To: Office of Academic Affairs
From: James J. Beatty, Chair, Department of Physics
Date: August 19, 2010


Re: Semester Program Proposal for Undergraduate Physics Major

The Physics department has the following programs which will be converted from quarters to semesters:

1) The Undergraduate Engineering Physics Major
2) The Undergraduate Physics Major
3) The Undergraduate Physics Minor
4) The Combined Physics BS/MS
5) The Graduate Physics PhD

The subject of this proposal is the Undergraduate Physics Major; the other programs will be addressed in separate proposals.

The Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Department of Physics has worked hard to produce this proposal, describing the conversion of our current Undergraduate Major in Physics from the quarter system to the semester system.

The contents of this proposal have been discussed at length in a variety of Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting as well as faculty meetings through the 2009-2010 academic year. A preliminary version of the proposal was presented and discussed in a "Town Meeting" with undergraduate Physics and Engineering Physics majors on April 15, 2010. Based on their comments, a revised proposal was unanimously approved in a meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee on April 20, 2010. This version was then circulated for faculty review and comments, with a vote on the proposal completed on April 30. The outcome of the vote was 44 in favor, o opposed.

## Rationale for Changes to the Undergraduate Physics Major Program

The changes to the physics major program can be summarized as follows:
A. We have gone from a system of 6 options labeled A through F, to a system of 4 options in which the names are more closely tied to the expected outcome for the student. Each of these options leads to a Bachelor of Sciences degree in physics. The options each consist of a common core of Physics, Math and prerequisite courses, along with additional required and/or recommended courses in Physics, Math, and/or other departments.
i) The Advanced Physics for grad school bound students (formerly Option A). This option is designed for those intending graduate level (Ph.D.) studies in physics. It provides an excellent preparation for graduate school in physics
ii) The Physics and Life Sciences Option for premed students (formerly Option D). This option is designed for those intending to attend medical school. It satisfies all of the OSU medical school admission requirements, when combined with the required physics and math courses in the physics core curriculum.
iii) The Physics Teaching Option for teaching high school physics (formerly Option E). This option is designed for those seeking secondary level certification in physics (i.e., to be a high school teacher). It is been designed to satisfy College of Education Master of Education (Physics Certification) curriculum.
iv) The Applied Physics Options for students interested in Engineering, Law, Journalism, other Sciences, etc. (formerly Options B,C,F). This option is a flexible program that combines a strong foundation in physics with a set of technical electives designed for those with special interests. The program of technical electives could include courses of study from other programs in the Colleges of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, or Engineering, or other programs such as meteorology, economics, history of science, or primary education.
B. We have included an Honors track for two of our upper division Physics sequences. This will reduce the overall class size for the two required subject areas of Quantum Mechanics and Electricity\&Magnetism, as well as providing a challenging option for students who are academically more prepared.
C. We now require 3 upper division lab courses. Previously, only the Option A (now Advanced Physics) students were required to take 3 labs. Since lab experience is potentially even more useful for students who will seek employment immediately after graduation (which is true of most of the students in the other options) this should positively impact their employment prospects.
D. We include the 3rd writing course material in our Advanced Lab. The new GE template no long has a 3rd writing requirement, and yet presentation of data results and analysis is an important educational goal for our students. However, there has been for some time a presentation and writing component to our advanced lab, and this change will be formalized under semesters.

The date of the last significant revision to the Physics Major program was in 1998.

