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/2018-2019/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
Core Courses		
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 [1]	2
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Interdisciplinary Science Core Courses		
Two from the following: [2]		8
CH 221	General Chemistry I	
CH 222	General Chemistry II	
CH 224H	Honors General Chemistry	
CH 225H	Honors General Chemistry	
BI 211	General Biology I: Cells	
BI 212	General Biology II: Organisms	
BI 213	General Biology III: Populations	
CIS 210	Computer Science I	
CIS 211	Computer Science II	
CIS 212	Computer Science III	
GEOL 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	
HPHY 212	Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics	
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	
PHYS 481	Design of Experiments	4
Three laboratory courses [3]		12
Total Credits		94

1. To be repeated, totaling 2 credits.
2. Students are strongly urged to complete this requirement in the first two years.
3. 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. PHYS 401: Research also counts for this requirement if taken graded.

Applied Physics Sample Program

First Year		Credits
CH 221–222	General Chemistry (or any two courses from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	2
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
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
Third Year		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics [1]	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics [1]	4
PHYS 424	Classical Optics [1]	4
PHYS 425	Modern Optics [1]	4
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	6

PHYS 481	Design of Experiments	4
	Total Credits:	96

[1] Students must take either PHYS 431–432 or PHYS 424–425.

Bachelor of Science: Applied Physics

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
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 [1]	2
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Interdisciplinary Science Core Courses		
Two from the following: [2]		8
CH 221	General Chemistry I	
CH 222	General Chemistry II	
CH 224H	Honors General Chemistry	
CH 225H	Honors General Chemistry	
BI 211	General Biology I: Cells	
BI 212	General Biology II: Organisms	
BI 213	General Biology III: Populations	
CIS 210	Computer Science I	
CIS 211	Computer Science II	
CIS 212	Computer Science III	
GEOL 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	
HPHY 212	Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics	
Applied Physics Upper-Division Courses		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
Applied Physics Core Courses		
Select one of the following:		8
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PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	2
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
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
Third Year		
PHYS 412–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	8
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics [1]	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics [1]	4
PHYS 424	Classical Optics [1]	4
PHYS 425	Modern Optics [1]	4
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	6
PHYS 481	Design of Experiments	4
	Total Credits:	96

[1] Students must take either PHYS 431–432 or PHYS 424–425.

Bachelor of Arts: Teaching Physics

Code	Title	Credits
Physics Core Courses		
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 [1]	2
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Interdisciplinary Science Core		
Two from the following: [2]		8
CH 221	General Chemistry I	
CH 222	General Chemistry II	
CH 224H	Honors General Chemistry	
CH 225H	Honors General Chemistry	
BI 211	General Biology I: Cells	
BI 212	General Biology II: Organisms	
BI 213	General Biology III: Populations	
CIS 211	Computer Science II	
CIS 210	Computer Science I	
CIS 212	Computer Science III	
GEOL 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	

HPHY 212	Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics	
Teaching Physics Core Courses		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics and Digital Electronics	8
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring [3]	6
Total Credits		92

1 To be repeated, totaling 2 credits.

2 Students are strongly urged to complete this requirement in the first two years.

3 Does not need to be taken for a letter grade.

Teaching Physics Sample Program

First Year		**Credits**
CH 221–222	General Chemistry (or any two courses from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	2
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
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
Third Year		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	6
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
	Total Credits:	88

Bachelor of Science: Teaching Physics

Code	**Title**	**Credits**
Physics Core Courses		
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 [1]	2
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Interdisciplinary Science Core		
Two from the following: [2]		8
CH 221	General Chemistry I	
CH 222	General Chemistry II	
CH 224H	Honors General Chemistry	
CH 225H	Honors General Chemistry	
BI 211	General Biology I: Cells	
BI 212	General Biology II: Organisms	
BI 213	General Biology III: Populations	
CIS 211	Computer Science II	
CIS 210	Computer Science I	
CIS 212	Computer Science III	
GEOL 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	
HPHY 212	Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics	
Teaching Physics Core Courses		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics and Digital Electronics	8
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring [3]	6
Total Credits		92

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First Year		**Credits**
CH 221–222	General Chemistry (or any two courses from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	2
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
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MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4
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PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Third Year		
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	6
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
	Total Credits:	88

