Physics

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Physics, the most basic of the natural sciences, is concerned with the discovery and development of the laws that describe our physical universe. This endeavor serves, also, to directly benefit humankind: integrated circuits found in computers, mobile phones, and solar cells, lasers in DVD players and computer mice, and the Internet itself were developed from fundamental physics discoveries.

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The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

- **Bachelor of Arts: Applied Physics**
- **Bachelor of Arts: Teaching Physics** (p. 4)
- **Bachelor of Arts: Physics**
- **Bachelor of Science: Applied Physics**
- **Bachelor of Science: Teaching Physics**
- **Bachelor of Science: Physics**
- **Minor**

Undergraduate Studies

As it involves the development of analytical, technical, problem-solving, and science communication skills, a major in physics provides a good start for many career paths. In addition to major and minor programs, the Department of Physics offers a variety of courses for nonmajors and health science premajor students.

Preparation

Entering freshmen should have taken as much high school mathematics as possible in preparation for starting calculus in their freshman year. High school study of physics and chemistry is desirable.

Transfer Students

Because of the sequential nature of the physics curriculum, it is useful for students from two-year colleges to complete as much as possible of calculus, differential equations, several-variable calculus, chemistry, and calculus-based physics (part of an associate's degree) before transferring.

Years Completed Before Transfer	Suggested Completed Courses	UO Equivalent Courses
Two, more than two	One year of differential and integral calculus	MATH 251–253-253
Two, more than two	One year of calculus general physics with laboratory	PHYS 251–253-253, PHYS 290
Two, more than two	General chemistry	CH 221–222-222 or CH 224H–225H-225H
Two, more than two	One term of differential equations and two terms of multivariable calculus	MATH 256, MATH 281–282-282
More than two	Second year of physics	

Transfer students should also have completed as many as possible of the university requirements for the bachelor’s degree (see Bachelor’s Degree Requirements (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/archive/2016-2017/bachelorrequirements)).

Careers

Fifty percent of graduates with bachelor’s degrees in physics find employment in the private sector working as applied physicists, software developers, managers, or technicians, typically alongside engineers and computer scientists. About 30 percent of students who earn an undergraduate degree continue their studies in a graduate degree program, leading to a career in teaching or research or both at a university, at a government laboratory, or in industry. In addition, a degree in physics is good preparation for a career in business. Students who have demonstrated their ability with a good record in an undergraduate physics program are generally considered very favorably for admission to medical and other professional schools.

Major Requirements

The major in physics leads to a bachelor of arts (BA) or a bachelor of science degree (BS). Complete requirements are listed under **Bachelor’s Degree Requirements**. The bachelor of arts degree has a second-language requirement. Knowledge of a language other than English is recommended for students planning graduate study in physics.

Required courses must be taken for letter grades and a grade point average of 2.00 (mid-C) or better must be earned in these courses. Courses beyond the minimum requirement may be taken pass/no pass (P/N). At least 20 of the upper-division credits must be completed in residence at the University of Oregon. Exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the physics director of undergraduate studies.

Undergraduate research is strongly encouraged. Laboratory courses such as Foundations of Physics Laboratory (PHYS 290) and Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory (PHYS 391) provide the correct foundation. Approximately 50 percent of physics undergraduates engage in substantive research during their course of study—typically beginning with Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493). Contact the physics advisor for more information.

The sequential nature of physics courses makes it imperative to start planning a major program in physics early. Interested students should consult the advisor in the Department of Physics near the beginning of their studies. Sample programs are designed for students who are preparing for employment in industry and choose the applied physics emphasis or who are preparing for graduate studies and choose the physics emphasis. The programs assume that students are prepared to take calculus in their freshman year. Consult the physics advisor for assistance in planning a specific program adapted to a student's individual needs.

The department offers three areas of emphasis for the physics major.

- **physics—**designed for majors with a strong interest in studying physics in graduate school
- **applied physics—**designed for majors who seek a less theoretical study of physics and a more applied focus in optics, electronics, and other project areas
- **teaching physics—**designed for majors preparing to teach physical sciences in middle or high school

All physics majors have the same curriculum for the first two years.

Bachelor of Arts: Applied Physics

Code	Title	Credits
Physics Core Courses		
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
or CH 224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
or MATH 261–263	Calculus with Theory I-III	
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	3
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Applied Physics Upper-Division Courses		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
Applied Physics Core Courses		
Select one of the following:		8
PHYS 424 & PHYS 425	Classical Optics and Modern Optics	
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics and Digital Electronics	
Other Laboratory Courses		
Three courses [1]		12
Total Credits		**91**

[1] Any combination of the four core courses listed for the Applied emphasis that have not been used to satisfy the core, and Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) topic modules satisfy this requirement. Different topic modules (e.g., optics, instrumentation, fundamental) of Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) may be taken.

