

Physics Major (B.S.) Sample Course Planner

Fall 2015

FRESHMAN

<i>Fall</i>		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHYS 171	Introductory Projects in Physics	1
UNIV 189	Skills for Academic Success	1
MATH 165	Calculus I	4
CHEM 150	Principles of Chemistry I	3
CHEM 160	Principles of Chemistry I Lab	1
ENGL 110*	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120**	College Composition II	3
	Wellness Elective	2
Total		18

*Credit automatically granted if you earn a "C" in ENGL 120.

**Can enroll in ENGL 120 if ACT English score ≥ 18 .

<i>Spring</i>		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHYS 251	University Physics I	4
PHYS 251L	University Physics I Lab	1
PHYS 251R	University Physics I Recitation	1
MATH 166	Calculus II	4
CHEM 151	Principles of Chemistry II	3
CHEM 161	Principles of Chemistry II Lab	1
MATH 129	Basic Linear Algebra	3
Total		17

SOPHOMORE

<i>Fall</i>		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHYS 252	University Physics II	4
PHYS 252L	University Physics II Lab	1
PHYS 252R	University Physics II Recitation	1
MATH 265	Calculus III	4
CSCI 160	Computer Science I	4
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ^a	3
Total		17

<i>Spring</i>		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHYS 350	Modern Physics I	3
MATH 266	Intro to Differential Equations	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
CSCI 161	Computer Science II	4
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3
Total		19

JUNIOR

<i>Fall (Odd Years)</i>		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHYS 360	Modern Physics II	3
PHYS 455	Classical Mechanics	3
PHYS 485	Quantum Mechanics I	3
MATH 4XX	Math Elective	3
	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3
Total		15

<i>Spring (Even Years)</i>		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHYS 370	Intro to Computational Physics	3
PHYS 486	Quantum Mechanics II	3
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	3
MATH 4XX	Math Elective	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ^b	3
Total		15

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SENIOR

<i>Fall (Even Years)</i>			<i>Spring (Odd Years)</i>		
<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
PHYS 361	Electromagnetic Theory	3	PHYS 489	Physics Projects	3
PHYS 462	Heat & Thermodynamics	3	PHYS 463	Statistical Mechanics (Elective)	3
PHYS 411	Optics for Scientists/Engineers	3	PHYS	Physics Elective	3
PHYS 411L	Optics for Scientists/Engineers Lab	1		Free Elective	3
	Social/Behavioral Science Elective ^b	3	Total		12
Total		13			
			Course Planner Credit Total		126
			Minimum Credits Required for Graduation		122

^aOf the Humanities/Fine Arts and Social/Behavioral Science electives, 3 credits must be classified as Cultural Diversity, and 3 credits must be classified as Global Perspectives.

^bThe College of Science & Mathematics requires an additional 6 credits in Humanities/Fine Arts or Social/Behavioral Sciences for the B.S. degree.