Course Listing and Curriculum Map for the Physics Major

| Requirements | Semester Course Number | Course Title | Semester Units | Quarter Equivalent Course Number | Quarter Credits | Notes | Relevant Learning Goals Achieved (see below) |
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| Prerequisite Courses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Introductory Math | Math 1251 | Calc I | 5 | Math 151 | 5 | Semester sequence has same content as quarter sequence | 2 |
|  | Math 1258 | Calc II | 5 | Math 152 | 5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Math 153 | 5 |  |  |
| Upper Division Math | Math 2249 | CalcIII | 3 | Math 254 | 5 | Content of current 254 | 2 |
|  | Math 2431 | LinAlg/DiffEq | 3 | Math 415 | 4 | Some material from 415 and 568 (topics still under discussion) | 2 |
|  |  |  |  | Math 568 | 3 |  |  |
| Computing | CSE 1211 | Intro to C++ | 2 | CSE 202 | 4 | Same content | 3 |
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| Physics Core: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Introductory | Physics 1250/1250H | Mechanics, Thermal Physics, Waves | 5 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Physics } \\ \text { 131/131H } \end{gathered}$ | 5 | Semester sequence has same content as quarter sequence | 1,2 |
|  | Physics 1251/1251H | E\&M, Optics, Modern Physics | 5 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Physics } \\ \text { 132/132H } \end{gathered}$ | 5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Physics } \\ \text { 133/133H } \end{gathered}$ | 5 |  |  |
| Intermediate | Physics 2300 | Dynamics of Particles and Waves I | 4 | Physics 261 | 4 | Semester sequence has same content as quarter sequence | 1,2 |
|  | Physics 2301 | Dynamics of Particles and Waves II | 4 | Physics 262 | 4 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Physics 263 | 4 |  |  |
|  | Physics 2095 | Introductory Seminar | 1 | Physics 295 | 1 | Same Content | 6 |
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| Upper Division | Physics 5400/5400H | E\&M I | 4 | Physics 555 | 4 | Semester course has all of 555 and some of 656 | 1,2 |
|  |  |  |  | Physics 656 | 4 |  |  |

## Course Listing and Curriculum Map for the Physics Major

| Requirements | Semester Course Number | Course Title | Semester Units | Quarter Equivalent Course Number | Quarter Credits | Notes | Relevant Learning Goals Achieved (see below) |
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|  | Physics 5500/5500H | Quantum I | 4 | Physics 631 | 4 | Semester course has | 1,2 |
|  |  |  |  | Physics 632 | 4 | all of 631 and some of |  |
| Physics Labs Core | Physics 3700 | Methods in Experimental Physics | 3 | Physics 416 | 4 | Same content | 3,4,5 |
|  | Physics 4700 | Intro Electronics for Physicists | 3 | Physics 517 | 4 | Same content | 3,4,5 |
|  | Physics 5700 | Advanced Laboratory | 3 | Physics 616 | 4 | Same content | 3,4,5 |
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| Physics Electives: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Physics 3455H | Honors Holography | 3 | Physics H455 | 4 | Same content | 3,4,5 |
|  | Physics 3470 | Optics | 3 | Physics 570 | 4 | Same content | 2 |
| Grad introductory | Physics 6802 | Topics in Elementary Particle Physics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
|  | Physics 6803 | Topics in Astroparticle Physics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
|  | Physics 6804 | Topics in Atomic and Molecular Physics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
|  | Physics 6805 | Topics in Nuclear Physics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
|  | Physics 6806 | Topics in Condensed Matter Physics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
|  | Physics 6809 | Topics in Biophysics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
|  | Physics 6810 | Topics in Computational Physics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
|  | Physics 6820 | Special Topics | 4 | Physics 780.xx | 4 | Enhanced content | 1,7 |
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Course Listing and Curriculum Map for the Physics Major


