

New AST Ph.D. Curriculum Guide Effective 2023-2024

Applied Science and Technology, Ph.D.

College of Science and Technology

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The mission of the Applied Science & Technology Ph.D. program is to prepare students for high-level science and technology careers in industry, research, and government. Graduates will be able to conceive, develop, and conduct original research that applies physical, mathematical, and technological methods to provide solutions to a broad range of emerging local, national, and global problems related to Atmospheric, Environmental and Energy Science; Applied Physics; Bioscience; Applied Chemistry; Data Science and Analytics; Applied Engineering Technology; Information Technology; Technology Management; Geomatics; and STEM Education.

Admission Requirements

- B.S. degree in a science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or related discipline with a $GPA \geq 3.25/4.0$ or a M.S. degree in a science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or related discipline with a $GPA \geq 3.0/4.0$ from a college or university recognized by a regional or general accrediting agency
- GRE verbal and quantitative scores, no minimum score requirement

Program Outcomes

- Communication Skills – Students completing the Applied Science & Technology Ph.D. program will exhibit effective oral communication skills in terms of customizing presentations to the audience, displaying information, and delivering the presentations.
- Critical Thinking Skills - Students completing the Applied Science & Technology Ph.D. program will effectively use quantitative and qualitative analytical problem-solving skills in terms of defining hypotheses/research questions, reviewing research literature, developing a research plan, identifying the broader impacts of research, and developing a research timetable.
- Disciplinary Expertise - Students completing the Applied Science & Technology Ph.D. program will demonstrate discipline specific expertise in terms of the scientific method, applying technical knowledge to answer research questions, experimental plans and data analysis, analytical methods, and research ethics.
- Research/Creative Engagement - Students completing the Applied Science & Technology Ph.D. program will demonstrate ability to engage productively in the review and conduct of disciplinary research in terms of making conference presentations and publishing refereed journal publications.

Degree Requirements

Total credit hours: 66 (post B.S.), 42 (post M.S.)

- Core courses (9 credits):
 - AST 830 Foundations of Scientific Research
 - AST 831 Math and Computational Modeling (or other graduate analytical modeling course that builds upon a student's previous background)
 - MATH 721 Multivariate Statistical Analysis (or other graduate statistics course that builds upon a student's previous background)
- Seminar (6 credits post B.S., 3 credits post M.S.): AST 992 Doctoral Seminar
- Dissertation (21 credits post B.S., 15 credits post M.S.): AST 997 Doctoral Dissertation
- Pass qualifying exam, preliminary exam, and dissertation defense

- In consultation with advisor, take 18 credit hours (15 credits post M.S.) within one of the following concentrations:
 - Applied Chemistry
 - Applied Physics
 - Atmospheric, Environmental and Energy Science
 - Bioscience
 - Data Science and Analytics
 - Information Technology
 - Technology Management
 - STEM Education
 - General – no specified concentration
- In consultation with advisor, take 12 credit hours (post B.S.) of additional courses relevant to research area

Concentration Courses

For each program concentration, students will typically take courses that are included in the following lists with additional courses possible with approval of research adviser and program director:

Applied Chemistry

CHEM 611	Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
CHEM 621	Intermediate Organic Chemistry
CHEM 624	Qualitative Organic Chemistry
CHEM 631	Electroanalytical Chemistry
CHEM 641	Instrumentation of the Modern Sciences
CHEM 642	Techniques in X-ray Crystallography
CHEM 643	Introduction to Quantum Mechanics
CHEM 651	General Biochemistry
CHEM 652	General Biochemistry Lab
CHEM 673	Introduction to Computational Chemistry
CHEM 674	Computational Methods/Protein Modeling Drug Design
CHEM 716	Selected Topics in Inorganic Chemistry
CHEM 722	Advanced Organic Chemistry
CHEM 732	Advanced Analytical Chemistry
CHEM 743	Chemical Thermodynamics
AST 812	Environmental Chemistry
BMEN 711	Biomaterials and Biocompatibility
ECEN 701	Electronic Ceramics
NANO 701	Simulation Modeling Methods in Nanoscience and Nanoengineering
NANO 702	Fundamentals of Nanoengineering Physical Principles
NANO 703	Fundamentals of Nanoengineering Chemical and Biochemical Principles
NANO 704	Fundamentals of Nanomaterials
NANO 705	Nano Safety
NANO 711	Introduction to Nanoprocessing
NANO 721	Nanobioelectronics
NANO 731	Introduction to Nanomodeling and Applications
NANO 811	Polymeric Materials Engineering
NANO 812	Process Modeling in Composites
NANO 821	Advanced Nanosystems
NANO 851	Computational Nano Modeling Lab
NANO 852	Nanoelectronics Laboratory
NANO 853	Nano-Bio Electronics Lab

