PHYSICS, B.S. (BEHREND)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: Erie

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Science degree in Physics, a minimum of 122 credits is required:

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18 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GWS courses.

Requirements for the Major
Each student must earn at least a grade of C in each 300- and 400-level course in the major field.

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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<td>Chemical Principles II</td>
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<td>CHEM 113</td>
<td>Experimental Chemistry II</td>
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<td>CMPSC 121</td>
<td>Introduction to Programming Techniques</td>
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<td>ENGL 202C</td>
<td>Effective Writing: Technical Writing</td>
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<td>MATH 220</td>
<td>Matrices</td>
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<td>MATH 230</td>
<td>Calculus and Vector Analysis</td>
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<td>MATH 251</td>
<td>Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations</td>
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Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select one of the following:

Select 12 credits of the following:

PHYS 211  General Physics: Mechanics  4
PHYS 212  General Physics: Electricity and Magnetism  4
PHYS 213  General Physics: Fluids and Thermal Physics  2
PHYS 214  General Physics: Wave Motion and Quantum Physics  2
PHYS 237  Introduction to Modern Physics  3
PHYS 400  Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism  3
PHYS 419  Theoretical Mechanics  3

PHYS 420  Thermal Physics  3
PHYS 421W Research Methods in Physics  3
PHYS 458  Intermediate Optics  4
PHYS 494  Physics Research Project  3

Requirements for the Option
Select an option  28

Computational Physics Option (28 credits)

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Select one of the following:

Select 12 credits of the following:

EE 352  Signals and Systems: Continuous and Discrete-Time  12
EE 453  Fundamentals of Digital Signal Processing  3
MATH 456  Introduction to Numerical Analysis II  3
ME 410  Heat Transfer  3
ME 428  Applied Computational Fluid Dynamics  3
PHYS 410  Introduction to Quantum Mechanics I  3
PHYS 414  Solid State Physics  3
PHYS 446  Physics Research Project (1-3 credits)  3
PHYS 495  Internship (1-3 credits)  3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select 3 credits from a school-approved list  3

General Physics Option (28 credits)

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MATH 421  Complex Analysis  12
MATH 455  Introduction to Numerical Analysis I  3
MATH 456  Introduction to Numerical Analysis II  3
PHYS 402  Electronics for Scientists  3
PHYS 414  Solid State Physics  3
PHYS 446  Physics Research Project (1-3 credits)  3
PHYS 495  Internship (1-3 credits)  3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select one of the following two sequences:

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Sequence A
Select 8 credits of a foreign language
Select 5 credits from a school-approved list

Sequence B
CMPSC 122 Intermediate Programming
Select one of the following:
CMPSC 459 Scientific Visualization
CMPSC 465 Data Structures and Algorithms
CMPSC 474 Operating System & Systems Programming
Select 7 credits from a school-approved list

1 Proficiency demo by examination or coursework to the level of the second semester in a foreign language is required. If fewer than 8 credits are needed to reach the required proficiency, students choose selections from a school-approved list to make a total of 8 credits.

2 Course requires a grade of C or better.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

General Education
Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.