Course Listing and Curriculum Map for the Physics Major

| Requirements | Semester Course Number | Course Title | Semester Units | Quarter Equivalent Course Number | Quarter <br> Credits | Notes | Relevant Learning <br> Goals Achieved (see below) |
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| Additional Required Courses, Life Sciences Option |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 Physics Elective From Above List |  | 3 | Elective | 4 | Same content | 1,2 |
|  | Bio 113 |  | 4 | Bio 113 | 5 | Enhanced content | 7 |
|  | Bio 114 |  | 4 | Bio 114 | 5 | Enhanced content | 7 |
|  | Chem 121 |  | 5 | Chem 121 | 5 | Semester sequence has same content as quarter sequence | 7 |
|  | Chem 122 |  | 5 | Chem 122 | 5 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Chem 123 | 5 |  |  |
|  | Chem 251 |  | 4 | Chem 251 | 4 | Semester sequence has same content as quarter sequence | 7 |
|  | Chem 252 |  | 4 | Chem 252 | 4 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Chem 253 | 4 |  |  |
|  | Chem 254 |  | 2 | Chem 254 | 3 | Same content |  |
|  | Chem 255 |  | 2 | Chem 255 | 3 | Same content | 7 |
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| Learning Goal | 1 | Undergraduate Physics majors acquire a basic mastery of fundamental areas of physics, from classical mechanics, through electricity and magnetism, and finally to modern physics including quantum mechanics and relativity. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2 | Undergraduate Physics majors develop powerful analytical and problem solving skills in areas involving both physics and mathematics. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3 | Undergraduate Physics majors acquire a basic mastery of experimental physics |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 | Undergraduate Physics majors acquire a basic mastery of data reduction and error analysis |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5 | Undergraduate Physics majors can effectively communicate their physical understanding both professionally and colloquially (orally and in writing). |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 6 | Undergraduate majors are apprised of and encouraged to participate in academic research, industrial research and/or outreach activities which are consistent with their interest, ability and postgraduate plans. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | Undergraduate majors acquire expertise relevant to their chosen program option |  |  |  |  |  |

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: MAJOR PHYSICS

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Have you filed a degree application in the college office? Yes___ No ___ (NOTE: This form is NOT a degree application)
Major Program minimum grade of "C-" required. All coursework minimum grade average of "C" (2.00).
INSTRUCTIONS: Put grade next to appropriate course. If course substitutions were made, cross out the relevant course and write in the substitution. Current quarter courses should be listed as "IP" below.


Applied Physics Option Technical Electives

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## Physics Major Option (Advanced, Applied, Teaching, Life Sciences)

Signature of advisor
Date

Quarter Advising Sheet

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| Expected graduation | (quarter) | (year) |  |
| Additional Majors |  |  |  |
| Additional Minors |  |  |  |

Have you filed a degree application in the college office? Yes___ No ___ (NOTE: This form is NOT a degree application)
Major Program (Minimum grade of "C-" required. Minimum grade average of "C" (2.00)
INSTRUCTIONS: Put grade next to appropriate course. If course substitutions were made, cross out the relevant course and write in the substitution. Current quarter courses should be listed as "IP" below.


| Option Specific Technical Electives |  |  |
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Physics Major Option (A,B,C,D,E,F)

Signature of advisor
Date

## Transition policy

Students who began their degree under quarters will not be penalized as we move to semesters, either in terms of progress towards their degree or their expected date of graduation. Transition plans are currently being developed for students who will be at a variety of different stages (one year towards degree, two years, etc.). We do not at present see a need for bridge courses in Physics for any students who are beyond the introductory (i.e. first year) Physics classes. However, bridge courses (1-2 credit semester hours) in Mathematical Methods in Physics are being considered for Physics majors who may be somewhat behind in math preparation due to the transition. Bridge courses will be available for students who have completed part of the 3quarter introductory sequence in either of our service courses in Physics (i.e Physics 111-2-3 or 131-2-3). The bridge courses will be offered during the summer prior and first year after the transition. They may be offered the 2nd year after the transition.

To address the details of how students who have credits under both semesters and quarters will graduate, we have implemented a "Quarters to Semesters Transition Advising Worksheet", which will be filled out for any physics major who will graduate with physics courses accumulated under both quarters and semesters.. The basic strategy is to combine credit hours accumulated under quarters, semesters, or both, in broad categories. The credit hours under quarters are weighted by 0.67 , summed with semester hours for that same category, and compared to a minimum for that category. In addition, minima are defined for overall hours summed among groups of categories. The minima are chosen so that students are not penalized for course sequences taken partially under quarters and completed under semesters, while ensuring that the requirements of the program are still met. This worksheet will be filled out for every Physics Major as part of the requirements for Physics 295 (or Physics 2095 under semesters), a course all Physics majors take in the first quarter (or first semester) of their second (sophomore) year in the Physics program. Students who are in Physics 295 in Autumn 2010 are the first group of students expected to graduate under semesters.

