

Transition Policy:

Students who began their degree under quarters will not be penalized as the university moves to a semester schedule, either in terms of progress towards their degree or their expected date of graduation. No special transition plan is necessary for the major or minor courses in Astronomy: nearly all of these courses translate directly from 5-hour quarter courses to 3-hour semester courses. The only exception is Astron 295, a 1-hour quarter seminar that students must take twice. This will be replaced with a 1-hour semester seminar, Astron 2895, that students will take only once. As of Autumn 2012, any student who has completed either one quarter of Astron 295 or one semester of Astron 2895 will be deemed to have met the seminar requirement.

Transition policies for the required or prerequisite physics and math courses will be established by the Departments of Physics and Mathematics, respectively. Students can minimize their own transition difficulties by making sure of the following:

2011-12 first-year students should make certain that they have completed Mathematics 153 and Physics 133 by no later than Spring 2012.

2011-12 second-year students should make certain that they complete Math 254, 415, 513, and 568 and Phys 263 by no later than Spring 2012,

2011-12 third year students should make certain that they complete Phys 632 and 656 by no later than Spring 2012.