a rigorous understanding of quantitative approaches to physical and chemical problems in the life sciences. Course offerings that provide pedagogical instruction to biophysics students serve as the basis for the biophysics minor.

**REQUIREMENTS**

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