## Undergraduate Physics Major Program Supplemental Material

The following pages contain supplemental material for the conversion of the Undergraduate Physics Major from quarters two semesters:

1. (1 page) An example curriculum plan for a student who spends their first 2 years in the Physics major under quarters, and the final two years under semesters.
2. (4 pages) For this same student, the result of the "Quarters to Semesters Transition Advising Worksheet" which helps the student and advisor confirm that the student has satisfied the program requirements.
3. (4 pages) There are then 4 sample semester plans, one for each of the 4 options we will have for the Physics Major under semesters.

Advanced Physics option: This option is designed for those intending graduate level (Ph.D.) studies in physics. It provides an excellent preparation for graduate school in physics. Assumes 2 years under quarters and 2 years under semesters.

| Year | Autumn Quarter | Credit Hours | Comment | Winter Quarter | Credit Hours | Comment | Spring Quarter | Credit Hours | Comment |
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| 2010-2011 | Physics H131 | 5 | Honors Intro | Physics H132 | 5 |  | Physics H133 | 5 | Honors Intro |
|  | Math 150 | 5 | Calc | Math 151 | 5 |  | Math 152 | 5 | Calc |
|  | GEC Hist Stud | 5 | GEC | Bio 113 | 5 | GEC | CSE 202 | 4 | Prereq |
|  | Quarter Sum | 15 |  | Quarter Sum | 15 |  | Quarter Sum | 14 |  |
| 2011-2012 | Physics 261 | 4 |  | Physics 262 | 4 |  | Physics 263 | 4 |  |
|  | Physics 295 | 1 | Survey | Math 415 | 4 | Diffeq, GEC Open | Physics 416 | 4 | Data Ana Lab |
|  | Math 254 | 5 | Calc III | GEC Soc Sci 1 | 5 | GEC | Math 568 | 3 | LinAlg, GEC Open |
|  | GEC Lit | 5 | GEC | GEC Writing 1 | 5 | GEC | GEC Writing 2 | 5 | GEC |
|  | Quarter Sum | 15 |  | Quarter Sum | 18 |  | Quarter Sum | 16 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Qtr Hours: | 93 |  |
| Year | Autumn Semester | Credit Hours | Comment |  |  |  | Spring Semester | Credit Hours | Comment |
| 2012-2013 | Physics 5500H | 4 | Quantum |  |  |  | Physics 5501H | 4 | Quantum |
|  | Physics 5400H | 4 | E\&M |  |  |  | Physics 5401H | 4 | E\&M |
|  | GEC Culture | 3 | GEC |  |  |  | Physics 4700 | 3 | Elec Lab |
|  | GEC Soc Sci 2 | 3 | GEC |  |  |  | GEC Lang 1 | 4 | GEC |
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|  | Semester Sum | 14 |  |  |  |  | Semester Sum | 15 |  |
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| 2013-2014 | Physics 5600 | 4 | StatMech |  |  |  | Physics 5700 | 3 | Adv Lab |
|  | GEC Lang 2 | 4 | GEC |  |  |  | Physics 5300 | 4 | Theor Mechanics |
|  | Free Elective | 3 | Free |  |  |  | GEC Lang 3 | 4 | GEC |
|  | GEC Arts | 3 | GEC |  |  |  | Free Elective | 3 | Free |
|  | Free Elective | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Majors will be encouraged to seek input from Arts and Sciences Advisors to ensure they satisfy GEC requirements. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| Introductory Physics | Physics 131 | Au2010 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
|  | Physics 132 | Wi2011 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
|  | Physics 133 | Sp2011 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
|  | Physics 1250 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 1251 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics Bridge 1 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics Bridge 2 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
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| Intermediate | Physics 261 | Au2011 | 4 | 2.668 |  | 2.668 |  |  |
|  | Physics 262 | Wi2012 | 4 | 2.668 |  | 2.668 |  |  |
|  | Physics 263 | Sp2012 | 4 | 2.668 |  | 2.668 |  |  |
|  | Physics 2300 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 2301 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 295 | Au2011 | 1 | 0.667 |  | 0.667 |  |  |
|  | Physics 2095 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
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| Electricity and Magnetism | Physics 555 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 5400 | Au2012 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | SUM= | 4 | >=2 |  |
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| Quantum Mechanics | Physics 631 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 5500 | Au2012 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |
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| Labs | Physics 416 | Sp2012 | 4 | 2.668 |  | 2.668 |  |  |
|  | Physics 616 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 3700 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 5700 | Sp2014 |  |  | 3 | 3 |  |  |
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| Introductory Math | Math 151 | Au2010 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
|  | Math 152 | Wi2011 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
|  | Math 153 | Sp2011 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
|  | Math 1251 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
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| Advanced Math | Math 254 | Au2010 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