Applied Physics Sample Program

First Year		Credits
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	3
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
	Credits	**35**
Second Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Third Year		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
	Credits	**20**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 424	Classical Optics	4
PHYS 425	Modern Optics	4
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	6
	Credits	**14**
	Total Credits	**97**

Bachelor of Science: Applied Physics

Code	Title	Credits
Physics Core Courses		
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
or CH 224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
or MATH 261–263	Calculus with Theory I-III	
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8

PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	3
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Applied Physics Upper-Division Courses		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
Applied Physics Core Courses		
Select one of the following:		8
PHYS 424 & PHYS 425	Classical Optics and Modern Optics	
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics and Digital Electronics	
Other Laboratory Courses		
Three courses [1]		12
Total Credits		**91**

[1] Any combination of the four core courses listed for the Applied emphasis that have not been used to satisfy the core, and Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) topic modules satisfy this requirement. Different topic modules (e.g., optics, instrumentation, fundamental) of Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) may be taken.

Applied Physics Sample Program

First Year		**Credits**
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	3
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
	Credits	**35**
Second Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Third Year		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
	Credits	**20**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 424	Classical Optics	4
PHYS 425	Modern Optics	4
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	6
	Credits	**14**
	Total Credits	**97**

Bachelor of Arts: Teaching Physics

Code	**Title**	**Credits**
Physics Core Courses		
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
or CH 224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH 251–253 or MATH 261–263	Calculus I-III Calculus with Theory I-III	12
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	3
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Teaching Physics Core Courses		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 420	Physics Demonstrations	4
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics and Digital Electronics	8
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring [1]	6
Total Credits		**97**

[1] Does not need to be taken for a letter grade.

Teaching Physics Sample Program

First Year		**Credits**
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	3
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
	Credits	**35**
Second Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Third Year		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	6
PHYS 420	Physics Demonstrations	4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
	Credits	**22**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
	Credits	**8**
	Total Credits	**93**

Bachelor of Science: Teaching Physics

Code	Title	Credits
Physics Core Courses		
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
or CH 224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
or MATH 261–263	Calculus with Theory I-III	
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	3
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Teaching Physics Core Courses		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 420	Physics Demonstrations	4
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics and Digital Electronics	8
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring [1]	6
Total Credits		**97**

[1] Does not need to be taken for a letter grade.

Teaching Physics Sample Program

First Year		Credits
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	3
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
	Credits	**35**
Second Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Third Year		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	6
PHYS 420	Physics Demonstrations	4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
	Credits	**22**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
	Credits	**8**
	Total Credits	**93**

Bachelor of Arts: Physics

Code	Title	Credits
Physics Core Courses		
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
or CH 224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
or MATH 261–263	Calculus with Theory I-III	
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	3
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Physics Upper-Division Courses		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism [1]	12
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
Upper-Division Laboratory Courses		
Three core courses [2]		6
Elective Courses		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 361	Modern Science and Culture	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
PHYS 424	Classical Optics	4
PHYS 425	Modern Optics	4
Total Credits		**117**

[1] Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism (PHYS 411) and Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism (PHYS 412) are sometimes offered out of sequence.

[2] Any combination of Analog Electronics (PHYS 431), Digital Electronics (PHYS 432), or Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) topic modules to total 6 credits. Different topic modules (e.g., optics, instrumentation, fundamental) for Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) may be taken.

Physics Sample Program

First Year		Credits
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	3
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
	Credits	**35**

Second Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Third Year		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
PHYS 491	Research Project I	2-4
PHYS 492	Research Project II	2-4
PHYS 493	Research Project III	2-4
Physics or mathematics electives or both		4
	Credits	**24-28**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
PHYS 491	Research Project I	2-4
PHYS 492	Research Project II	2-4
PHYS 493	Research Project III	2-4
Physics or mathematics electives or both		12
	Credits	**28-32**
	Total Credits	**115-123**

Bachelor of Science: Physics

Code	Title	Credits
Physics Core Courses		
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
or CH 224H–225H	Honors General Chemistry	
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
or MATH 261–263	Calculus with Theory I-III	
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	3
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Physics Upper-Division Courses		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism [1]	12
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
Upper-Division Laboratory Courses		
Three core courses [2]		6
Elective Courses		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 361	Modern Science and Culture	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
PHYS 424	Classical Optics	4
PHYS 425	Modern Optics	4
Total Credits		**117**

1 Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism (PHYS 411) and Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism (PHYS 412) are sometimes offered out of sequence.

2 Any combination of Analog Electronics (PHYS 431), Digital Electronics (PHYS 432), or Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) topic modules to total 6 credits. Different topic modules (e.g., optics, instrumentation, fundamental) for Research Project I-III (PHYS 491–493) may be taken.

