

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences – Physics – Traditional Option

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General Academic Information

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of each student to know and follow all Academic policies established by the University and the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences (LAS) that are set forth in the Catalog (catalog.uccs.edu).

Course Prerequisites

Students are responsible for knowing and completing all course prerequisites. Course prerequisites are strictly enforced for all classes at UCCS.

Restrictions and Limitations

Students may apply a maximum of 30 credit hours towards the bachelor's degree from course work taken outside the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences. Students may apply a maximum of 8 credit hours of independent study towards the major area of study and a maximum of 16 credit hours towards the bachelor's degree. Students may apply a maximum of 21 credit hours of Military Science/ROTC towards general electives and towards the bachelor's degree.

Probation/Suspension

To remain in good academic standing within the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, students must maintain a cumulative CU GPA of 2.0, or better. Students whose cumulative CU GPA falls below a 2.0 will be placed on probation for the next semester in which they are enrolled. While on probation students must achieve a minimum semester GPA of a 2.25. If the required semester GPA is not met, the student will be suspended from the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences for a full academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). PLEASE NOTE: *While on probation, registration for the subsequent semester will be blocked until final grades are posted for the current semester. This is to verify that the minimum semester GPA for each student has been fulfilled.*

UCCS Bachelor of Science, Physics – Traditional Option Major Degree Requirements

> A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).

- > No more than 54 hours of PES course work can count towards the degree.
- > The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.
- > Courses numbered below 1000 do not count towards degree completion.

Compass Curriculum

Compass Curriculum is the campus-wide general education program at UCCS. The Compass Curriculum has multiple components many of which will coincide with the degree requirements listed in this guide. Please visit the Compass Curriculum website at www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum, review your degree audit, or check out the Compass Curriculum advising guide for specific course details. The required components are listed below and referenced in the guide.

REQUIRED COMPASS CURRICULUM COMPONENTS:

Component	Course
Gateway	GPS 1010
Explore¹ – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	See List
Explore¹ – Society, Behavior and Health	See List
Explore¹ – Physical and Natural World	See List
Navigate²	HUM 3990
Summit	PES 4810
Writing Intensive Course (WIC)³ <i>Two courses with at least one upper-division (3000+ level).</i>	HUM 3990 See List
Inclusiveness³	See List
Sustainability³	See List

¹ Explore must be outside major and area requirements.

² Navigate must be outside major requirements.

³ Can count towards other requirements within the Compass Curriculum or within a student's degree program.



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS – TRADITIONAL OPTION

Department website: www.uccs.edu/physics

Degree Requirements	Courses						
<p>Physics Major (48 hours)</p> <p>The Physics major requires a minimum of 48 credit hours of PES course work and a minimum of 31 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) PES course work.</p> <p>All PES courses must have a grade of "C" or better.</p> <p>All auxiliary requirements must be completed in addition to the required major courses.</p>	Course Number	Course Title				Credit Hours	
	PES 1110	General Physics I				4	
	PES 1120	General Physics II				4	
	PES 1160	Advanced Physics Lab I				1	
	PES 2130	General Physics III				3	
	PES 2160	Advanced Physics Lab II				1	
	PES 3130	Modern Physics				3	
	PES 3170	Instrumentation Laboratory I				2	
	PES 3180	Instrumentation Laboratory II				2	
	PES 3210	Classical Mechanics				3	
	PES 3250	Mathematical Methods of Physics and Engineering				3	
	PES 3310	Principles of Electricity and Magnetism I				3	
	PES 3320	Principles of Electricity and Magnetism II				3	
	PES 3410	Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics				3	
	PES 4170	Optics Lab				2	
	PES 4250	Quantum Mechanics				3	
	PES 4510	Optics				3	
	PES 4810	Senior Physics Seminar				2	
	Electives	<i>Complete one of the following courses:</i> PES 3060, PES 3650, PES 3950, PES 3970, PES 4150, PES 4260, PES 4300, PES 4460, PES 4490, PES 4600, PES 4720, PES 4850				3	
	Auxiliary Requirements						
	CHEM 1401/1402	General Chemistry I and Lab				5	
	CHEM 1411/1412	General Chemistry II and Lab				5	
	Computer Science	<i>Complete one of the following:</i> CS 1070, CS 1150, CS 2060, CS 2080, CS 2160				3	
MATH 1350	Calculus I				4		
MATH 1360	Calculus II				4		
MATH 2350	Calculus III				4		
MATH 3400	Differential Equations				3		
MATH Elective	<i>Complete one additional MATH course numbered 3100 or higher.</i>				3		
<p>Composition (9 hours)</p>	<i>Complete ENGL 1310, 1410, 2090 and the Writing Portfolio.</i>						
	ENGL 1310	Rhetoric & Writing I				3	
	ENGL 1410	Rhetoric & Writing II				3	
	ENGL 2090	Technical Writing and Presentation				3	
	PORT 3000	Writing Portfolio Assessment				0	
<p>Reasoning Skills (4 hours)</p>	Complete the courses listed below. Please note that PES 4170 is a required major course and MATH 1350 is part of the auxiliary requirements.						
	MATH 1350			PES 4170			
<p>Area Requirements (27 hours)</p> <p>All LAS students are required to complete 9 credit hours in each of three areas - humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The total requirement is 27 hours.</p> <p>Specific Limitations: > No more than two courses from any one discipline may be applied</p>	<p>HUMANITIES – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below. <i>Course selection must include one occurrence of HUM 3990.</i></p>						
	AH 1000	AH 1001	AH 2800	AH 2810	AH 2820	AH 2860	
	AH 2890	AH 3430	COMM 2250	COMM 3100	COMM 3500	COMM 4000	
	ENGL 1500	ENGL 2600	ENGL 2610	ENGL 3320	ENGL 3900	FCS 3180	
	FCS 3190	FCS 3240	FCS 3690	FCS 3890	FCS 4210	FILM 1000	
	FILM 2000	FILM 3690	FR 3240	GER 3180	GER 3190	HIST 1120	
	HIST 1130	HIST 1140	HIST 1400	HIST 1410	HIST 1540	HIST 1600	
	HIST 1610	HUM 3990	ID 2000	MUS 1000	MUS 2050	MUS 2850	
	PHIL 1000	PHIL 1020	PHIL 1120	PHIL 1300	PHIL 3000	PHIL 3100	
	PHIL 3160	PHIL 3180	PHIL 4070	SPAN 3690	SPAN 4210	SOC 4920	
	THTR 1000	THTR 3201	THTR 3202	VA 1010	VA 1020	WEST 2030	
	WEST 2040	WEST 3020	WEST 3100	WEST 3550	WEST 4050	WEST 4280	
	WEST 4920						