Bachelor of Arts: Physics

Code	**Title**	**Credits**
Physics Core Courses		
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 [1]	2
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
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Interdisciplinary Science Core		
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CH 221	General Chemistry I	
CH 222	General Chemistry II	
CH 224H	Honors General Chemistry	
CH 225H	Honors General Chemistry	
BI 211	General Biology I: Cells	
BI 212	General Biology II: Organisms	
BI 213	General Biology III: Populations	
CIS 210	Computer Science I	
CIS 211	Computer Science II	
CIS 212	Computer Science III	
GEOL 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	
HPHY 212	Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics	
Physics Upper-Division Courses		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism [3]	12
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
Three upper-division laboratory courses [4]		6
Total Credits		92

1 To be repeated, totaling 2 credits.

2 Students are strongly urged to complete this requirement in the first two years.

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

4 Any combination of PHYS 424–425 or PHYS 431–432 or PHYS 491–493 or PHYS 401, to total 6 credits.

Physics Sample Program

First Year		Credits
CH 221–222	General Chemistry (or any two courses from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	2
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
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
Third Year		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12
Upper-division laboratory course from the following list: PHYS 424–425, PHYS 431–432, PHYS 491–493, or PHYS 401		2-4
Fourth Year		
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
Upper-division laboratory course from the following list: PHYS 424–425, PHYS 431–432, PHYS 491–493, or PHYS 401		2-4
	Total Credits:	91-94

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Code	Title	Credits
Physics Core Courses		
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 [1]	2
PHYS 351–353	Foundations of Physics II	12
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4
Interdisciplinary Science Core		
Two from the following: [2]		8
CH 221	General Chemistry I	
CH 222	General Chemistry II	
CH 224H	Honors General Chemistry	
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BI 211	General Biology I: Cells	
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BI 213	General Biology III: Populations	
CIS 210	Computer Science I	
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CIS 212	Computer Science III	
GEOL 201	Dynamic Planet Earth	
HPHY 212	Evidence, Inference, and Biostatistics	
Physics Upper-Division Courses		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism [3]	12
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4

Three upper-division laboratory courses [4]	6
Total Credits	92

1 To be repeated, totaling 2 credits.

2 Students are strongly urged to complete this requirement in the first two years.

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

4 Any combination of PHYS 424–425 or PHYS 431–432 or PHYS 491–493 or PHYS 401, to total 6 credits.

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First Year		Credits
CH 221–222	General Chemistry (or any two courses from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	8
PHYS 251–253	Foundations of Physics I	12
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory (two or more terms)	2
MATH 251–253	Calculus I-III	12
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
Third Year		
PHYS 411–413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	12
Upper-division laboratory course from the following list: PHYS 424–425, PHYS 431–432, PHYS 491–493, or PHYS 401		2-4
Fourth Year		
PHYS 414–415	Quantum Physics	8
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics	4
Upper-division laboratory course from the following list: PHYS 424–425, PHYS 431–432, PHYS 491–493, or PHYS 401		2-4
	Total Credits:	91-94

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

Third Year		Credits
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
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
	Total Credits:	52-56

Teaching Physics Emphasis

Third Year		Credits
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	6
PHYS 431 & PHYS 432	Analog Electronics	8
Fourth Year		
PHYS 491–493	Research Project I-III	8
	Total Credits:	30

Physics Emphasis

Third Year		Credits
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
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
	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

Code	Title	Credits
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 another institution. 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 another institution. 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.

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Bachelor of Science in Physics: Applied Physics—Precalculus

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
MATH 111	College Algebra		4
WR 121	College Composition I		4
CH 221	General Chemistry I (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
MATH 112	Elementary Functions		4
WR 122	College Composition II		4
General-education course in social science			4
CH 222	General Chemistry II (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
	Credits		16
Spring			
CIS 210	Computer Science I		4

