Additional Major in Physics for Students Entering up through 2014

Prerequisites
This subset of the MCS Core must be taken as prerequisites for the second-year Physics Core.

- 33-106: Physics I for Engineering
- 33-111: Physics I for Science Students
- 33-131: Matter and Interactions I
- 33-107: Physics II for Engineering
- 33-112: Physics II for Science Students
- 33-132: Matter and Interactions II
- 21-120: Differential and Integral Calculus
- 21-122: Integration, Diff. Eq., and Approx.
- 15-112: Fund. of Programming & CS

Physics Core
All Physics majors take these Physics and Mathematics courses to prepare for individualized tracks of study, including four colloquia courses.

- 33-104: Experimental Physics
- 33-201: Physics Sophomore Colloquium I
- 33-202: Physics Sophomore Colloquium II
- 33-211: Physics III: Modern Essentials
- 33-228: Electronics I
- 33-231: Physical Analysis
- 33-232: Mathematical Methods of Physics
- 33-234: Quantum Physics
- 21-259: Calculus in Three Dimensions
- 33-301: Physics Upperclass Colloquium I
- 33-302: Physics Upperclass Colloquium II
- 33-331: Physical Mechanics I
- 33-338: Int. Electricity and Magnetism I
- 33-340: Modern Physics Laboratory
- 33-341: Thermal Physics I

Track
These Physics, Mathematics, and Technical electives determine your track. The following pages have overviews of each track.

- Physics Breadth Elective
- Qualifying Physics Elective
- Qualifying Physics Elective
- Qualifying Physics Elective
- Mathematics Elective
- Technical Elective
- Technical Elective
- Technical Elective

Key
- **Required Course**
- Select One Course

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Graduate School Preparation
Regardless of track, students planning to undertake graduate studies in Physics are strongly advised to take the following four courses.

- 33-332: Physical Mechanics II
- 33-339: Intermed. Electricity & Magnetism II
- 33-445: Advanced Quantum Physics I
- 33-446: Advanced Quantum Physics II

Note: These courses may be used as Qualifying Physics, Technical, or Free Electives.

No Track
Physics students wanting maximum freedom can opt not to select a track. While there is significant flexibility, there are breadth requirements.

- Mathematics Elective
- Technical Elective
- Technical Elective
- Technical Elective

Applied Physics Track
Students aiming for a career path in industrial or governmental laboratories can take this track to enhance computing and laboratory skills.

- 33-448: Introduction to Solid State Physics
- Course enhancing computer usage as a tool in a research environment
- Non-Physics course broadening laboratory skills
- Course in any department broadening laboratory skills
- Non-Physics course applying physics principles to solving problems
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- 33-350: Undergraduate Research 33-451: Senior Research related to applied physics

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Astrophysics Track
Students planning careers or postgraduate work in astronomy or astrophysics can follow this track to gain a strong background in the field.

- 33-224: Stars, Galaxies and the Universe
- 33-466: Extragalactic Astrophysics and Cosmology
- 33-467: Astrophysics of Stars and the Galaxy
- 33-350: Undergraduate Research 33-451: Senior Research related to astrophysics

- Mathematics Elective
- Technical Elective
- Technical Elective

Key:
- **Required Course**
- **Select One Course**
- **Recommended Course**
**Biological Physics Track**

Students preparing for careers in biological or medical physics or graduate work in biophysics can broaden their major with this track.

- 33-441: Introduction to Biophysics
- Qualifying Physics Elective
- Mathematics Elective
- 03-231: Biochemistry I
- 09-217: Organic Chemistry I
- 09-218: Organic Chemistry II
- Biological Sciences Elective
- Biological Sciences Elective
- Biological Sciences Elective

**Chemical Physics**

Students planning graduate studies with an emphasis on chemical physics or a health profession may be interested in this track.

- 33-241: Introduction to Computational Physics
- Qualifying Physics Elective
- Mathematics Elective
- 09-106: Modern Chemistry II
- 09-344: Physical Chemistry (Quantum)
- 09-345: Physical Chemistry (Thermo)
- Chemistry Elective
- Chemistry Elective
- Chemistry Elective

**Computational Physics Track**

Students can strengthen their grounding in the foundations and practice of computer use as applied to scientific problems with this track.

- 33-241: Introduction to Computational Physics
- 33-456: Advanced Computational Physics
- Physics Breadth Elective
- Qualifying Physics Elective
- 21-127: Concepts of Mathematics
- 21-369: Numerical Methods
- 15-122: Principles of Imperative Computation
- 15-150: Functional Programming

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**Key**

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