

Bachelor of Science in Physics (BS) 2022–24 Checklist

CORE CURRICULUM Core courses must be chosen from approved lists.	Minimum Hours Required	OPTION 4: SPACE SCIENCES	Minimum Hours Required
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First Year Signature Course	3	study in space sciences.	
English Composition	3	Additional Science:	6
Humanities	3	6 hours in BIO, GEO, or AST Note: courses that cannot count toward major requirements	
American & Texas Government	6	in department that offers it cannot be applied.	
American History	6	Upper-division mathematics:	14
Social & Behavioral Science	3	M 427J or 427K	
Mathematics (Fulfilled by course in major)	0	M 427L 6 additional hours of upper-division	
Science & Technology-I (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0	Mathematics - M 340L, 361, and 362K are recommended	
Science & Technology-II (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0		
Visual & Performing Arts	3	Upper-division physics: PHY 355 Modern Physics & Thermodynamics PHY 353L Modern Physics Laboratory	24
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE FLAGS Flags attached to courses are displayed in the online Course Schedule.		PHY 336K Classical Dynamics PHY 352K Classical Electrodynamics I PHY 329 Introduction to Computational Physics PHY 373 Quantum Physics I: Foundations	
Two Writing Flags:		PHY 369 Thermodynamics & Statistical Mechanics PHY 362K Quantum Physics II: Atoms & Molecules	
Core Writing Flag (cannot also fulfill another core curriculum requirement)		1 of the following:	15
2. Additional Writing Flag Note: One of the two writing flags must be upper-division.		15 upper-division ASE hours or 12 upper-division ASE & 3 additional upper- division PHY hours	
One Quantitative Reasoning Flag		-	
One Global Cultures Flag			
One Cultural Diversity in the U.S. Flag		ELECTIVES Enough elective hours to reach 126 total	VARY
One Ethics and Leadership Flag	_	(The number of elective hours needed may vary depending on	VANT
One Independent Inquiry Flag		_ course selections.)	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE			
1 of the following:	6–12	ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
 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 c. 2 three-hour courses from the same foreign culture area Foreign culture courses selected from approved lists maintained by the college. Bit.ly/19Ao6pc 		 ☐ Minimum 21 upper-division hours in residence, including 12 in Physics ☐ Minimum 60 hours in residence overall ☐ Minimum 36 upper-division hours ☐ 126 hours total overall ☐ Minimum grade of C- & minimum 2.0 GPA in all Mathematics & Natural Sciences courses 	
INTRODUCTORY MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE		 ☐ Minimum UT-Austin Grade Point Average of 2.0 ☐ Must apply to graduate during final semester ☐ 2022–24 Catalog expires August 2030 	
M 408C & 408D or 408N, 408S, & 408M	8–12	_	
PHY 301 & 101L*, 316 & 116L*, and 315 & 115L * PHY 303K & 105M and 303L & 105N, substitute for PHY 301 & 101L and 316 & 116L. However, they are not preferred preparation for PHY 315 & 115L.	12	-	
CH 301 or 301C	3	_	
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Note: Introductory science is substantially different for Option 6			