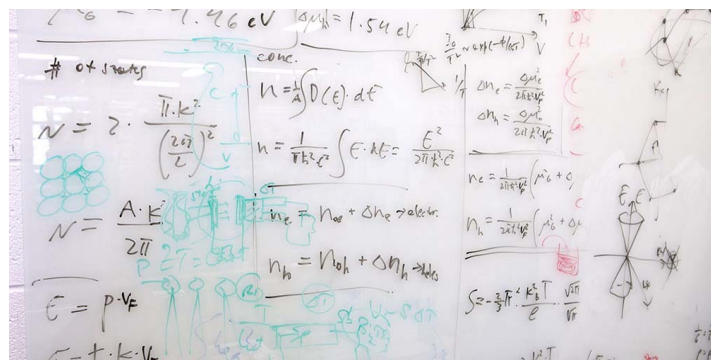


PHYSICS (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2022–Spring 2023 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Arts in Physics

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)
Department: Physics and Astronomy (<http://www.physics.louisville.edu/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): PHYSBA

Program Information

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Physics is designed for substantial pre-professional education for such fields as medicine, patent law, teaching, technical writing, and technical sales. Students preparing for secondary school science teaching may choose electives to help fulfill teaching certification requirements.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	33
	Supporting Courses	35-36
Minimum Total Hours		121-122

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan.

The Application for Major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply/>).

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31

The following courses are required by the program and can be taken to fulfill the respective General Education Requirement:

MATH 205	Calculus I	
PHYS 298	Introductory Mechanics, Heat and Sound	
PHYS 295	Introductory Laboratories I	
Any three credit hour Natural Science Gen Ed - S (excluding PHYS 221, PHYS 222, PHYS 223, and PHYS 224) at the 200 level or above		

Minimum Total Hours		31
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All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
Foreign Language ²		12
Electives in Humanities or Social Sciences ³		9
WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above ⁴		
Minimum Total Hours		22

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Physics		
PHYS 275	Introduction to Scientific Computing and Data Analysis	3
PHYS 295	Introductory Laboratories I	1
PHYS 296	Introductory Laboratories II	1
PHYS 298	Introductory Mechanics, Heat and Sound	4
PHYS 299	Introductory Electricity, Magnetism and Light	4
PHYS 300	Introductory Modern Physics	3
PHYS 301	Introductory Modern Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS 350	Differential Equations for the Physical Sciences	4
Select one of the following courses:		3
PHYS 430	Practicum in Physics Education	
PHYS 496	Senior Seminar in Physics	
PHYS 497	Senior Thesis in Physics	
PHYS 499	Cooperative Internship in Physics	
PHYS electives at the 300 level or above		6
Select one of the following courses:		3
PHYS 460	Mechanics	

PHYS 530	Thermal Physics	
PHYS 541	Electromagnetic Fields	

Minimum Total Hours 33

Code Title Hours

Supporting Courses

MATH 205	Calculus I	4
MATH 206	Calculus II	4
Select one from the following courses:		3-4
MATH 301	Calculus III	
MATH 360	Statistical Data Analysis	
PHYS 375	Intermediate Scientific Computing and Data Analysis	

STEM Electives (excluding PHYS 221, PHYS 222, PHYS 223, and PHYS 224) at the 200 level or above ⁵	12
STEM Electives at the 300 level or above ⁵	6
General Electives at the 200 level or above	6

Minimum Total Hours 35-36

Code Title Hours

Minimum Hours Required for Degree 121-122

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

Code Title Hours

Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)

Requirement fulfilled by completing one of the following:

PHYS 430	Practicum in Physics Education	
PHYS 496	Senior Seminar in Physics	
PHYS 497	Senior Thesis in Physics	
PHYS 499	Cooperative Internship in Physics	

- ¹ Ten credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.
- ² Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language.
- ³ In addition to courses counted toward General Education, 6 hours must be at the 300 level or above.
- ⁴ May be incorporated into other degree requirements.
- ⁵ STEM electives refer to courses from Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Engineering & CSE. Classes that meet the 12 hours for STEM electives at the 200+ level: CHEM 201, CHEM 202, CHEM 207, CHEM 208, CHEM 209, BIOL 240, BIOL, 241, BIOL 242, and BIOL 243. Additional classes that meet the 6 hours for STEM electives at the 300+ level: CHEM 341, CHEM 342, CHEM 445, and BIOL 329.

Flight Plan (Pre-Med)

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing	3
MATH 205	Calculus I	4
PHYS 298	Introductory Mechanics, Heat and Sound	4
PHYS 295	Introductory Laboratories I	1

General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
Hours		16

Spring		Hours
MATH 206	Calculus II	4
PHYS 299	Introductory Electricity, Magnetism and Light	4
PHYS 296	Introductory Laboratories II	1
CHEM 201	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 207	Introduction to Chemical Analysis I	1
CHEM 208	Introduction to Chemical Analysis II	1
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing	3
Hours		17

Year 2		Hours
Fall		
PHYS 275	Introduction to Scientific Computing and Data Analysis	3
CHEM 202	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 209	Introduction to Chemical Analysis III	1
BIOL 240	Unity of Life	3
BIOL 241	Unity of Life Lab	1
Foreign Language 1		4
Hours		15

Spring		Hours
PHYS 300	Introductory Modern Physics	3
PHYS 301	Introductory Modern Physics Laboratory	1
CHEM 341	Organic Chemistry I	3
BIOL 242	Diversity of Life	3
BIOL 243	Diversity of Life Lab	1
Foreign Language 2		4
Hours		15

Year 3		Hours
Fall		
PHYS 350	Differential Equations for the Physical Sciences	4
CHEM 342	Organic Chemistry II	3
BIOL 329	Cellular and Molecular Biology	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
Foreign Language 3		4
Hours		17

Spring		Hours
PHYS 460	Mechanics	3
PHYS 375	Intermediate Scientific Computing and Data Analysis	3
CHEM 445	Survey of Biochemistry	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Foreign Language 4 (if needed) or General Elective		3
Hours		15

Year 4		Hours
Fall		
Select one of the following courses:		3
PHYS 430	Practicum in Physics Education	
PHYS 496	Senior Seminar in Physics	
PHYS 497	Senior Thesis in Physics	
PHYS 499	Cooperative Internship in Physics	
PHYS 300+ elective		3
Humanities or Social Science WR Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Diversity - SBD1		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		Hours
PHYS 300+ elective		3
Humanities or Social Science WR Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3

Humanities or Social Science Elective	3
Hours	12
Minimum Total Hours	122

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

To create either report:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Next, click on "View my Degree Audit" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.
4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, or create a What-if report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)

Flight Planner

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.