NANO 854	Nanomaterials Laboratory
NAN 601	Nanochemistry
CHEM 811	Physical Methods for Inorganic Chemistry
CHEM 812	Inorganic Chemical Kinetics and Mechanisms
CHEM 818	Introduction to Soft Matter
CHEM 823	Integrative Medicinal Chemistry
CHEM 827	Organic Structural Spectroscopy
CHEM 833	Biosensors and Bioanalytical Technologies
CHEM 841	Advanced Mass Spectrometry Instrumentation
CHEM 856	Protein Structure and Function
CHEM 885	Special Topics
NAN 615	Intro Spectroscopy Methods in Nanoscience
NAN 630	Advances in Nano-biosensors
NAN 705	Macromolecular and Supramolecular Chemistry Nanoscience
NAN 730	Nanoscale Reactions
NAN 771	Computational Quantum Nanochemistry

Applied Physics

PHYS 600	Classical Mechanics
PHYS 605	Mathematical Methods
PHYS 615	Fundamentals of Electromagnetic Theory
PHYS 620	Quantum Mechanics I
PHYS 630	Statistical Mechanics
PHYS 715	Advanced Electromagnetic Theory
PHYS 720	Quantum Mechanics II
PHYS 730	Optical Properties of Matter
PHYS 737	Physics of Solids
PHYS 738	Nuclear Physics
PHYS 745	Computational Physics
PHYS 746	Methods in Radiation Detection and Measurement
PHYS 843	Experimental Methods
PHYS 850	Quantitative Analysis in Biophysics
PHYS 885	Special Topics
NAN 603	Nanophysics

Atmospheric, Environmental and Energy Science

AST 812	Environmental Chemistry
AST 813	Sustainable Energy Systems
AST 814	Life Cycle Analysis
AST 821	Environmental Energy Econometrics I
AST 841	Biomaterials Characterization
AST 842	Biomass Thermal Conversion Processes
AST 843	Biomass Biological Conversion Processes
AST 844	Environmental and Policy Studies of Biomass Use
AST 850	Physical Meteorology
AST 851	Dynamic Meteorology
AST 852	Climatology
AST 853	Numerical Weather Prediction
AST 854	Advanced Synoptic Weather Analysis
AST 855	Principles of Air Quality
AST 856	Atmospheric Aerosols

AST	857	Advanced Remote Sensing
AST	858	Tropical Meteorology
AST	859	Advanced Mesoscale Analysis
AST	885	Special Topics
NANO	761	Introduction to Nano Energy
NANO	861	Advanced Nano Energy Systems
CM	704	Special Topics in Renewable Energy Technology
CM	679	Environmental Issues in Construction Management
EPT	687	Electrical Power Generation using Nuclear Technology

Bioscience

BIOL	615	Principles of Virology
BIOL	630	Molecular Genetics
BIOL	640	Introduction to Bioinformatics and Genomic Research
BIOL	651	Principles and Practice of Immunology
BIOL	700	Environmental Biology
BIOL	703	Experimental Methods Biology
BIOL	704	Cell and Molecular Biology
BIOL	720	Environmental Influences on Human Diseases
BIOL	749	Recent Advances in Cell Biology
BIOL	762	Molecular Pathogenesis of Cancer
AST	843	Biomass Biological Conversion Processes
ANSC	771	Bioinformatics Genome Analysis
ANSC	782	Cellular Pathobiology
BMEN	713	Biotechnology Entrepreneurship
BIOL	830	Advanced Techniques in Integrative Biosciences
BIOL	831	Cellular and Molecular Biology of Disease
BIOL	832	Microbial Pathogenesis
BIOL	833	Recent Advances in Immunology
BIOL	834	General Physiology I
BIOL	835	General Physiology II
BIOL	855	Advances in Systems Biology
BIOL	885	Special Topics
STAT	705	Applied Statistics for Biological and Behavioral Sciences
STAT	824	Biostatistics Health Analytics
NAN	602	Nanobiology
NAN	620	Immunology Nanoscience
NAN	625	Molecular Biology in Nanosciences
NAN	626	Introduction to Stem Cell Biology and Ethics
NAN	745	Nanoimaging
NAN	750	Nanomedicine