Physics Sample Program

First Year		**Credits**
CH 221–222	General Chemistry	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	3
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
	Credits	**35**
Second Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Third Year		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
PHYS 491	Research Project I	2-4
PHYS 492	Research Project II	2-4
PHYS 493	Research Project III	2-4
Physics or mathematics electives or both		4
	Credits	**24-28**

Fourth Year		
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
PHYS 491	Research Project I	2-4
PHYS 492	Research Project II	2-4
PHYS 493	Research Project III	2-4
Physics or mathematics electives or both		12
	Credits	**28-32**
	Total Credits	**115-123**

Sample Programs for Transfer Students

These sample programs are for transfer students who have completed two years of college work including one year of calculus, one year of general physics with laboratories, one year of general chemistry, and as many as possible of the university requirements for the bachelor's degree. In addition to graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree, transfer students should plan to take the following courses, depending on their area of emphasis:

Applied Physics Emphasis

Course	Title	Credits
Third Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
PHYS 424 & PHYS 425	Classical Optics	8
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	2-4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	2-4
PHYS 491	Research Project I	2-4
PHYS 492	Research Project II	2-4
PHYS 493	Research Project III	2-4
	Credits	**24-28**
	Total Credits	**52-56**

Teaching Physics Emphasis

Course	Title	Credits
Third Year		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	6
PHYS 420	Physics Demonstrations	4
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics	8
	Credits	**26**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
	Credits	**8**
	Total Credits	**34**

Physics Emphasis

Course	Title	Credits
Third Year		
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
MATH 281–282	Several-Variable Calculus I-II	8
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
	Credits	**28**
Fourth Year		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	4
Select one or two of the following:		4-8
PHYS 424	Classical Optics	4
PHYS 425	Modern Optics	4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
PHYS 491	Research Project I	4
PHYS 492	Research Project II	4
PHYS 493	Research Project III	4
Mathematics or physics electives or both		8
	Credits	**40-44**
	Total Credits	**68-72**

Honors

To be recommended by the faculty for graduation with honors in physics, a student must complete at least 46 credits in upper-division physics courses, of which at least 40 credits must be taken for letter grades, and earn at least a 3.50 grade point average in these courses.

As an alternative, undergraduate research leading to the defense of a thesis accompanied by at least a 3.30 grade point average can lead to recommendation for graduation with honors. Contact the director of undergraduate studies for more information.

Minor Requirements

Pre-Minor Requirements		
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I [1]	12

or PHYS 201–203	General Physics	
Required Courses		
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
or PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	
Select one of the following:		4
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	
400-level physics course		
Physics courses		8
Total Credits		**36**

[1] General Physics (PHYS 201–203) may fulfill requirements with the physics undergraduate advisor's approval.

Additional Requirements

Course work must be completed with grades of C– or better or P. At least 12 of the upper-division credits must be completed in residence at the University of Oregon.

Engineering

Students interested in engineering may complete preparatory course work at the University of Oregon before enrolling in a professional engineering program at Oregon State University (OSU) or elsewhere. The Department of Physics coordinates a three-plus-two program that allows a student to earn a bachelor's degree in physics from Oregon and one in engineering from OSU. For more information, see Preparatory Programs in the **Academic Advising** section of this catalog.

Engineering students interested in semiconductor process engineering or polymer science may be interested in the nationally recognized master's industrial internship program. For more information, visit internship.uoregon.edu.

Preparation for Kindergarten through Secondary School Teaching Careers

The College of Education offers a fifth-year program for middle-secondary teaching licensure in physics and integrated sciences and a program for elementary teaching. Students considering a career pathway to teaching should consider following the physics teaching emphasis to prepare for the licensure programs. More information is available from the department's education advisor, Dean Livelybrooks; see also the **College of Education** section of this catalog.

- **Master of Arts**
- **Master of Science: Physics**
- **Master of Science: Applied Physics**
- **Doctor of Philosophy**

Graduate Studies

The Department of Physics offers graduate programs leading to the master of science degree in applied physics or to the master of arts (MA), master of science (MS), and doctor of philosophy (PhD) degrees in physics with a variety of opportunities for research. Current research areas include astronomy and astrophysics, biophysics, condensed matter physics, elementary particle physics, and optical physics.

The interdisciplinary Institute of Theoretical Science houses theoretical research in some of the above areas as well as in areas of overlap between chemistry and physics.

The Center for High Energy Physics conducts research in particle physics, much of it in laboratories outside Oregon.

The Materials Science Institute and the Oregon Center for Optics provide facilities, support, and research guidance for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the interdisciplinary application of concepts and techniques from both physics and chemistry to understanding physical systems.

Cooperative programs of study are possible in molecular biology through the Institute of Molecular Biology.

Pine Mountain Observatory

Pine Mountain Observatory, operated by the Department of Physics for research and advanced instruction in astronomy, is located thirty miles southeast of Bend, Oregon, off Highway 20 near Millican, at an altitude of 6,300 feet above sea level. The observatory has three telescopes—fifteen inches, twenty-four inches, and thirty-two inches in diameter—the largest governed by computer. All are Cassegrain reflectors. A wide-field CCD camera is available on the thirty-two-inch telescope. The site has an astronomers' residence building and a caretaker's house. Professional astronomical research is in progress at the observatory on every partially or totally clear night of the year, and the site is staffed year round.

