Physics is the study of matter, energy, motion, and force. Many students study physics because they enjoy it, and they find that physics is exciting and intellectual stimulating. Physics majors develop the problem-solving and analytic skills that many employers value, allowing many of our graduates to enter the workforce directly, while some of our graduates continue their studies with graduate work in physics or related areas.

### Freshman Year

**FALL SEMESTER**
- UK 101 - ACADEMIC ORIENTATION - 1
- UK Core - Comp. & Comm. I - 3
- Pre-Major Math Selection - 5
- UK Core - Arts and Creativity - 3
- UK Core - Social Sciences - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 15**

**SPRING SEMESTER**
- PHY 231 - GENERAL UNIVERSITY PHYSICS - 4
- PHY 241 - GENERAL UNIVERSITY PHYSICS LABORATORY - 1
- UK Core - Comp. & Comm. II - 3
- Pre-Major Math Selection - 5
- UK Core - Statistical Inferential Reason - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 16**

Total Freshman Hours: 31

### Sophomore Year

**FALL SEMESTER**
- PHY 232 - GENERAL UNIVERSITY PHYSICS - 4
- PHY 242 - GENERAL UNIVERSITY PHYSICS LABORATORY - 1
- MA 213 - CALCULUS III - 4
- Foreign Language 101 - 4
- Courses Outside Physics (200+ level) - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 16**

**SPRING SEMESTER**
- PHY 228 - OPTICS, RELATIVITY AND THERMAL PHYSICS - 3
- PHY 306 - THEORETICAL METHODS OF PHYSICS - 3
- Foreign Language 102 - 4
- Courses Outside Physics (200+ level) - 3
- UK Core - Humanities - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 16**

Total Sophomore Hours: 32

### Junior Year

**FALL SEMESTER**
- CHE 105 - GENERAL COLLEGE CHEMISTRY I - 4
- PHY 335 - DATA ANALYSIS FOR PHYSICISTS - 2
- Foreign Language 201 - 3
- Courses Outside Physics (200+ level) - 3
- A&S Humanities (100+ level) - 3
- UK Core - Community, Culture and Citizen - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 18**

**SPRING SEMESTER**
- CHE 107 - GENERAL COLLEGE CHEMISTRY II - 3
- PHY 361 - PRINCIPLES OF MODERN PHYSICS - 3
- Foreign Language 202 - 3
- Courses Outside Physics (300+ level) - 3
- UK Core - Global Dynamics - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 15**

Total Junior Hours: 33
### Senior Year

#### FALL SEMESTER
- Physics Course (300+ level) - 3
- Physics Course (400+ level) - 3
- A&S Social Sciences (300+ level) - 3
- A&S Humanities (100+ level) - 3
- A&S Approved Elective (300+ level) - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 15**

Total Senior Hours: 33

#### SPRING SEMESTER
- PHY 435 - INTERMEDIATE PHYSICS LABORATORY - 3
- Courses Outside Physics (300+ level) - 3
- A&S Social Sciences (100+ level) - 3
- A&S Approved Elective (300+ level) - 3
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**TOTAL HOURS: 18**

Total Minimum hours Required for Degree: 120 hours

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