|  | Math 415 | Wi2012 | 4 | 2.668 |  | 2.668 |  |  |
|  | Math 513/551 or $568 / 571$ | Sp2012 | 3 | 2.001 |  | 2.001 |  |  |
|  | Math 2249 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Math 2431 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
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| Computing | CSE 202 | Sp2011 | 4 | 2.668 |  | 2.668 |  |  |
|  | CSE 1222 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
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| GEC: Each Topic Area must be fulfilled: | Double counting allowed per GEC rules |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GEC Writing 1 | Course: | Wi2012 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
| GEC Writing 2 | Course: | Sp2012 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
| GEC Soc Sci 1 | Course: | Wi2012 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
| GEC Lit | Course: | Sp2012 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
| GEC Hist Stud | Course: | Au2010 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
| GEC Bio | Course: | Wi2011 | 5 | 3.335 |  | 3.335 |  |  |
| GEC Arts | Course: | Au2013 |  | 0 | 3 | 3 |  |  |
| GEC Culture | Course: | Au2012 |  | 0 | 3 | 3 |  |  |
| GEC Soc Sci 2 | Course: | Au2012 |  | 0 | 3 | 3 |  |  |
| GEC Open 1 | Course: | Au2013 |  | 0 | 3 | 3 |  |  |
| GEC Open 2 | Course: | Sp2014 |  | 0 | 3 | 3 |  |  |
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| GEC Lang2 | Course: | Au2013 |  | 0 | 4 | 4 |  |  |
| GEC Lang3 | Course: | Sp2014 |  | 0 | 4 | 4 |  |  |
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| Advanced Option |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Physics 657 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 5401 | Sp2013 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |
| QM | Physics 632 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 633 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 5501 | Sp2013 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |
| Stat Mech | Physics 621 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 622 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 5600 | Au2013 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |
| Theor Mech. | Physics 664 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  | Physics 5300 | Sp2014 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |
| Elec Lab | Physics 517 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
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| Free Elec: | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Total Credit Sum = |  | 121.031 | >=120 |  |
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| Applied Physics Option |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physics Elective | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 | >=3 |  |
| Tech Elec: | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Tech Elec: | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
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| Free Elec: | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | SUM (All | (ll Electives) = | 0 | >=24 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Total | Credit Sum = | 100.031 | 120 |  |


| Topic Area | Course Name | Quarter/ Semester Planned | QCH = Quarter Credit Hours | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{CQH}= \\ & 0.67^{*} \mathrm{QCH} \end{aligned}$ | SCH = <br> Semester <br> Credit <br> Hours | CQH+SCH | Minimum Required | Excess Over Minimum |
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| Physics <br> Teaching Option |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physics Elective | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 | >=3 |  |
| Bio 2 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem 1 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem 2 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Earth Sci | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Geog | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Astronomy | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | SUM (All | Electives) = | 0 | >=24 |  |
|  |  |  |  | Total | Credit Sum = | 100.031 | 120 |  |
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| Life Sciences Option |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physics Elective | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 | >=3 |  |
| Bio 2 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem 1 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem 2 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem 3 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem 4 | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem Lab | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Chem Lab | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
| Free Elec: | Course: |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |
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Advanced Physics option: This option is designed for those intending graduate level (Ph.D.) studies in physics. It provides an excellent preparation for graduate school in physics.

