

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS**

**MAJOR: PHYSICS (Standard) & PHYSICS with Optical Science and Engineering Option**

**ACADEMIC YEAR: 2013-2014**

**DEGREE TYPE: B.A. or B.S.**

**REQUIRED DEGREE CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 122**

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 40 CREDITS**

**Lower Division Requirements – 37 Credits**

**First Year Experience (F) - 1 Credit**

UNIV	189	Skills for Academic Success	1 cr
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Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.

**Communication (C) - 9 Credits**

ENGL	110	College Composition I	3 cr
ENGL	120	College Composition II	3 cr
COMM	110	Fund of Public Speaking	3 cr

**Quantitative Reasoning (R) - 3 Credits**

MATH	165	Calculus I	4 cr
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**Science & Technology (S) - 10 Credits**

PHYS	251/L	University Physics I/Lab	4/1 cr
PHYS	252/L	University Physics II/Lab	4/1 cr

**Humanities & Fine Arts (A) - 6 Credits**

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

**Social & Behavioral Sciences (B) - 6 Credits**

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

**Wellness (W) - 2 Credits**

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

**Cultural Diversity (D)**

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

**Global Perspectives (G)**

Select from current general education courses [www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/](http://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/gened/)

**Upper Division Requirements - Writing – 3 Credits**

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**PHYSICS STANDARD MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 40-42 CREDITS**

• A grade of 'C' or better is required for all PHYS and AST prefix courses

PHYS	171	Introductory Projects in Physics	1 cr
PHYS	251R	Univ. Physics I Recitation	1 cr
PHYS	252R	Univ. Physics II Recitation	1 cr
PHYS	350	Modern Physics	3 cr
PHYS	360	Modern Physics II	3 cr
PHYS	361or	Electromagnetic Theory	3 or 4 cr
	370	Electromagnetic Theory (MSUM)	
PHYS	370	Introduction to Computational Physics	3 cr
PHYS	411/L	Optics for Scientists & Engineers/Lab	3/1 cr
PHYS	455 or	Classical Mechanics	3 or 4 cr
	330	Intermediate Mechanics (MSUM)	
PHYS	462	Heat & Thermodynamics	3 cr
PHYS	485	Quantum Mechanics I	3 cr
PHYS	486	Quantum Mechanics II	3 cr
PHYS	489	Sr. Project/Capstone	3 cr

**Physics Electives – 6 Credits – Select two courses from the following:**

PHYS	215	Research for Undergraduates	3 cr
PHYS	413	Lasers for Scientists & Engineers	3 cr
PHYS	415	Elements of Photonics	3 cr
PHYS	463	Statistical Mechanics	3 cr
PHYS	481	Intro to Solid State Physics	3 cr

OR

MSUM AST courses with departmental permission.

**RELATED REQUIRED COURSES – 34-36 CREDITS**

**Math – 19-20 Credits**

MATH	129 or	Basic Linear Algebra	2 or 3 cr
	429	Linear Algebra	
MATH	166	Calculus II	4 cr
MATH	265	Calculus III	4 cr
MATH	266	Intro to Differential Equations	3 cr
MATH	Electives	400 Level (488 & 489 are recommended)	6 cr

**Chemistry – 8 Credits (150/151 sequence recommended)**

CHEM	150/160 or	Principles of Chemistry I/Lab	3/1 cr
	121/L	General Chemistry I/Lab	
CHEM	151/161 or	Principles of Chemistry II/Lab	3/1 cr
	122/L	General Chemistry II/Lab	

**Computer Science – 7-8 Credits**

CSCI	160 or	Computer Science I	4 or 3 cr
	ECE 173	Introduction to Computing	
CSCI	161	Computer Science II	4 cr

**COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (Page 2) – 6 OR 12 CREDITS**

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – UP TO 1 CREDIT TO REACH 122**

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**PHYSICS - OPTICAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING OPTION – 47-50 CREDITS**

- A grade of ‘C’ or better is required for all PHYS and AST prefix courses

PHYS	171	Introductory Projects in Physics	1 cr
PHYS	251R	University Physics I Recitation	1 cr
PHYS	252R	University Physics II Recitation	1 cr
PHYS	350	Modern Physics	3 cr
PHYS	360	Modern Physics II	3 cr
PHYS	361 or 370	Electromagnetic Theory	3 or 4 cr
PHYS	370	Electromagnetic Theory (MSUM)	
PHYS	411/L	Intro to Computational Physics	3 cr
PHYS	413	Optics for Scientists & Engineers/Lab	3/1 cr
PHYS	413	Lasers for Scientists & Engineers	3 cr
PHYS	415	Elements of Photonics	3 cr
PHYS	455 or 330	Classical Mechanics	3 or 4 cr
PHYS	462	Intermediate Mechanics (MSUM)	
PHYS	485	Heat & Thermodynamics	3 cr
PHYS	485	Quantum Mechanics I	3 cr
PHYS	486	Quantum Mechanics II	3 cr
PHYS	489	Sr. Project/Capstone	3 cr
CSCI	160 or	Computer Science I	4 or 3 cr
ECE	173	Introduction to Computing	
EE	206	Circuit Analysis I	4 cr

**RELATED REQUIRED COURSES – 27-28 CREDITS**

**Math – 19-20 Credits**

MATH	166	Calculus II	4 cr
MATH	265	Calculus III	4 cr
MATH	266	Intro to Differential Equations	3 cr
MATH	129 or 429	Basic Linear Algebra	2 or 3 cr
MATH	Electives	Linear Algebra	
MATH	Electives	400 Level (452, 481 or 488 recommended)	6 cr

**Chemistry – 8 Credits** (150/151 sequence recommended)

CHEM	150/160 or 121/L	Principles of Chemistry I/Lab	3/1 cr
CHEM	151/161 or 122/L	General Chemistry I/Lab	
CHEM	151/161 or 122/L	Principles of Chemistry II/Lab	3/1 cr
CHEM	151/161 or 122/L	General Chemistry II/Lab	

**COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS – 6 OR 12 CREDITS**

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – UP TO 1 CREDIT TO REACH 122**

**Recommended Electives for Optical Science and Engineering Option**

ECE	311	Circuit Analysis II	4 cr
ECE	417	Optical Signal Transmission	3 cr
ECE	321	Electronics I	5 cr
ECE	483	Instrumentation for Engineers	3 cr

**COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS & DEGREE NOTES:**

- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.

**Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree** – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences\*

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree** – An additional 12 credits Humanities and Social Sciences\* and proficiency at the second year level in a modern foreign language.

\*Humanities and Social Sciences may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADHM, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GERM, HDFS, HIST, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WGS, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in humanities and social sciences (general education categories A and B). These credits must come from outside the department of the student’s major.