MATH 251	Calculus I	Students should be ready to start MATH 251 fall term of second year at the latest	4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I	4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1	
MATH 252	Calculus II	4	
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement		4	
	Credits	13	
Winter			
PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I	4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1	
MATH 253	Calculus III	4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in social science		4	
	Credits	17	
Spring			
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I	4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory	1	
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4	Students should have at least completed MATH 253 by end of spring term
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course in social science		4	
	Credits	17	
	Total Credits	47	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
MATH 281	Several-Variable Calculus I	4	
PHYS 351	Foundations of Physics II	4	
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	4	May be taken any term third year
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement		4	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II	4	Students should have at least completed MATH 282 by end of spring term
PHYS 352	Foundations of Physics II	4	
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	16	
Spring			
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II	4	
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4	Two upper-division lab courses should be completed by the end of third year
Elective courses		8	
	Credits	16	
	Total Credits	48	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
PHYS 412	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	4	PHYS 421M is recommended as a companion course
PHYS 481	Design of Experiments	4	
PHYS 491	Research Project I	2-4	
Elective courses		12	
	Credits	22-24	
Winter			
PHYS 413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	4	
PHYS 492	Research Project II	2-4	
Elective courses		12	
	Credits	18-20	

Spring			
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism	Recommer elective course	4
PHYS 493	Research Project III		2-4
Elective courses			12
	Credits		18-20
	Total Credits		58-64

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Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 221	General Chemistry I (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken in the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 251	Calculus I		4
WR 121	College Composition I		4
	Credits		17
Winter			
PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 222	General Chemistry II (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken in the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 252	Calculus II		4
WR 122	College Composition II		4
	Credits		17
Spring			
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
MATH 253	Calculus III		4
CIS 210	Computer Science I		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
	Credits		17
	Total Credits		51

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
PHYS 351	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 352	Foundations of Physics II		4
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	May be taken any term second year	4
MATH 281	Several-Variable Calculus I		4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
PHYS 412	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism		4
First term of first-year second-language sequence			4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism		4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics		4
Second term of first-year second-language sequence			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	Two upper-division lab courses should be completed by the end of third year	4
PHYS 491	Research Project I		2-4
Third term of first-year second-language sequence			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		14-16
	Total Credits		46-48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
PHYS 481	Design of Experiments		4
First term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Elective courses		Example: PHYS 425 Quantum Optics	8
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 492	Research Project II		2-4
Second term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Elective courses			8
	Credits		14-16
Spring			
PHYS 493	Research Project III		2-4
Third term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Elective courses			8
	Credits		14-16
	Total Credits		44-48

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Course	Title		Credits Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 221	General Chemistry I (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 251	Calculus I		4
WR 121	College Composition I		4
	Credits		17
Winter			
PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 222	General Chemistry II (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 252	Calculus II		4
WR 122	College Composition II		4
	Credits		17
Spring			
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
MATH 253	Calculus III		4
CIS 210	Computer Science I		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
	Credits		17
	Total Credits		51

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
PHYS 351	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 352	Foundations of Physics II		4
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	May be taken any term second year	4
MATH 281	Several-Variable Calculus I		4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
PHYS 412	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism		4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics		4
General-education course in social science			4
Elective course			4
	Credits		16

Spring			
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	Two upper-division lab courses should be completed by the end of third year	4
PHYS 491	Research Project I		2-4
Elective courses			8
	Credits		14-16
	Total Credits		46-48

Course	Title		Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year				
Fall				
PHYS 481	Design of Experiments		4	
Elective courses		Example: PHYS 424 Classical Optics	12	
	Credits		16	
Winter				
PHYS 492	Research Project II		2-4	
Elective courses		Example: PHYS 425 Quantum Optics	12	
	Credits		14-16	
Spring				
PHYS 493	Research Project III		2-4	
Elective courses			12	
	Credits		14-16	
	Total Credits		44-48	

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Course	Title		Credits	Milestones
First Year				
Fall				
PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I		4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1	
CH 221	General Chemistry I (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4	
MATH 251	Calculus I		4	
WR 121	College Composition I		4	
	Credits		17	
Winter				
PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I		4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1	
CH 222	General Chemistry II (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4	
MATH 253	Calculus III		4	
WR 122	College Composition II		4	
	Credits		17	
Spring				
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I		4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1	
MATH 253	Calculus III		4	
CIS 210	Computer Science I		4	
General-education course in arts and letters			4	
	Credits		17	
	Total Credits		51	