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| Year | Autumn | Credit Hours | Comment | Spring | Credit Hours | Comment |
| 1 | Physics 1250H | 5 | Honors Intro | Physics 1251H | 5 | Honors Intro |
|  | Math 1251 | 5 | Calc | Math 1258 | 5 | Calc |
|  | GEC Hist Stud | 3 | GEC | GEC Writing 1 | 3 | GEC |
|  | CSE 1222 | 2 | Prereq | Bio 1113 | 4 | GEC |
|  | Semester Sum | 15 |  | Semester Sum | 17 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Physics 2300 | 4 | 26x conv | Physics 2301 | 4 | 26x conv |
|  | Physics 2095 | 1 | Survey | Physics 3700 | 3 | Data Ana Lab |
|  | Math 2249 | 3 | Calc III, GE Open | Math 2431 | 3 | Diffeq/LinAlg; GE Open |
|  | GEC Sco Sci 1 | 3 | GEC | GEC Arts | 3 | GEC |
|  | GEC Writing 2 | 3 | GEC | GEC Lit | 3 | GEC |
|  | Semester Sum | 14 |  | Semester Sum | 16 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Physics 5500H | 4 | Quantum | Physics 5501H | 4 | Quantum |
|  | Physics 5400H | 4 | E\&M | Physics 5401H | 4 | E\&M |
|  | GEC Culture | 3 | GEC | Physics 4700 | 3 | Elec Lab |
|  | GEC Soc Sci 2 | 3 | GEC | GEC Lang 1 | 4 | GEC |
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|  | Semester Sum | 14 |  | Semester Sum | 15 |  |
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| 4 | Physics 4700 | 3 | Elec Lab | Physics 5700 | 3 | Adv Lab |
|  | Physics 5600 | 4 | StatMech | Physics 5300 | 4 | TheoretMechanics |
|  | GEC Lang 2 | 4 | GEC | GEC Lang 3 | 4 | GEC |
|  | Free Elective | 3 | Free | Free Elective | 3 | Free |
|  | Free Elective | 3 | Free |  |  |  |
|  | Semester Sum | 17 |  | Semester Sum | 14 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Total Hours: | 122 |  |

Applied Physics option: This option is a flexible program that combines a strong foundation in physics with a set of technical electives designed for those with special interests. The program of technical electives could include courses of study from other programs in the Colleges of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, or Engineering, or other programs such as meteorology, economics, history of science, or primary education. Courses utilized in pursuit of a minor, additional major, or dual degree are acceptable and encouraged. A minimum of $\mathbf{1 5}$ semester credit hours is required.

