Physics, BS

LAPHYBS

Learn nature's most fundamental laws to understand the world around us. Through rigorous foundational coursework, you learn to analyze complex problems and gain valuable quantitative reasoning skills that can be applied to any technical field.

Program Description

Physics is concerned with the nature, structure and interactions of matter and radiation. The BS degree program in physics provides students a solid foundation in physical science and mathematics, which is appropriate for further graduate study in physics, other sciences or engineering programs.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 270 - Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I
- **Math Intensity:** Substantial

Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)
- [Major Map (Archives)](#)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:
Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

| Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission |

**Change of Major Requirements**

Current ASU students wishing to change their major to physics should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = “A”) for all critical classes they have completed.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century
Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

### Career Opportunities

The broad range of applicability of the principles of physics gives the physicist great flexibility in a choice of career or further education. About half of the graduates with a bachelor's degree in physics go on to graduate school in:

- astronomy
- engineering
- medicine
- physics

The others go directly into employment in areas such as:

- business
- education
- engineering
- materials science

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<tr>
<td>Astronomer ★</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
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Software Engineer 30.7% $101,790

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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