Admission and Financial Aid

For admission to graduate study, a bachelor's degree in physics or a related area is required with a minimum undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 (B) in advanced physics and mathematics courses. Submission of scores on the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), including the physics test, is required. Students from non-English-speaking countries must demonstrate proficiency in English by submitting scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Information about the department and the Graduate Admission Application are available through the department's website.

Financial aid in the form of graduate teaching or research fellowships (GTFs) is available on a competitive basis to PhD students. GTFs require approximately sixteen hours of work a week and provide a stipend and tuition waiver. New students are typically eligible only for teaching fellowships.

The sequential nature of most physics courses makes it difficult to begin graduate study in terms other than Fall. Furthermore, financial aid is usually available only to students who begin their studies in the Fall.

To ensure equal consideration for fall term admission, the deadline for applications for financial aid is January 15. Late applications for admission may be considered until July 15.

Degree Requirements

Entering students should consult closely with their assigned advisors. Students showing a lack of preparation are advised to take the necessary undergraduate courses in order to remedy their deficiencies.

Students should consult the **Graduate School** section of this catalog for general university admission and degree requirements. Departmental requirements, outlined in a handbook for incoming students that is available in the department office and online, are summarized below.

Industrial Internships and the Applied Physics Master's Degree

The applied physics master's program leads to a professional MS degree, an alternative to the research-based PhD. It is designed to serve physics students whose primary interests lie in applied research and development rather than in basic research. An important component of this degree program is the industrial internship. These internships in local and regional industries are designed to enhance the ability of physics graduates to obtain good jobs after graduation. Qualified students can complete this program in one year. Students must apply via the Materials Science Institute for admission to the industrial internship program, which is a prerequisite for admission to the master's program in applied physics. Further information is available in the **Research Centers and Institutes** section of this catalog.

Master of Science: Applied Physics

500- or 600-level courses [1]	24
Industrial internship	10
Additional graduate-level physics courses	11-19
Total Credits	**45-53**

[1] At least 9 credits of 600-level courses are required.

Additional Requirements

A grade of B– or better must be achieved in each course applied to the graded-credit total. The overall GPA in physics courses must be 3.00 or better.

Graduate School requirements, including time limits, must be satisfied.

Total credits required for the degree depend on the number of graded credits and internship credits the student earns. This allows flexibility in adjusting the balance between course work and the internship experience. The more graded credits a student earns, the fewer total credits are required for the degree. The minimum total required is 45 credits if the student earns 32 or more graded credits. The minimum required is 53 credits if the student earns only 24 graded credits. In general, 1 credit is added to the minimum total of 45 for each graded credit less than 32 a student earns. For example, a student who earns 28 graded credits needs a minimum total of 49 credits

The internship requirement must be fulfilled through the industrial internship program. Internship credits are taken pass/no pass. A student typically earns 10 credits for every three months of full-time internship experience

Graded credits must be selected from an approved departmental list. This list includes the following:

PHYS 581	Design of Experiments	4

Other 600-level physics courses qualify, but may require additional prerequisites. Some graduate-level courses in chemistry may qualify. Other courses may be added or substituted with the approval of the applied physics program advisor.

Master of Science: Physics

Typically this degree is based on course work and the master's final examination. Detailed requirements can be found in the Graduate Student Handbook on the department's website.

Candidates must either pass the combined graduate exam at the master's level ***or*** submit a written thesis ***or*** take a program of specialized courses.

A combined graduate exam covering the four core subject areas—mechanics; electricity, magnetism, and optics; modern physics and quantum mechanics; and thermal and statistical physics—is used for both the master's and doctoral qualifying examinations. For the master's exam, a separate total score is obtained by removing, in each core area, the student's problem with the lowest score. Material covered by the combined exam is primarily at the level of advanced undergraduate physics, but as much as one-third of the exam tests core graduate-level material. The examination is given each fall and spring, and master's candidates must pass the examination by spring of their second year of study.

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		9
PHYS 503	Thesis	
PHYS 503 & PHYS 601	Thesis and Research: [Topic]	
Total Credits		**9**

Specified-Course Option

The specified-courses option requires 40 graduate credits in physics, 36 of which must be selected from a list of courses approved by the department.

The master's degree program is typically completed in four terms, unless sufficient transfer credits are available, in which case it can be obtained in three.

Master of Arts

Typically this degree is based on course work and the master's final examination. Detailed requirements can be found in the Graduate Student Handbook on the department's website.

Candidates must either pass the combined graduate exam at the master's level ***or*** submit a written thesis ***or*** take a program of specialized courses.

A combined graduate exam covering the four core subject areas—mechanics; electricity, magnetism, and optics; modern physics and quantum mechanics; and thermal and statistical physics—is used for both the master's and doctoral qualifying examinations. For the master's exam, a separate total score is obtained by removing, in each core area, the student's problem with the lowest score. Material covered by the combined exam is primarily at the level of advanced undergraduate physics, but as much as one-third of the exam tests core graduate-level material. The examination is given each fall and spring, and master's candidates must pass the examination by spring of their second year of study.