Data Science and Analytics

MATH	612	Advanced Linear Algebra
MATH	623	Probability Theory and Applications
MATH	624	Theory and Methods of Statistics
MATH	665	Principles of Optimizations
MATH	675	Graph Theory
MATH	690	Scientific Programming for Mathematical Scientists
MATH	706	Categorical Data Analysis
STAT	707	Introduction to Data Science

STAT 708	Linear Models for Data Science
MATH 709	Disc and Combi Math for Data Sci
STAT 710	Statistical and Deep Learning
STAT 711	Stat Comp & Algorithm Analysis
MATH 712	Numerical Linear Algebra
STAT 719	Statistical Computing and Algorithm Design & Analysis
MATH 721	Multivariate Statistical Analysis
MATH 723	Advanced Topics Stochastic Modeling
MATH 733	Advanced Probability and Stochastic Processes
MATH 782	Statistical Data Analytics and Visualization
CST 764	Advanced Big Data Analytics
COMP 751	Data Analytics Tools and Techniques
COMP 765	Data Mining
STAT 777	The Practice of Stat Consulting
STAT 808	Advanced Regression Methods for Data Science
STAT 823	Time Series Analysis Business Analytics
STAT 824	Biostatistics Health Analytics
MATH 885	Special Topics
NAN 605	Mathematical Methods

Information Technology

CST 700	Project Management for IT Professionals
CST 702	Statistical Methods
CST 714	Reconfigurable Computing
CST 717	Health Informatics System Architecture
CST 725	Wide Area Networks
CST 729	Data Warehousing
CST 731	Knowledge Discovery Systems
CST 732	Text Mining
CST 733	Data Visualizations
CST 735	Telecom Management Issues
CST 745	Network Services for the Enterprise
CST 750	Computer System Security
CST 752	Advanced Computer Forensics
CST 755	Enterprise Management Systems
CST 760	Intermediate Enterprise Systems
CST 764	Advanced Big Data Analytics
CST 765	Advanced Enterprise System Operation
CST 770	Survey of Virtualization Technology
CST 850	Advanced Wireless Communication Systems
CST 855	Advanced Optical Communication Systems
CST 885	Special Topics
COMP 727	Secure Software Engineering
COMP 823	Secure Social Computing
CSE 703	Data Structure Software Principles & Programming
CSE 806	Computational System Theory

Technology Management

AET 710	Manufacturing Materials
AET 720	Industrial Economics
AET 721	Industrial Operational Management

AET	735	Manufacturing Organization and Management
AET	745	Managing New Product Development
AET	755	Production Management and Control
AET	760	Advanced CNC Machines
AET	770	Managing Total Quality Systems
AET	772	Strategic Concepts in Quality
AET	780	Reliability Testing and Analysis
AET	810	Project Management Essentials
AET	820	Managing R&D Process
AET	830	Internet of Things Technology
AET	840	Industrial Fire Protection
AET	885	Special Topics
MSTM	701	Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation
MSTM	702	Enterprise Resource Plan Systems
MSTM	703	Statistics and Probability in Technology Management
MSTM	704	Research Methods for Technology Management
MSTM	705	Advanced Applied Statistics and Probability
MSTM	779	Statistical Research in Technology Management
LAND	781	Risk Management in Construction
CM	710	Advanced Construction Practices & Organization
CM	715	Productivity & Methods Improvement in Construction Management
CM	720	Construction Contracts Administration
CM	764	Risk Management in Construction
CM	780	Emerging Trends in CM of International Projects
CM	786	Construction Trends & Analysis
TECH	708	Impacts of Technology
ECEN	885	Advanced Robotic Systems
INEN	833	Supply Chain System Engineering
INEN	861	Nano Micro and Bio Manufacturing

STEM Education

The STEM Education PhD course requirements are:

STEM Education Foundations (9 credit hours) The purpose of the Foundation requirements is to provide a bridge into this interdisciplinary field by integrating STEM and education concepts:

AST	801	History and Philosophy of STEM Education
AST	802	Theories of Development and STEM Thinking
AST	803	STEM Education Methods

STEM Expertise (3 credit hours)

Students are required to complete a coherent sequence of graduate courses in a STEM field other than STEM Education. The purpose of this requirement is to provide depth of understanding of STEM concepts, in particular, STEM concepts that may be the focus of STEM Education research activities.

