



**Bachelor of Science PHYSICS**  
**Concentration in Astronomy/Astrophysics**  
**Curriculum Requirements**  
**Catalog Year 2012-13 (Class of 2016) to present**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

<u>Fall Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>
ENL	101	Critical Writing & Reading I	3	0	3	ENL	102	Critical Writing & Reading II	3	0	3
PHY	113	Classical Physics I <sup>1</sup>	4	2	4	PHY	114	Classical Physics II <sup>1,5</sup>	4	2	4
PHY	109	Freshman Seminar <sup>2</sup>	3	0	3	MTH	152	Calculus II <sup>4</sup>	4	0	4
MTH	151	Calculus I <sup>4</sup>	4	0	4			University Studies <sup>3</sup>	3	0	3
		University Studies <sup>3</sup>	3	0	3			Free Elective	3	0	3
<b>17</b>						<b>17</b>					

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

<u>Fall Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>
PHY	115	Intro to Classical Physics <sup>6</sup>	4	0	3	PHY	213	Applied Modern Physics	4	0	3
PHY	225	Introductory Experiment. Physics I <sup>7</sup>	2	3	3	PHY	227	Introductory Experiment. Physics II <sup>8</sup>	0	3	1
MTH	211	Analytic Geometry & Calculus III <sup>4</sup>	4	0	4	PHY	234	Interm. Mathematical Physics	3	0	3
		University Studies <sup>3</sup>	3	0	3	MTH	212	Differential Equations	3	0	3
						MTH	280	Introduction to Scientific Program.	3	0	3
<b>13</b>						<b>13</b>					

**JUNIOR YEAR**

<u>Fall Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>
PHY	300	Undergraduate Seminar I <sup>8</sup>	3	0	3	PHY	341	Quantum Mechanics I	3	0	3
PHY	313	Mechanics	3	0	3	PHY	411	Electric & Magnetic Fields I	3	0	3
PHY	322	Electronic Devices & Circuits II <sup>9</sup>	2	2	3	PHY	441	Statistical Thermodynamics <sup>8</sup>	3	0	3
		Free Elective	3	0	3	PHY	252	Elem. Astrophysics <sup>10</sup>	3	0	3
		University Studies <sup>3</sup>	3	0	3			University Studies <sup>3</sup>	3	0	3
<b>15</b>						<b>15</b>					

**SENIOR YEAR**

<u>Fall Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>			<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>C</u>
PHY	342	Quantum Mechanics II	3	0	3	PHY	442	Elements of Solid State Physics <sup>8</sup>	3	0	3
PHY	421	Advanced Laboratory <sup>9</sup>	0	6	3	PHY		Physics Capstone (400 level) <sup>8</sup>	3	0	3
PHY	412	Electric & Magnetic Fields II <sup>8</sup>	3	0	3	PHY		Physics Elective (300+ level) <sup>8</sup>	3	0	3
PHY		Free Elective <sup>8</sup>	3	0	3	PHY		Astrophysics Elective (300+ level)	3	0	3
PHY	363	Intermed. Astrophysics <sup>10</sup>	3	0	3			Free Elective	3	0	3
<b>15</b>						<b>15</b>					

**Total Credits = 120**

R = Recitation &amp; Lecture (hours) L = Laboratory (hours)

C = Number of Credits

To graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics, a minimum of 120 university credits are required. Of these, 45 credits must be approved Physics courses, and 30 credits must be at the 300-level or higher. A 2.000 cumulative GPA for all courses as well as a 2.000 cumulative GPA for approved Physics courses is required to graduate. Approved Physics courses include all PHY courses at the 300-level or higher, together with PHY courses 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 213, 225, 227, 234, 252, and 271.

<sup>1</sup>PHY 111 and PHY 112 can substitute for PHY 113 and PHY 114, respectively.<sup>2</sup>PHY 109 satisfies University Studies Cluster 1E.<sup>3</sup>See University Studies requirements for Clusters 3 and 4.<sup>4</sup>MTH 153, MTH 154, and MTH 213 can substitute for MTH 151, MTH 152 and MTH 211, respectively.<sup>5</sup>PHY 114 satisfies University Studies Cluster 2A.<sup>6</sup>PHY 115 satisfies University Studies Cluster 2B.<sup>7</sup>This course satisfies the University Studies Cluster 1C: Intermediate Writing requirement.<sup>8</sup>Taken as a Physics Elective. Course selection should be discussed with the faculty advisor.<sup>9</sup>A minimum of 6 credits of advanced lab courses is required. Other courses may be substituted with approval of the faculty advisor.<sup>10</sup>PHY 252 and PHY 363 satisfy the second science requirement for the major.