Course	Title		Credits	Milestones
Second Year				
Fall				
PHYS 351	Foundations of Physics II		4	
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations		4	
General-education course in arts and letters			4	
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4	
	Credits		16	
Winter				
PHYS 352	Foundations of Physics II		4	
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	May be taken any term second year	4	
MATH 281	Several-Variable Calculus I		4	
General-education course in social science			4	
	Credits		16	
Spring				
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II		4	
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II		4	
General-education course in arts and letters			4	
General-education course in social science			4	
	Credits		16	
	Total Credits		48	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics	4	
First term of first-year second-language sequence		4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement		4	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
PHYS 362	Biological Physics	4	
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics	4	
Second term of first-year second-language sequence		4	
General-education course in social science		4	
	Credits	16	
Spring			
PHYS 491	Research Project I	2-4	
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics	4	
Third term of first-year second-language sequence		4	
General-education course in social science		4	
	Credits	14-16	
	Total Credits	46-48	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
Physics course chosen in consultation with advisor		4	
First term of second-year second-language sequence		4	
Elective courses	Example: PHYS 424 Classical Optics	8	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	1-3	
PHYS 492	Research Project II	2-4	
Second term of second-year second-language sequence		4	
Elective course	Example: PHYS 425 Quantum Optics	4	
	Credits	11-15	
Spring			
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring	1-3	
PHYS 493	Research Project III	2-4	
Third term of second-year second-language sequence		4	
Elective course		4	
	Credits	11-15	
	Total Credits	38-46	

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Course	Title		Credits	Milestones
First Year				
Fall				
PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I		4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1	
CH 221	General Chemistry I (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4	
MATH 251	Calculus I		4	
WR 121	College Composition I		4	
	Credits		17	
Winter				
PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I		4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1	
CH 222	General Chemistry II (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4	
MATH 253	Calculus III		4	
WR 122	College Composition II		4	
	Credits		17	
Spring				
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I		4	
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1	
MATH 253	Calculus III		4	
CIS 210	Computer Science I		4	
General-education course in arts and letters			4	
	Credits		17	
	Total Credits		51	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
PHYS 351	Foundations of Physics II	4	
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations	4	
General-education course in arts and letters		4	
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement		4	
	Credits	16	
Winter			
PHYS 352	Foundations of Physics II	4	

PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	May be taken any term second year	4
MATH 281	Several-Variable Calculus I		4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
ASTR 321	Topics in Astrophysics		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 362	Biological Physics		4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics		4
General-education course in social science			4
Elective course			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 491	Research Project I		2-4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics		4
Elective courses			8
	Credits		14-16
	Total Credits		46-48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
Physics course chosen in consultation with advisor			4
Elective courses		Example: PHYS 424 Classical Optics	12
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring		1-3
PHYS 492	Research Project II		2-4
Elective courses		Example: PHYS 425 Quantum Optics	8
	Credits		11-15
Spring			
PHYS 409	Supervised Tutoring		1-3
PHYS 493	Research Project III		2-4
Elective courses			8
	Credits		11-15
	Total Credits		38-46

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Course	Title		Credits Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 221	General Chemistry I (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 251	Calculus I		4
WR 121	College Composition I		4
	Credits		17
Winter			
PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 222	General Chemistry II (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 252	Calculus II		4
WR 122	College Composition II		4
	Credits		17
Spring			
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
MATH 253	Calculus III		4
CIS 210	Computer Science I		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
	Credits		17
	Total Credits		51

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
PHYS 351	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 281	Several-Variable Calculus I		4
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	Can be taken any term second year	4
General education course in arts and letters			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II		4
General-education course in social science			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
PHYS 412	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	PHYS 421M is recommended as a companion course	4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
First term of first-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 411	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	Offered winter or spring terms	4
PHYS 413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism		4
General-education course in social science			4
Second term of first-year second-language sequence			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism		4
Third term of first-year second-language sequence			4
General-education course in social science			4
Elective course			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
PHYS 414	Quantum Physics	PHYS 410 Math Methods II or equivalent recommended as prerequisite	4
First term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Elective courses		Example: ASTR 321 Topics in Astrophysics	8
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 415	Quantum Physics		4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics		4
Second term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Elective course			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics		4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics		4
Third term of second-year second-language sequence			4
Elective course			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

