



**Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences**

**Major: Physics – Flexible Emphasis**

**2020-2021 Sample 4-Year Plan**

**Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits**

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PHYS 119	First Year Seminar in Physics		1	F	
PHYS 185-185L	Astronomy I and Lab	Suggested Physics Major Technical Elective	3	F	
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
PHYS 211-211L	University Physics I and Lab (SGR #6)	c. MATH 123	4		
MATH 123	Calculus I (SGR #5)	p. Placement	4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15		

**Spring**

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PHYS 187-187L	Astronomy II and Lab	Suggested Physics Major Technical Elective	3		
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech (SGR #2)		3		
PHYS 213-213L	University Physics II and Lab (SGR #6)	c. MATH 125	4		
MATH 125	Calculus II	p. MATH 123	4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			14		

**Second Year**

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CHEM 112-112L	General Chemistry I and Lab	p. MATH 114 or higher	4		
PHYS 331	Introduction to Modern Physics	p. PHYS 213-213L or PHYS 113-113L	3	F	
PHYS 316-316L	Measurement Theory and Lab	p. PHYS 213-213L or PHYS 113-113L	2	F	
MATH 225	Calculus III	p. MATH 125	4		
CSC 150	Computer Science I	p. MATH 114	3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

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CHEM 114-114L	General Chemistry II and Lab	p. CHEM 112-112L and MATH 114	4		
PHYS 318	Advanced Lab I	p. PHYS 316-316L	2	S	
EE 216-216L	Linear Circuits I and Lab	c. MATH 125	4	S	
MATH 321	Differential Equations	p. MATH 125	3		
ENGL 201 or ENGL 277	Composition II (SGR #1) or Technical Writing in Engineering (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101 p. ENGL 101 and PHYS 119	3		
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**Third Year**

**Fall**

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PHYS 451	Classical Mechanics	p. MATH 321 and 225	4	F	
GEOG 210 SGR #3	World Regional Geography	SGR #3 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
AHSS 111	Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity		3		
PHIL 200 SGR #4	Introduction to Logic	SGR #4 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 1 modern language sequence	3-4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			14-15		

**Spring**

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PHYS 421	Electromagnetism	p. MATH 321 and 225	4	S	
Physical Major Directed Electives		Select from approved by advisor	3		
Physical Major Technical Electives		Select from approved courses	1		
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 1 modern language sequence	3-4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			14-15		

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PHYS 341	Thermodynamics	p. MATH 225	2	F	
PHYS 343	Statistical Physics	p. MATH 321	2	F	
Physical Major Directed Electives		Select from approved by advisor	7		
Free Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	4-5		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15-16		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PHYS 490	Seminar	Capstone	2	S	
Physical Major Directed Electives		Select from approved by advisor	10		
Free Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	4-5		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15-16		

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AHSS 111	Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity		3		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
PHYS 211-211L	University Physics I and Lab (SGR#6)	c. MATH 123	4		
MATH 123	Calculus I (SGR #5)	p. Placement	4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15		

**Spring**

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SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 1 modern language sequence	3-4		
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech (SGR #2)		3		
PHYS 213-213L	University Physics II and Lab (SGR #6)	c. MATH 125	4		
MATH 125	Calculus II	p. MATH 123	4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			14-15		

**Second Year**

**Fall**

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CHEM 112-112L	General Chemistry I and Lab	p. MATH 114 or higher	4		
PHYS 331	Introduction to Modern Physics	p. PHYS 213-213L or PHYS 113-113L	3	F	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 1 modern language sequence	3-4		
MATH 225	Calculus III	p. MATH 125	4		
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CHEM 114-114L	General Chemistry II and Lab	p. CHEM 112-112L	4		
EE 216-216L	Linear Circuits I and L	c. MATH 125	4	S	
MATH 321	Differential Equations	p. MATH 125	3		
ENGL 201 or ENGL 277	Composition II (SGR #1) or Technical Writing in Engineering (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101 p. ENGL 101 and PHYS 119	3		
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BIOL 151-151L	General Biology I and Lab		4		
PHYS 316-316L	Measurement Theory and Lab	p. PHYS 213-213L or PHYS 113-113L	2	F	
PHYS 451	Classical Mechanics	p. MATH 321 and 225	4	F	
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfies by coursework from 2 different disciplines	6		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

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BIOL 153-153L	General Biology II and Lab	p. BIOL 151-151L	4		
CSC 150	Computer Science I	p. MATH 114	3		
PHYS 318	Advanced Lab I	p. PHYS 316-316L	2	S	
PHYS 421	Electromagnetism	p. MATH 321 and 225	4	S	
PHYS 433 or NE 435	Nuclear and Elementary Particle or Introduction to Nuclear Engineering	p. PHYS 331 or PHYS 471 p. PHYS 331	3	S-odd	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BIO 221-221L	Human Anatomy and Lab	Sophomore Standing	4		
CHEM 326-326L	Organic Chemistry I and Lab	p. CHEM 114-114L	4		
PHYS 341	Thermodynamics	p. MATH 225	2	F	
PHYS 343	Statistical Physics	p. MATH 321	2	F	
STAT 381	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	p. MATH 125	3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15		

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BIOL 325-325L	Physiology and Lab	p. BIO 221-221L	4		
CHEM 328-328L or CHEM 332-332L or PHYS 471	Organic Chemistry II and Lab or Analytical Chemistry and Lab or Quantum Mechanics	p. CHEM 326 p. CHEM 114 p. PHYS 331	4	S	
NE 337	Foundations of Health Physics	p. MATH 123 and PHYS 213-213L	3	S-even	
PHYS 418	Advanced Lab II	p. PHYS 316-316L	1	S-odd	
PHYS 490	Seminar	Capstone	2	S	
Free Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	0-2		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			12-14		

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PHYS 471	Quantum Mechanics	p. PHYS 331	4	S	
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**Fourth Year**

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PHYS 341	Thermodynamics	p. MATH 225	2	F	
PHYS 343	Statistical Physics	p. MATH 321	2	F	
Physics Major Technical Electives		Select from approved courses	8		
Free Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3		
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**Spring**

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PHYS 421	Electromagnetism	p. MATH 321 and 225	4	S	
PHYS 418	Advanced Lab II	p. PHYS 316	1	S-odd	
PHYS 490	Seminar	Capstone	2	S	
Physics Major Technical Electives		Select from approved courses	5		
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