Physics, Minor

Physics is concerned with the nature, structure and interactions of matter and radiation. A physics minor provides you with the fundamental scientific basis and problem-solving skills to succeed in a variety of challenging career opportunities.

Description

The physics minor provides students with the fundamental concepts of physics beyond the introductory level. Through rigorous hands-on experience, students deepen their understanding of foundational concepts and develop their analytical skills. Students can tailor the minor through upper-division electives to enhance their career outlook.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
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The minor in physics requires a minimum of 24 credit hours, at least 12 of which must be completed at the upper-division level. Each course must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Required Courses -- 18 credit hours

PHY 121: University Physics I: Mechanics (SQ) AND PHY 122: University Physics Laboratory I (SQ) or PHY 150: Physics I (SQ) (4)
PHY 131: University Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism (SQ) AND PHY 132: University Physics Laboratory II (SQ) or PHY 151: Physics II (SQ) (4)
PHY 252: Physics III (SQ) (4)
PHY 333: Electronic Circuits and Measurements or PHY 334: Advanced Laboratory I (L) (3)

Notes: One of these courses may be used in the required courses area and the other toward elective credit hours in the minor, but neither course may be repeated for credit.

PHY 361: Introductory Modern Physics (3)

Electives (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

PHY 302: Mathematical Methods in Physics II (3)
PHY 310: Classical Particles, Fields, and Matter I (3)
PHY 314: Quantum Physics I (3)
PHY 333: Electronic Circuits and Measurements or PHY 334: Advanced Laboratory I (L) (3)

Notes: Students may choose PHY 333 or PHY 334 if not already taken to satisfy the required courses for the minor.

PHY 465: Advanced Laboratory II (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BS in biophysics; BA and BS in physics; BS in physics (secondary education)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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