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| 1 | Physics 1250 | 5 | Intro | Physics 1251 | 5 | Intro |
|  | Math 1251 | 5 | Calc | Math 1258 | 5 | Calc |
|  | GEC Hist Stud | 3 | GEC | GEC Writing 1 | 3 | GEC |
|  | CSE 1222 | 2 | Prereq | Bio 1113 | 4 | GEC |
|  | Semester Sum | 15 |  | Semester Sum | 17 |  |
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| 2 | Physics 2300 | 4 | 26x conv | Physics 2301 | 4 | 26x conv |
|  | Physics 2095 | 1 | Survey | Math 2431 | 3 | Diffeq/LinAlg; GEC Open |
|  | Math 2249 | 3 | Calc III; GEC Open | Physics 3700 | 3 | Data Ana Lab |
|  | Minor Elective | 4 | Applied Option Req | Minor Elective | 4 | Applied Option Req |
|  | GEC Writing 2 | 3 | GEC | GEC Lit | 3 | GEC |
|  | Semester Sum | 15 |  | Semester Sum | 17 |  |
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| 3 | Physics 5500 | 4 | Quantum | Physics 4700 | 3 | Elec Lab |
|  | Physics 5400 | 4 | E\&M | Minor Elective | 3 | Applied Option Req |
|  | Minor Elective | 4 | Applied Option Req | GEC Lang 1 | 4 | GEC |
|  | GEC Soc Sci 1 | 3 | GEC | Free Elective | 3 | Free |
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|  | Semester Sum | 15 |  | Semester Sum | 13 |  |
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| 4 | Physics 3470 | 3 | Required Elective | Physics 5700 | 3 | Adv Lab |
|  | GEC Sco Sci 2 | 3 | GEC | GEC Arts | 3 | GEC |
|  | GEC Lang 2 | 4 | GEC | GEC Culture | 3 | GEC |
|  | Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | GEC Lang 3 | 4 | GEC |
|  | Free Elective | 3 | Free |  |  |  |
|  | Semester Sum | 16 |  | Semester Sum | 13 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Total Hours: | 121 |  |

Physics Life Sciences option: This option is designed for those intending to attend medical school. It satisfies all of the OSU medical school admission requirements, when combined with the required physics and math courses in the physics core curriculum.


Students will be advised to seek input from a pre-med advisor when selecting courses labeled "Premed".

Physics teaching option: This option is designed for those seeking secondary level certification in physics (i.e., to be a high school teacher). It is intended to satisfy College of Education Master of Education (Physics Certification)
curriculum.

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| Year | Autumn | Credit Hours | Comment | Spring | Credit Hours | Comment |
| 1 | Physics 1250 | 5 | Intro | Physics 1251 | 5 | Intro |
|  | Math 1251 | 5 | Calc | Math 1258 | 5 | Calc |
|  | GEC Hist Stud | 3 | GEC | Bio 1113 | 4 | GEC; MsEd |
|  | GEC Soc Sci 1 | 3 | GEC | CSE 1222 | 2 | Prereq |
|  | Semester Sum | 16 |  | Semester Sum | 16 |  |
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| 2 | Physics 2300 | 4 | 26x conv | Physics 2301 | 4 | 26x conv |
|  | Physics 2095 | 1 | Survey | Math 2431 | 3 | Diffeq/LinAlg, GE Open |
|  | Physics 3700 | 3 | Data Ana Lab | GEC 1 - Writing | 3 | GEC |
|  | Math 2249 | 3 | Calc III, GE open | GEC Lit | 3 | GEC |
|  | GEC Writing 2 | 3 | GEC | Free Elective | 3 | Free |
|  | Semester Sum | 14 |  | Semester Sum | 16 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Physics 5500 | 4 | Quantum | Physics 4700 | 3 | Elec Lab |
|  | Physics 5400 | 4 | E\&M | GEC 15 - Lang2 | 4 | GEC |
|  | GEC 15 Lang1 | 4 | GEC | Geog 520 | 3 | MsEd |
|  | Earth Sci | 3 | MsEd | Astro 291 | 3 | MsEd |
|  |  |  |  | Physics 5100 | 4 | MsEd |
|  | Semester Sum | 15 |  | Semester Sum | 17 |  |
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| 4 | Physics 3470 | 3 | Required Elective | Physics 5700 | 3 | Adv Lab |
|  | GEC Sco Sci 2 | 3 | GEC | GEC Arts | 3 | GEC |
|  | GEC 15 - Lang | 4 | GEC | GEC Culture | 3 | GEC |
|  | Chem 121 | 5 | MsEd | Chem 122 | 5 | MsEd |
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|  | Semester Sum | 15 |  | Semester Sum | 14 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Total Hours: | 123 |  |

