

Bachelor of Science in Physics (BS) 2024-26 Checklist

CORE CURRICULUM	Minimum Hours Required	OPTION 1: PHYSICS	Minimum Hours Required
Core courses must be chosen from approved lists. bit.ly/1d6oP6l		Designed to give the student a strong foundation for graduate study or work in physics	
First Year Signature Course	3	and for further study or work in a variety of other areas.	
English Composition	3		
Humanities	3	Additional science: 6 hours in BIO, GEO, or AST	6
American & Texas Government	6	Note: course that cannot count toward major requirements in	
American History	6	department that offers it cannot be applied.	
Social & Behavioral Science	3	Upper-division mathematics:	14
Mathematics (Fulfilled by course in major)	0	M 427J or 427K M 427L	
Science & Technology-I (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0	6 additional hours of upper-division Mathematics M 340L, 361, and 362K are recommended	
Science & Technology-II (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0		
Visual & Performing Arts	3	PHY 355 Modern Physics & Thermodynamics PHY 353L Modern Physics Laboratory	25
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE FLAGS Flags attached to courses are displayed in the online Course Schedule.		PHY 336K Classical Dynamics PHY 352K Classical Electrodynamics I PHY 373 Quantum Physics I: Foundations PHY 369 Thermodynamics & Statistical Mechanics PHY 362K Quantum Physics II: Atoms & Molecules	
Two Writing Flags:		PHY 474 Advanced Laboratory I	
Core Writing Flag (cannot also fulfill another core curriculum requirement)		One of the following:	3
Additional Writing Flag Note: One of the two writing flags must be upper-division.		PHY 362L Quantum Physics III: Particles & Nuclei	
One Quantitative Reasoning Flag		PHY 352L Classical Electrodynamics II PHY 375C Cosmology and AstroParticle Physics	
One Global Cultures Flag		PHY 375R Introduction to Relativity - PHY 375S Introductory Solid-State Physics	
One Cultural Diversity in the U.S. Flag		-	
One Ethics and Leadership Flag		ELECTIVES	
One Independent Inquiry Flag		Enough elective hours to reach 126 total	VARY
		(The number of elective hours needed may vary depending on course selections.)	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE			
1 of the following:	6–12		•
a. Beginning level proficiency in a foreign language b. 1 course in a foreign language & 1 three-hour course in the culture of the same language area		ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS Minimum 21 upper-division hours in residence, including 12 in Physics	
c. 2 three-hour courses from the same foreign culture area		☐ Minimum 60 hours in residence overall☐ Minimum 36 upper-division hours	
Foreign culture courses selected from approved lists maintained by the college. Bit.ly/19Ao6pc		 ☐ 126 hours total overall ☐ Minimum grade of C- & minimum 2.0 GPA in all Natural Sciences courses 	Mathematics &
INTRODUCTORY MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE		 ☐ Minimum UT-Austin Grade Point Average of 2.0 ☐ Must apply to graduate during final semester ☐ 2024-26 Catalog expires August 2032)
M 408C & 408D or 408N, 408S, & 408M	8–12	_	
PHY 301 & 101L*, 316 & 116L*, and 315 & 115L	12		
* PHY 303K & 105M and 303L & 105N, substitute for PHY 301 & 101L and 316 & 116L. However, they are not preferred preparation for PHY 315 & 115L.		-	
CH 301 or 301C	3	_	
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Note: Introductory science is substantially different for Option 6			