

The University of Texas at Austin
Bachelor of Arts, Physics, 120 Hours
2026-2028 Catalog Expires Summer 2034

Four-year Degree Suggestion (for planning purposes only)

Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor

FIRST YEAR

Fall:

Core/Major: M 408C (<i>Mathematics</i>)	4 hours
Core: UGS 302/303 (<i>Institutionally Designated Option</i>)	3 hours
Core: RHE 306 (<i>Communication I</i>)	3 hours
General Ed: Foreign Language	5-6 hours
Total 15-16 hours	

Spring:

Major: M 408D	4 hours
Core/Major: PHY 301 (<i>Science & Tech – Natural Sciences I</i>)	3 hours
Major: PHY 101L	1 hour
Core: VAPA (<i>Visual & Performing Arts</i>)	3 hours
General Ed: Foreign Language	5-6 hours
Total 16-17 hours	

Summer:

Opportunities:

- Study Abroad
- Internship
- Course(s)

SECOND YEAR

Fall:

Major: M 427J	4 hours
Core/Major: PHY 316 (<i>Science & Tech – Natural Sciences I</i>)	3 hours
Major: PHY 116L	1 hour
Core: U.S. History (<i>History</i>)	3 hours
General Ed: Foreign Language (<i>if needed</i>) ¹	3-6 hours
Elective: ²	3 hours
Total 14-17 hours	

Spring:

Major: M 427L	4 hours
Major: PHY 315	3 hours
Major: PHY 115L	1 hour
Core: U.S. History (<i>History</i>)	3 hours
General Ed: Foreign Language (<i>if needed</i>)	3-6 hours
Elective:	3 hours
Total 14-17 hours	

Summer:

Opportunities:

- Study Abroad
- Internship
- Course(s)

¹ Intermediate level of competency is required; number of semesters & credit hours varies by language

² Elective may be needed if additional foreign language course is not needed to reach the intermediate level of competency

THIRD YEAR

Fall:

Major: PHY 355	3 hours
Core: CH 301 (<i>Science & Tech – Natural Sciences I</i>)	3 hours
Major: CH 104M	1 hour
Core: GOV 310L (<i>Government</i>)	3 hours
General Ed: CEHET Course	3 hours
Elective:	3 hours
	Total 16 hours

Spring:

Major: PHY 336K	3 hours
Major: CH 302	3 hours
Major: CH 104N	1 hour
Major: Upper Division Course ³	3 hours
Core: GOV 312L (<i>Government</i>)	3 hours
Elective: Upper Division	3 hours
	Total 16 hours

Summer:

Opportunities:

- Study Abroad
- Internship
- Course(s)

FOURTH YEAR

Fall:

Major: PHY 353L (<i>Fulfills required intensive writing experience.</i>)	3 hours
Major: Upper Division Physics ⁴	3 hours
Core: Soc & Behav Sci (<i>Social & Behavioral Science</i>)	3 hours
Core: E 316L/M/N/P (<i>Humanities I</i>)	3 hours
Elective:	3 hours
	Total 15 hours

Spring:

Major: PHY 352K	3 hours
Major: Upper Division Course	3 hours
General Ed: Additional Social Science	3 hours
Elective: Upper Division	3 hours
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	Total 15 hours

Summer:

Opportunities:

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- Final Course(s)

³ See Undergraduate Catalog and consult advisor for more specific information

⁴ See Course Schedule for Upper Division Physics course options

LEGEND

Terms:

Major: As published in the Undergraduate Catalog

General Education: As published in the Undergraduate Catalog

Elective: Additional hours needed to reach the degree plan total required hours

Core: Required, part of the 42hour core curriculum

CEHET: Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought; 3 hrs from an approved list maintained by the College of Liberal Arts