

Bachelor of Science in Physics (BS) 2024-26 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	VAICE
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 		 ☐ 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 ☐ 2024-26 Catalog expires August 2032 	
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		-	