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		9
PHYS 503	Thesis	

PHYS 503 & PHYS 601	Thesis and Research: [Topic]	
Total Credits		**9**

Specified-Course Option

The specified-courses option requires 40 graduate credits in physics, 36 of which must be selected from a list of courses approved by the department.

The master's degree program is typically completed in four terms, unless sufficient transfer credits are available, in which case it can be obtained in three.

In addition to all the preceding requirements, candidates for the master of arts (MA) degree must demonstrate foreign-language proficiency.

Doctor of Philosophy

The doctor of philosophy degree (PhD) in physics is based primarily on demonstrated knowledge of physics and doctoral dissertation research. PhD students must achieve qualifying scores on the master's and doctoral combined examination, and are required to pass the qualifying exam by the end of the first term in their third year of study. Students also must take and pass the core graduate sequences, unless some of these are waived by the graduate director:

Core Sequences		
PHYS 611–612	Theoretical Mechanics	6
PHYS 613–614	Statistical Physics	6
PHYS 622–623	Electromagnetic Theory	8
PHYS 631–633	Quantum Mechanics	12
Breadth Requirements		
Six breadth courses [1]		
Total Credits		**32**

[1] Breadth courses can be chosen from several areas of physics and allied areas such as mathematics, chemistry, and biology. At least two of the courses must be in a sequence.

Next, students must locate an advisor and an advisory committee, who then administer a comprehensive oral examination testing whether the student is ready to undertake dissertation research. The heart of the PhD requirements is research leading to a doctoral dissertation.

Detailed information is available in the *Graduate Student Handbook* on the department's website.

Courses

ASTR 121. The Solar System. 4 Credits.
Naked-eye astronomy, development of astronomical concepts, and the solar system.

ASTR 122. Birth and Death of Stars. 4 Credits.
The structure and evolution of stars.

ASTR 123. Galaxies and the Expanding Universe. 4 Credits.
Galaxies and the universe.

ASTR 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

ASTR 321. Topics in Astrophysics. 4 Credits.
Problem solving of the orbits, kinematics, and dynamics of astronomical systems, structure and evolution of stars and galaxies.
Pre- or coreq: MATH 252; PHYS 252 or equivalents.

Courses

PHYS 101. Essentials of Physics. 4 Credits.
Fundamental physical principles. Mechanics.

PHYS 102. Essentials of Physics. 4 Credits.
Fundamental physical principles. Heat, waves, and sound; electricity and magnetism.

PHYS 152. Physics of Sound and Music. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the wave nature of sound; hearing; musical instruments and scales; auditorium acoustics; and the transmission, storage, and reproduction of sound.

PHYS 153. Physics of Light, Color, and Vision. 4 Credits.
Light and color, their nature, how they are produced, and how they are perceived and interpreted.

PHYS 155. Physics behind the Internet. 4 Credits.
How discoveries in 20th-century physics mesh to drive modern telecommunications. Topics include electron mobility in matter, the development of transistors and semiconductors, lasers, and optical fibers.

PHYS 156M. Scientific Revolutions. 4 Credits.
Surveys several major revolutions in our views of the natural and technological world, focusing on scientific concepts and methodological aspects. For nonscience majors. Multilisted with GEOL 156M.

PHYS 157M. Information, Quantum Mechanics, and DNA. 4 Credits.
A nonscience major's introduction to the physical and chemical concepts explaining how information is stored in and transmitted by physical objects and molecules, including DNA. Multilisted with CH 157M.

PHYS 161. Physics of Energy and Environment. 4 Credits.
Practical study of energy generation and environmental impact, including energy fundamentals, fossil fuel use, global warming, nuclear energy, and energy conservation.

PHYS 162. Solar and Other Renewable Energies. 4 Credits.
Topics include photovoltaic cells, solar thermal power, passive solar heating, energy storage, geothermal energy, and wind energy.

PHYS 163. Nanoscience and Society. 4 Credits.
Explores the science behind scale-dependent properties of matter, focusing on its applications in futuristic nanotechnologies and the social and political issues that it raises.

PHYS 171. The Physics of Life. 4 Credits.
Explores how physical laws guide the structure, function, and behavior of living organisms, and examines the physical properties of biological materials. Topics span microscropic and macroscopic scales.

PHYS 181. Quantum Mechanics for Everyone. 4 Credits.
Introduction to quantum mechanics, a set of sometimes counterintuitive scientific principals describing atoms and light, along with the modern technologies it makes possible.

PHYS 196. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 198. Worskhop: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 201. General Physics. 4 Credits.
Introductory series. Mechanics and fluids.
Prereq: MATH 112 or equivalent.

PHYS 202. General Physics. 4 Credits.
Introductory series. Thermodynamics, waves, optics.
Prereq: PHYS 201.

PHYS 203. General Physics. 4 Credits.
Introductory series. Electricity, magnetism, modern physics.
Prereq: PHYS 201.

