

**College of SCIENCE
Department of PHYSICS
Bachelor of Arts in PHYSICS
Major in PHYSICS**

For students graduating in calendar year 2021

A hashtag (#) indicates a course with prerequisites or corequisites. These are listed below.

I. Curriculum for Liberal Education Requirements (40 credits)

All courses used for the Curriculum for Liberal Education must be on the University's approved list. The ViEWS requirement will be met with in-major courses.

Area 1: Writing and Discourse (6 credits)

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Area 2: Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values (6 credits)

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Area 3: Society and Human Behavior (6 credits)

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Area 4: Scientific Reasoning and Discovery (8 credits). The following course sequence is required of all students majoring in Physics within the B.A. Degree in Physics.

PHYS 2305-2306 Foundations of Physics

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Area 5: Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (8 credits)

MATH 1225-1226 Calculus of a Single Variable

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Area 6: Creativity and Aesthetic Experience (3 credits)

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Area 7: Critical Issues in Global Context (3 credits)

PHYS 2074 Highlights of Contemporary Physics	3	
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II. Physics Bachelor of Arts Core Courses (21 credits)

PHYS 2504 Mathematical Methods in Physics
PHYS 3314 Intermediate Laboratory
PHYS 3324 Modern Physics
PHYS 3355 Intermediate Mechanics
PHYS 3405 Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism
PHYS 3704 Thermal Physics
PHYS 4315 Modern Experimental Physics

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III. Additional Required Courses for the Bachelor of Arts in Physics, Major in Physics (13-14 credits)*

# PHYS 2325-2326 Seminar for Physics Majors	1		1	
# MATH 2114 Introduction to Linear Algebra or # MATH 2114H Introduction to Linear Algebra	3			
# MATH 2204 Intro to Multivariable Calculus or # MATH 2204H Intro to Multivariable Calculus	3			
# MATH 2214 Introduction to Differential Equations or # MATH 2214H Introduction to Differential Equations	3			
CS 1044 Introduction to Programming in C or CS 1054 Introduction to Programming in Java or CS 1064 Introduction to Programming in Python or CS 1114 Introduction to Software Design or # ECE 1574 Engineering Problem solving with C++ or # AOE/ESM 2074 Computational Methods	2 or 3			

* MATH 1225-1226 and PHYS 2305-2306 and PHYS 2074 are also required of all Physics Majors within the B.A. Degree Program in Physics. They are listed in the CLE requirements (Section I) above.

IV. Restricted Electives (two courses from the list below, 6 credits)

# PHYS 3655 Introduction to Astrophysics	3	
# PHYS 3656 Introduction to Astrophysics	3	
# PHYS 4254 Quantum Information Technologies	3	
# PHYS 4504 Introduction to Nuclear and Particle Physics	3	
# PHYS 4554 Introduction to Solid State Physics	3	
# PHYS 4564 Polymer Physics	3	
# PHYS 4574 Nanotechnology	3	
# PHYS 4614 Optics	3	
# PHYS 4654 Modern Cosmology	3	
# PHYS 4674 Introduction to General Relativity	3	
# PHYS 4714 Introduction to Biophysics	3	
# PHYS 4755 Intro to Computational Physics	3	
# PHYS 4774 Intro to Physics of Galaxies	3	

V. Free Electives (39-40 credits)

Accepted Substitutions

PHYS 3355: AOE 3154 (Astromechanics), **or** ESM 3124 (Dynamics II Analytical and 3-D Motion).
 PHYS 3405: ECE 3105 (Electromagnetic Fields).
 PHYS 3314: AOE 3054 (AOE Experimental Methods), **or** ECE 2204 (Electronics) & ECE 2274 (Electronic Networks Laboratory I), **or** ESM 3444 (Mechanics Laboratory).

Foreign Language Requirement

Students who did not successfully complete at least two years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language during high school must successfully complete six credits of a single foreign, classical, or sign language at the college level. Courses taken to meet this requirement do not count toward the credits required for graduation. Please consult the Undergraduate Course Catalog for details.

Progress Toward Degree

A student will be certified as making satisfactory progress toward the B.A. degree in Physics by satisfying the university's academic eligibility requirements, as well as the following requirements:

- Upon having attempted 60 credit hours, the student will have completed the CLE Area 1 requirement (in Section I) the Mathematics requirements (in Sections I and III) as well as PHYS 2305-2306, PHYS 2325-2326, PHYS 2504, and PHYS 3324.
- Upon having attempted 45 credit hours, the student must have 2.0 overall and in-major GPAs.
- Upon having attempted 72 credit hours, the student will have completed the foreign language requirement by the close of the academic year (spring semester). [College of Science requirement]
- Upon having attempted 96 credit hours, the student will have completed all credits for the Curriculum of Liberal Education. [College of Science requirement]

Minimum hours and GPA required for graduation

A minimum of 120 credit hours must be completed for graduation. A minimum overall and in-major GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation. All physics courses attempted are used in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

Prerequisites and Corequisites

Courses in this checksheet marked with a hashtag (#) have prerequisites or corequisites. These are detailed below. Please check with your advisor or consult the Undergraduate Course Catalog.

List of prerequisites and corequisites

PHYS 2305-2306: Pre: (MATH 1205 or MATH 1205H or MATH 1225) or (MATH 1206 or MATH 1206H or MATH 1226) for 2305; (MATH 1206 or MATH 1206H or MATH 1226), PHYS 2305 for 2306 and Co: 2325 or (MATH 1206 or MATH 1206H or MATH 1226) for 2305

PHYS 2504: Pre: 2305; Co: MATH 2214, MATH 2224, 2306

PHYS 3324: Pre: 2306; Co: MATH 2214, 2504

PHYS 3355: Pre: (MATH 1224 or MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H), (MATH 2214 or MATH 2214H), PHYS 2305, PHYS 2306, PHYS 2504

PHYS 3405: Pre: (MATH 2214 or MATH 2214H), PHYS 2305, PHYS 2306, PHYS 2504

PHYS 3704: Pre: 2306, 3324; Co: MATH 2214, 2504

PHYS 4315: Pre: 3314

PHYS 2325-2326: Co: 2305 for 2325; 2306 for 2326

MATH 2114: Pre: 1225 or 1226

MATH 2114H: Pre: 1225 or 1226

MATH 2204: Pre: 1226

MATH 2204H: Pre: 1226

MATH 2214: Pre: (1114 or 1114H or 2114 or 2114H), (1206 or 1226)

MATH 2214H: Pre: (1114 or 1114H or 2114 or 2114H), (1206 or 1226)

ECE 1574: Pre: (ENGE 1024 or ENGE 1215 or ENGE 1414), MATH 1205 or (MATH 1205H or MATH 1225)

AOE 2074 (ESM 2074) 2 credit hour course: ENGE 1114 or ENGE 1216 or ENGE 1434

PHYS 3655, 3656: Pre: 2306

PHYS 4254: Pre: 2306, (MATH 2114 or MATH 2114H)

PHYS 4504: Co: 4456

PHYS 4554: Co: 4456

PHYS 4565: Pre: 2306

PHYS 4574: Pre: 2205, 2206 or 2305, 2306

PHYS 4614: Pre: 2306, MATH 2214, (MATH 2224 or MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H)

PHYS 4654: Pre: 3656

PHYS 4674: Pre: MATH 2214 or MATH 2214H or MATH 2514, PHYS 3356; Co: 3406

PHYS 4714: Pre: 2206 or 2306

PHYS 4755: Pre: 2306, CS 1044 for 4755; 4455, 4755 for 4756

PHYS 4774: Pre: 3656