Determining AMCAS Course Classification

Reference the AMCAS Applicant Guide:
(https://aamc-orange.global.ssl.fastly.net/production/media/filer_public/33/f0/33f0bd3f-9721-43cb-82a2-99332bbda78e/2018_amcas_applicant_guide_web-tags.pdf)

AMCAS Applicant Guide - Course Classification (Pages 27-28)

Each course must be assigned a course classification based strictly on the primary content of the course. The course classifications listed in the Course Classification Guide appear in boldface type and are titled as they appear in the course classification drop-down list. The items beneath each boldface heading are examples of courses for which you should select that bolded course classification. You are responsible for selecting the correct course classification, but AMCAS reserves the right to change classifications if the assigned classification clearly does not apply.

If you disagree with a change that AMCAS has made to a course classification, you may submit an Academic Change Request. Applications are not returned for incorrect course classifications.

AMCAS is not responsible for incorrect GPA calculations resulting from incorrect course classifications. In the event that you are unable to classify a course satisfactorily, AMCAS suggests that you refer to the description of the course on the relevant school's website.

AMCAS uses course classifications to calculate your GPAs. Classifications that are highlighted in the BCPM group indicate that such courses will be included in the calculation of your BCPM GPA, which comprises biology, chemistry, physics, and math courses. Classifications not grouped in BCPM indicate courses that will be included in the calculation of your AO (all other) GPA.

The department offering the course is typically not a factor in the course classification. For example, a course should be classified as biology if the primary content is biology, regardless of the department that offers the course.

Below is a list of the Science/BCPM content examples (From the AMCAS Applicant Guide). Please check the AMCAS Applicant Guide for a complete listing of all the course classifications.

Biology (BIOL)	Chemistry (CHEM)
Anatomy	Biochemistry
Biology	Chemistry
Biophysics	Physical Chemistry
Biotechnology	Thermodynamics
Botany	
Cell Biology	**Physics (PHYS)**
Ecology	Astronomy
Entomology	Physics
Genetics	
Histology	**Mathematics (MATH)**
Immunology	Applied Mathematics
Microbiology	Biostatistics
Molecular Biology	Mathematics
Neuroscience	Statistics
Physiology	
Zoology	