PHYS 204. Introductory Physics Laboratory. 2 Credits.
Practical exploration of the principles studied in general-physics lecture. Measurement and analysis methods applied to experiments in mechanics, waves, sound, thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism, optics, and modern physics. Sequence.
Pre- or coreq: PHYS 201.

PHYS 205. Introductory Physics Laboratory. 2 Credits.
Practical exploration of the principles studied in general-physics lecture. Measurement and analysis methods applied to experiments in mechanics, waves, sound, thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism, optics, and modern physics.
Pre- or coreq: PHYS 202.

PHYS 206. Introductory Physics Laboratory. 2 Credits.
Practical exploration of the principles studied in general-physics lecture. Measurement and analysis methods applied to experiments in mechanics, waves, sound, thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism, optics, and modern physics.
Pre- or coreq: PHYS 203.

PHYS 251. Foundations of Physics I. 4 Credits.
Newtonian mechanics; units and vectors; one-dimensional motion; Newton's laws; work and energy; momentum and collisions. Sequence.
Coreq: MATH 251; Prereq MATH 112 or equivalent.

PHYS 252. Foundations of Physics I. 4 Credits.
Vibrations and waves; oscillations; wave mechanics; dispersion; modes; introductory optics.
Prereq: PHYS 251; coreq: MATH 253 or equivalent.

PHYS 253. Foundations of Physics I. 4 Credits.
Electricity and magnetism; charge and electric field; electric potential; circuits; magnetic field; inductance.
Prereq: PHYS 252; coreq: MATH 252 or equivalent.

PHYS 290. Foundations of Physics Laboratory. 1 Credit.
Repeatable. Introduction to laboratory measurements, reports, instrumentation, and experimental techniques. Repeatable twice for maximum of 3 credits.
Coreq: PHYS 251, 252 or 253.

PHYS 301. Physicists' View of Nature. 4 Credits.
Illustrates physics concepts through the work of prominent physicists. The classical view--mechanics, electrical science, thermal physics.
Prereq: WR 122 or equivalent.

PHYS 351. Foundations of Physics II. 4 Credits.
Introduction to relativity and quantum physics with applications to atomic, solid-state, nuclear, and astro-particle systems
Prereq: MATH 253, PHYS 253; coreq: MATH 256 or 281.

PHYS 352. Foundations of Physics II. 4 Credits.
Thermodynamic systems; first and second laws; kinetic theory of gases; entropy. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 351; coreq: MATH 281.

PHYS 353. Foundations of Physics II. 4 Credits.
Thermal radiation; Maxell-Boltzmann statistics; Fermi and Bose gases; phase transitions. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 352; coreq: MATH 282.

PHYS 361. Modern Science and Culture. 4 Credits.
Examination of 19th century and early 20th century science in a cultural context.

PHYS 362. Biological Physics. 4 Credits.
Physical principles governing biological systems. Topics include molecular machines, DNA and other macromolecules, signaling and information transfer, entropic forces, and physical mechanisms of self-organization.
Prereq: PHYS 351 or 353.

PHYS 391. Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory. 4 Credits.
Practical aspects of physics experimentation, including data acquisition, statistical analysis, and introduction to scientific programming, and use of Fourier methods for data analysis.

PHYS 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 408. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 409. Supervised Tutoring. 1-3 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 411. Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism. 4 Credits.
Fundamental principles of Newtonian mechanics, conservation laws, small oscillations, planetary motion, systems of particles. Electromagnetic phenomena. Series. Only nonmajors may earn graduate credit.
Prereq: MATH 282.

PHYS 412. Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism. 4 Credits.
Fundamental principles of Newtonian mechanics, conservation laws, small oscillations, planetary motion, systems of particles. Electromagnetic phenomena. Series.
Prereq: MATH 281.

PHYS 413. Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism. 4 Credits.
Fundamental principles of Newtonian mechanics, conservation laws, small oscillations, planetary motion, systems of particles. Electromagnetic phenomena. Series.
Prereq: PHYS 412.

PHYS 414. Quantum Physics. 4 Credits.
Planck's and de Broglie's postulates, the uncertainty principle, Bohr's model of the atom, the Schroedinger equation in one dimension, the harmonic oscillator, the hydrogen atom, molecules and solids, nuclei and elementary particles. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 413.

PHYS 415. Quantum Physics. 4 Credits.
Planck's and de Broglie's postulates, the uncertainty principle, Bohr's model of the atom, the Schroedinger equation in one dimension, the harmonic oscillator, the hydrogen atom, molecules and solids, nuclei and elementary particles. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 414.

PHYS 417. Topics in Quantum Physics. 4 Credits.
Perturbation theory, variational principle, time-dependent perturbation theory, elementary scattering theory.
Prereq: PHYS 415.

PHYS 420. Physics Demonstrations. 4 Credits.
Focuses primarily on the resources, methods, and techniques for conveying an understanding of physics principles through physics demonstrations and laboratory experiments. Offered alternate years.
Prereq: PHYS 253.

