



DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:

BS Physics, Astronomy Emphasis

2016-2017 Catalog

Degree Requirements – 120 credits

YEAR 1- FALL (14 credits)		YEAR 1- SPRING (15 credits)	
PHYS 240 General Physics I (LAC Area 6)	5 credits	PHYS 241 General Physics II	5 credits
MATH 131 ¹ Calculus I (LAC Area 2)	4 credits	MATH 132 ¹ Calculus II (LAC Area 2)	4 credits
CHEM 111 Principles of Chemistry I	5 credits	ENG 122 College Composition (LAC Area 1)	3 credits
		Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	3 credits
YEAR 2- FALL (16 credits)		YEAR 2-SPRING (16 credits)	
PHYS 320 Mathematical Methods I	3 credits	PHYS 321 Elementary Modern Physics	4 credits
MATH 233 Calculus III	4 credits	PHYS 420 Mathematical Methods II	3 credits
AST 301 Classical Astronomy and Solar System	3 credits	AST 302 Stars and the Milky Way	3 credits
Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	6 credits	Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	6 credits
³ For students beginning their 3 rd year in odd years (2017, 2019, etc.)			
YEAR 3- FALL (14 credits)		YEAR 3- SPRING (16 credits)	
PHYS 340 Mechanics	4 credits	PHYS 301 Seminar in Physics	1 credit
PHYS 347 Optics	4 credits	PHYS 341 Electricity and Magnetism	4 credits
CS 101 Intro to Computer Science (LAC elective)	3 credits	Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	11 credits
AST 303 Galaxy Formation and Cosmology	3 credits		
YEAR 4- FALL (13-15 credits)		YEAR 4- SPRING (16-18 credits)	
PHYS 345 Quantum Mechanics I	3 credits	PHYS 445 Quantum Mechanics II	3 credits
PHYS 360 Laboratory Physics I	2 credits	PHYS 448 Nuclear and Particle Physics	4 credits
PHYS 370 ⁴ Research I	1-3 credits	PHYS 460 Laboratory Physics II	2 credits
PHYS 440 Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics	4 credits	PHYS 470 ⁵ Research II	1-3 credits
Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	3 credits	Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	6 credits
³ For students beginning their 3 rd year in even years (2016, 2018, etc.)			
YEAR 3- FALL (16 credits)		YEAR 3- SPRING (14 credits)	
PHYS 340 Mechanics	4 credits	PHYS 301 Seminar in Physics	1 credit
PHYS 360 Laboratory Physics I	2 credits	PHYS 341 Electricity and Magnetism	4 credits
PHYS 440 Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics	4 credits	PHYS 448 Nuclear and Particle Physics	4 credits
CS 101 Intro to Computer Science (LAC elective)	3 credits	PHYS 460 Laboratory Physics II	2 credits
AST 303 Galaxy Formation and Cosmology	3 credits	Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	3 credits
YEAR 4- FALL (14-16 credits)		YEAR 4- SPRING (15-17 credits)	
PHYS 345 Quantum Mechanics I	3 credits	PHYS 445 Quantum Mechanics II	3 credits
PHYS 347 Optics	4 credits	PHYS 470 ⁵ Research II	1-3 credits
PHYS 370 ⁴ Research I	1-3 credits	Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	11 credits
Liberal Arts Core ² /Electives	6 credits		

Admission Requirement – No separate admission requirement.

Minor Required – No Minor required.

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This worksheet is a recommended schedule to complete your bachelor's degree in 4 years. Every UNC student must meet the following requirements in order to graduate with a bachelor's degree: earn a minimum of 120 semester credit hours; possess a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative grade point average; have at least 40 credit hours in courses designated as Liberal Arts Core; meet all degree requirements in the student's major field of study. Each major and/or emphasis may have additional requirements necessary for graduation.

Students must consult with their major advisor to receive information on any additional graduation requirements.

Notes

¹Students who lack sufficient preparation in mathematics may need to start in MATH 124 (4) -- College Algebra, MATH 125 (3)--Plane Trigonometry, or MATH 127 (4)--Elementary Functions. Please consult your Physics faculty advisor.

²To satisfy the Liberal Arts Core requirements using this plan, students need to select courses from Area 7 and/or 8 that also count for Areas 3, 4, or 5.

³Since some of the major courses are offered every other year, two plans are provided -- one for the student's 3rd year commencing in an even year and one for it commencing in an odd year. If a student starts the physics major in 2016-2017 and stays on track, their 3rd year would begin in 2018, an even year.

⁴Students must select a senior research topic and have it approved by their physics faculty advisor in order to register for their final year of classes.

⁵HON 451 may be substituted for PHYS 470.

A minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average is required in PHYS prefix courses for graduation.