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Course	Title		Credits Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
PHYS 251	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 221	General Chemistry I (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 251	Calculus I		4
WR 121	College Composition I		4
	Credits		17
Winter			
PHYS 252	Foundations of Physics I		4

PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
CH 222	General Chemistry II (or any course from the Interdisciplinary Science Core)	May be taken the second year to reduce term course load	4
MATH 252	Calculus II		4
WR 122	College Composition II		4
	Credits		17
Spring			
PHYS 253	Foundations of Physics I		4
PHYS 290	Foundations of Physics Laboratory		1
MATH 253	Calculus III		4
CIS 210	Computer Science I		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
	Credits		17
	Total Credits		51

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
PHYS 351	Foundations of Physics II		4
PHYS 391	Physics Experimentation Data Analysis Laboratory	Can be taken any term second year	4
MATH 281	Several-Variable Calculus I		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 352	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 282	Several-Variable Calculus II		4
General-education course in social science			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 353	Foundations of Physics II		4
MATH 256	Introduction to Differential Equations		4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
PHYS 412	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	PHYS 421M is recommended as a companion course	4
General-education course in arts and letters			4
General-education course in social science			4
General-education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement			4
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 411	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism	Offered winter or spring terms	4
PHYS 413	Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism		4
General-education course in social science			4
Elective course			4
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 422	Electromagnetism		4
Elective courses			12
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

Course	Title		Credits Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
PHYS 414	Quantum Physics		4
Elective courses		Example: ASTR 321 Topics in Astrophysi	12
	Credits		16
Winter			
PHYS 415	Quantum Physics		4
PHYS 431	Analog Electronics		4
Elective courses			8
	Credits		16
Spring			
PHYS 417	Topics in Quantum Physics		4
PHYS 432	Digital Electronics		4
Elective courses			8
	Credits		16
	Total Credits		48

- **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 employee (GE) opportunities or research fellowships is available on a competitive basis to PhD students. GEs 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 department offers a traditional master's as well as an internship-based master's program in applied physics, designed to serve physics students whose primary interests lie in applied research and development rather than in basic research. The Master's Industrial Internship Program includes course work, professional development, and a nine-month paid internship that helps prepare physicists for a career in industry or government labs. The internship salary helps offset the cost of tuition for students in this program; the traditional master's program does not include financial support.

Master of Science: Applied Physics

Code	Title	Credits
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

For a student to be in good academic standing, the cumulative GPA of the graded-credit total must be 3.00 or better.

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

The applied physics master of science (MS) degree requires the completion of 54 total credits—24 graded credits at the 500 level or higher and 30 internship research credits. The internship requirement must be fulfilled through the industrial internship program. Internship credits are taken pass/no pass. A student who is working full-time as an intern typically earns 10 credits each term.

Graded credits must be selected from an approved departmental list. The table below highlights courses commonly taken by students in the Master's Industrial Internship Program. 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.

Code	Title	Credits
PHYS 581	Design of Experiments	4
PHYS 626	Physical Optics with Labs	4
PHYS 627	Optical Materials and Devices	4
PHYS 628	Laser and Nonlinear Optics with OpticStudio	4
PHYS 677M	Semiconductor Device Physics	4

PHYS 678M	Semiconductor Processing and Characterization Technology	4
PHYS 679M	Device Processing and Characterization Laboratory	4
CH 680	Electronics and Vacuum Systems	4
CH 681	Introduction to Electron Microscopy	4
CH 682	Electron Microprobe Analysis	4
CH 683	Surface Analysis	4
CH 685	Advanced Transmission Electron Microscopy	4

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 four times a year, and master's candidates must pass the examination by the end of summer session of their second year of graduate studies.

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 four times a year, and master's candidates must pass the examination by the end of summer session of their second year of graduate studies.

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:

Code	Title	Credits
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 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 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 252 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 253 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 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 421M. Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to PDEs with a view towards applications in physics. Wave and heat equations, classical Fourier series on the circle, Bessel and Legendre series. Multilisted with MATH 421M.
Prereq: MATH 253; one from MATH 256, MATH 281.

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 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 521M. Partial Differential Equations: Fourier Analysis I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to PDEs with a view towards applications in physics. Wave and heat equations, classical Fourier series on the circle, Bessel and Legendre series. Multilisted with MATH 521M.

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]. 1-4 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.