

Physics (2012-2013)

General: Starting with MTH 201****

****This is the standard expectation for students intending to major in physics.

This is a **general curriculum** guide and is not applicable to every student and is not a replacement for meeting with your advisor.

Fall Semester – Year One	credits	Winter Semester – Year One	credits
MTH 201: Calculus I (<i>Gen Ed</i>)	5	MTH 202: Calculus II	4
CHM 115: Principles of Chemistry I (<i>Gen Ed</i>)	5	PHY 230: Principles of Physics I	5
Gen Ed.	3	WRT 150: Strategies in Writing	4
Gen Ed.	3	Gen Ed.	3
Total	16[#]	Total	16[#]
Fall Semester – Year Two	credits	Winter Semester – Year Two	credits
PHY 231: Principles of Physics II	5	PHY 302: Introduction to Modern Physics	4
MTH 203: Calculus III	4	MTH 304: Analysis of Differential Equations*	3
MTH 227: Linear Algebra I	3	CIS course (ask your PHY advisor)	3
Gen Ed.	3	Gen Ed.	3
Total	15	Elective	2-3
		Total	15-16[#]
Fall Semester – Year Three	credits	Winter Semester – Year Three	credits
PHY 309: Experimental Methods in Physics	3	PHY 311: Advanced Laboratory II (SWS)	2
PHY 330: Intermediate Mechanics and Dynamics	4	PHY 340: Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism	4
Elective	3	MTH 401: Math for Physical Sciences	4
Gen Ed. or Theme	3	Gen Ed.	3
Total	13	Elective	2-3
		Total	15-16[#]
Fall Semester – Year Four	credits	Winter Semester – Year Four	credits
PHY 350: Intermediate Modern Physics	4	PHY 360: Statistical Thermodynamics	4
PHY 485: Senior Project I	1	PHY 486: Senior Project II (Capstone)	2
Science Elective**	3	Gen Ed. or Theme	3
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Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	14	Total	15

#The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15.

Notes:

* MTH 304 is recommended for students who wish to apply to graduate school. MTH 302: Linear Algebra and Differential Equations may be chosen if graduate school is not being considered. It is recommended that you speak with your Physics Faculty Advisor before making this decision.

** Students must complete 6 hours of science electives with a minimum grade of C (2.0) in each. Must be chosen from the following: PHY 105; any 300 or 400 level physics elective, excluding PHY 303, 306, and 307; CHM 351, 352, 356, or 358. *Students who plan to apply to graduate school in physics should take PHY 430, 440, and 450, which are offered alternate years; please confer with your physics faculty advisor for a specific degree plan dependent on when you complete PHY 230.*

Special Notes:

- This is a **general** curriculum guide and will not work for everyone, especially those students who have AP or CLEP credit.
- Courses that have (*Gen Ed*) written after them are classes that are required in the major and also fulfill a section of the general education program.
- Complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute.

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor or an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center early in your career.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

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