PHYS 422. Electromagnetism. 4 Credits.
Study of electromagnetic waves. Topics include Maxwell's equations, wave equation, plane waves, guided waves, antennas, and other related phenomena.
Prereq: PHYS 413.

PHYS 424. Classical Optics. 4 Credits.
Geometrical optics, polarization, interference, Frauenhofer and Fresnel diffraction.
Prereq: PHYS 353.

PHYS 425. Modern Optics. 4 Credits.
Special topics in modern applied optics such as Fourier optics, coherence theory, resonators and lasers, holography, and image processing.
Prereq: PHYS 424.

PHYS 431. Analog Electronics. 4 Credits.
Passive and active discrete components and circuits. General circuit concepts and theorems. Equivalent circuits and black box models. Integrated circuit operational amplifiers.
Prereq: PHYS 203 or equivalent; knowledge of complex numbers; MATH 256.

PHYS 432. Digital Electronics. 4 Credits.
Digital electronics including digital logic, measurement, signal processing and control. Introduction to computer interfacing.
Prereq: PHYS 203 or equivalent; MATH 253.

PHYS 481. Design of Experiments. 4 Credits.
Applies statistics to practical data analysis, data-based decision making, model building, and the design of experiments. Emphasizes factorial designs.

PHYS 491. Research Project I. 2-4 Credits.
For physics and other science majors, Physics Projects entails construction and use of apparatus, interfaces and computers to perform technically-sophisticated experiments, analyze and communicate results.
Prereq: PHYS 391 or PHYS 399.

PHYS 492. Research Project II. 2-4 Credits.
For physics and other science majors, Physics Projects entails construction and use of apparatus, interfaces and computers to perform technically-sophisticated experiments, analyze and communicate results.
Prereq: PHYS 491.

PHYS 493. Research Project III. 2-4 Credits.
For physics and other science majors, Physics Projects entails construction and use of apparatus, interfaces and computers to perform technically-sophisticated experiments, analyze and communicate results.
Prereq: PHYS 492.

PHYS 503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 508. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 515. Quantum Physics. 4 Credits.
Planck's and de Broglie's postulates, the uncertainty principle, Bohr's model of the atom, the Schroedinger equation in one dimension, the harmonic oscillator, the hydrogen atom, molecules and solids, nuclei and elementary particles. Sequence. Only nonmajors may earn graduate credit.
Prereq: PHYS 414/514.

PHYS 517. Topics in Quantum Physics. 4 Credits.
Perturbation theory, variational principle, time-dependent perturbation theory, elementary scattering theory. Only nonmajors may earn graduate credit.
Prereq: PHYS 415/515.

PHYS 581. Design of Experiments. 4 Credits.
Applies statistics to practical data analysis, data-based decision making, model building, and the design of experiments. Emphasizes factorial designs.

PHYS 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 603. Dissertation. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 604. Internship: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.
Coreq: good standing in applied physics master's degree program.

PHYS 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 606. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-4 Credits.
Repeatable. Recent topics include Astrophysics and Gravitation, Biophysics, Condensed Matter, High Energy Physics, Physics Colloquium, Theoretical Physics.

PHYS 608. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 609. Supervised Tutoring. 1-3 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable.

PHYS 611. Theoretical Mechanics. 4 Credits.
Lagrangian and Hamiltonian mechanics, small oscillations, rigid bodies. Sequence.

PHYS 612. Theoretical Mechanics. 2 Credits.
Lagrangian and Hamiltonian mechanics, small oscillations, rigid bodies. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 611.

PHYS 613. Statistical Physics. 2 Credits.
Thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, kinetic theory, application to gases, liquids, solids, atoms, molecules, and the structure of matter. Sequence.

PHYS 614. Statistical Physics. 4 Credits.
Thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, kinetic theory, application to gases, liquids, solids, atoms, molecules, and the structure of matter. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 613.

PHYS 622. Electromagnetic Theory. 4 Credits.
Microscopic form of Maxwell's equations, derivation and solution of the wave equation, Lorentz covariant formulation, motion of charges in given fields, propagation and diffraction, radiation by given sources, coupled motion of sources and fields, the electromagnetic field in dense media.

PHYS 623. Electromagnetic Theory. 4 Credits.
Microscopic form of Maxwell's equations, derivation and solution of the wave equation, Lorentz covariant formulation, motion of charges in given fields, propagation and diffraction, radiation by given sources, coupled motion of sources and fields, the electromagnetic field in dense media. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 622.

PHYS 626. Physical Optics with Labs. 4 Credits.
Fundamentals of applied geometric and wave optics theory, reinforced through homework assignments, and explored in experiments conducted with lasers and optical components. Sequence with PHYS 627, PHYS 628.

PHYS 627. Optical Materials and Devices. 4 Credits.
Principles of quantum mechanics and solid-state physics relating to material properties of optoelectronic devices with corresponding laboratories teaching how to operate and characterize these devices. Sequence with PHYS 626, PHYS 628.
Prereq: PHYS 626 with B- or better grade.