STEM Education Research Specialization (3 credit hours)

The purpose of the Specialization requirement is to develop depth of knowledge in one area of STEM Education.

AST	804	Cognitive Devices in STEM Learning Environments
TECH	719	Technology Education: Design in Construction
TECH	720	Technology Education: Design in Manufacturing

TECH	722	Technology Education: Design in Transportation
TECH	730	Diversity Issues in Education and Industry
TECH	762	Evaluation of Technological Education Programs
TECH	763	Technology Education for Elementary Grades
TECH	765	Evaluation of Training in Industrial Settings
TECH	772	Curriculum Development in Technology Education
LEST	860	Qualitative Research
LEST	862	Quantitative Research
LEST	864	Ethnographic Methods in Social Science Research
LEST	865	Mixed Methods Research
ADED	708	Instructional Methods in Adult Education
ADED	719	Assessment and Evaluation
ADED	722	Diverse Perspectives in Adult Education
ADED	776	Principles of College Teaching
CUIN	724	Problems and Trends in Teaching Science
CUIN	727	Workshop Method of Teaching Math
CUIN	753	Teaching Engineering and Technology in Middle School
CUIN	784	Current Research in Secondary Education
AGED	703	Scientific Methods in Education Research I
AGED	704	Foundations and Philosophy of Agricultural Education
AGED	711	Advanced Teaching & Assessment Methodology
AGED	751	Agricultural Education Across the Curriculum
AGED	752	Special Populations in Agricultural Education

General

GEOM	612	Applied Geospatial Mthd Anal
GEOM	620	Advanced Computer Applications in Geomatics
GEOM	640	Applied Adjustment Computation
GEOM	650	Land Information Systems and Management
GEOM	660	Applied Geodetic Measurements
GEOM	670	Advanced Boundary Research
GEOM	710	Geospatial Techniques and Analysis
GEOM	720	Advanced Imaging
GEOM	831	Advanced Geospatial Analysis
GEOM	845	Methodologies of Applied Remote Sensing
GEOM	885	Special Topics
EHS	600	Environmental and Occupational Toxicology
EHS	613	Industrial Hygiene Ventilation
EHS	704	Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology
EHS	708	Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Management
EHS	711	Current Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health
EHS	885	Special Topics
STAT	824	Biostatistics Health Analytics

Dissertation Research

A student may not register for dissertation credits before passing the Qualifying Examination.

Qualifying Examination

The Qualifying Examination with both written and oral components is given to assess the student's competence in a broad range of relevant subject areas. Only students with unconditional status and in good academic standing may take the Qualifying Examination. No student is permitted to take the Qualifying

Examination more than twice. A student not recommended for re-examination or who fails the exam on a second attempt may be dismissed from the doctoral program.

Preliminary Oral Examination

The Preliminary Oral Examination is conducted by the student's dissertation committee and is a written and oral defense of the student's dissertation proposal. Failure on the examination may result in dismissal from the doctoral program. The student's Dissertation Committee may permit one re-examination. At least one full semester must elapse before the re-examination. Failure on the second attempt will result in dismissal from the doctoral program.

Admission to Candidacy

Student will be admitted to candidacy upon successful completion of the Qualifying Exam and the Preliminary Exam. After admission to candidacy and before Final Oral Examination, a student may be dismissed from the doctoral program if the student's dissertation committee determines that the student is not making satisfactory progress.

Final Oral Examination

The Final Oral Examination is conducted by the student's dissertation committee. This examination is the final dissertation defense presentation that is scheduled after a dissertation is completed. The examination may be held no earlier than one semester (or four months) after admission to candidacy. Failure on the examination may result in dismissal from the doctoral program. The student's Dissertation Committee may permit one re-examination. At least one full semester must elapse before the re-examination. Failure on the second attempt will result in dismissal from the doctoral program.

Submission of Dissertation

Upon passing the Ph.D. Final Oral Examination, the Ph.D. student must have the dissertation approved by each member of the student's Dissertation Committee. The approved dissertation must be submitted to The Graduate College by the deadline given in the academic calendar and must conform to the Graduate College's guidelines for theses and dissertations.