PHYS 628. Laser and Nonlinear Optics with OpticStudio. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the nature of laser and nonlinear optics and the practical systems that utilize these phenomena with computational simulations using Zemax OpticStudio software. Sequence with PHYS 626, PHYS 627.
Prereq: PHYS 627 with B- or better grade.

PHYS 631. Quantum Mechanics. 4 Credits.
Review of fundamentals, central force problems, matrix mechanics. Sequence.

PHYS 632. Quantum Mechanics. 4 Credits.
Approximation methods, scattering. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 631.

PHYS 633. Quantum Mechanics. 4 Credits.
Rotation symmetry, spin, identical particles. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 632.

PHYS 634. Advanced Quantum Mechanics. 4 Credits.
Time-dependent formulation of scattering, relativistic equations and solutions, hole theory, symmetry properties, second quantization, Fock space.

PHYS 661. Elementary Particle Phenomenology. 4 Credits.
Classification and quantum numbers of elementary particles; elements of group theory, Lorentz group and spin; discrete and continuous symmetries; phenomenology of weak, electromagnetic, and strong interactions; quark model of hadron structure. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 633.

PHYS 662. Elementary Particle Phenomenology. 4 Credits.
Classification and quantum numbers of elementary particles; elements of group theory, Lorentz group and spin; discrete and continuous symmetries; phenomenology of weak, electromagnetic, and strong interactions; quark model of hadron structure. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 661.

PHYS 665. Quantum Field Theory. 4 Credits.
Canonical quantization, path integral formulation of quantum field theory, Feynman rules for perturbation theory, quantum electrodynamics, renormalization, gauge theory of the strong and electroweak interactions. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 634.

PHYS 666. Quantum Field Theory. 4 Credits.
Canonical quantization, path integral formulation of quantum field theory, Feynman rules for perturbation theory, quantum electrodynamics, renormalization, gauge theory of the strong and electroweak interactions. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 665.

PHYS 671. Solid State Physics. 4 Credits.
Crystallography; thermal, electrical, optical, and magnetic properties of solids; band theory; metals, semiconductors, and insulators; defects in solids. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 633.

PHYS 672. Solid State Physics. 4 Credits.
Crystallography; thermal, electrical, optical, and magnetic properties of solids; band theory; metals, semiconductors, and insulators; defects in solids. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 671.

PHYS 674. Theory of Condensed Matter. 4 Credits.
Advanced topics include quantum and statistical description of many-particle systems, electronic structure, elementary excitations in solids and fluids, critical phenomena, statics and dynamics of soft condensed matter. Topics and emphasis vary.
Prereq: PHYS 673.

PHYS 675. Theory of Condensed Matter. 4 Credits.
Advanced topics include quantum and statistical description of many-particle systems, electronic structure, elementary excitations in solids and fluids, critical phenomena, statics and dynamics of soft condensed matter. Topics and emphasis vary.
Prereq: PHYS 674.

PHYS 677M. Semiconductor Device Physics. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the theory behind semiconductors. Elementary theory of inorganic solids; electronic structures and transport properties. Basic theory of devices including diodes, transistors, mosfets, and optoelectronic devices. Offered only in summer. Sequence with PHYS 678M, PHYS 679M. Multilisted with CH 677M.

PHYS 678M. Semiconductor Processing and Characterization Technology. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the techniques required to make semiconductors and test their properties. Solid-state and surface chemistry of inorganic semiconductors as it pertains to microelectronic devices. Offered only in summer. Sequence with PHYS 677M, PHYS 679M. Multilisted with CH 678M.
Prereq: PHYS 677M.

PHYS 679M. Device Processing and Characterization Laboratory. 4 Credits.
Students use theory and techniques learned to design, fabricate, and test a device that performs a specific function, with an emphasis on wafer processing and device realization. Offered only in summer. Sequence with PHYS 677M, PHYS 678M. Multilisted with CH 679M.
Prereq: PHYS 678M.

PHYS 684. Quantum Optics and Laser Physics. 4 Credits.
Nonlinear optical processes and quantum statistical properties of light produced by such processes, laser theory, wave mixing processes, optical Bloch equations, field quantization, photon statistics, cooperative emissions. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 354 or equivalent.

PHYS 685. Quantum Optics and Laser Physics. 4 Credits.
Nonlinear optical processes and quantum statistical properties of light produced by such processes, laser theory, wave mixing processes, optical Bloch equations, field quantization, photon statistics, cooperative emissions. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 684; coreq PHYS 631.

PHYS 686. Quantum Optics and Laser Physics. 4 Credits.
Nonlinear optical processes and quantum statistical properties of light produced by such processes, laser theory, wave mixing processes, optical Bloch equations, field quantization, photon statistics, cooperative emissions. Sequence.
Prereq: PHYS 685; coreq: PHYS 632.