<p>to the area requirements. > Courses in the primary major may not be applied to area requirements. > Courses may not be taken pass/fail.</p>	SOCIAL SCIENCE – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below.					
	ANTH 1020	ANTH 1040	ANTH 2800	ANTH 3040	ANTH 3260	ANTH 3270
	COMM 1020	COMM 2150	COMM 3440	COMM 4200	COMM 4220	COMM 4250
	ECON 1000	ECON 1010	ECON 1050	ECON 2020	ECON 3150	ECON 3710
	GES 1980	GES 1990	GRNT 2300	GRNT 3000	MSGP 4100	PHIL 3200
	PHIL 4260	PHIL 4400	PSC 1010	PSC 1100	PSC 2080	PSC 2100
	PSC 3300	PSC 4190	PSC 4210	PSC 4470	PSY 1000	SOC 1110
	SOC 2120	SOC 2200	SOC 2220	SOC 2250	SOC 2300	SOC 2500
	SOC 3340	SOC 3610	WEST 1010	WEST 2500	WEST 3060	WEST 3070
	WEST 3090	WEST 3620	WEST 4100	WEST 4120	WEST 4500	
	NATURAL SCIENCE – Complete CHEM 1401/1402 and CHEM 1411/1412 which are part of the auxiliary requirements.					
	CHEM 1401	CHEM 1402	CHEM 1411	CHEM 1412		
	ORAL COMMUNICATION – Complete PES 4810 which is part of your degree program.					
	PES 4810*					
CULTURAL DIVERSITY – Complete one of the courses listed below.						
AH 3430	ANTH 3250	ANTH 3420	ASL 4000	COMM 3280	ENGL 3320*	
ENGL 4060	FCS 3360	FCS 4210*	GES 4680	HIST 3520	HIST 3580	
MUS 2050*	PHIL 3180*	PHIL 3230	PHIL 4550	SOC 2200*	SOC 2250*	
SOC 3220	SOC 3250	SOC 3290	SOC 4240	SOC 4290	SOC 4390	
SOC 4680	SOC 4920*	SPAN 4210*	SPAN 4420	THTR 3240	WEST 1010*	
WEST 2020	WEST 3090	WEST 3130	WEST 3150	WEST 3250	WEST 3290	
WEST 3360	WEST 3420	WEST 3520	WEST 3580	WEST 4120*	WEST 4280*	
WEST 4390	WEST 4500*	WEST 4550	WEST 4680	WEST 4920*		
GLOBAL AWARENESS – Complete one of the courses listed below.						
ANTH 1040*	ANTH 3040*	AH 3450	AH 3460	AH 4450	AH 4470	
BIOL 1510*	CHEM 1111*	CHEM 4521	ECON 3590	ECON 3710*	ENGL 2600*	
ENGL 2610*	ENGL 4065	EUST 3000	FCS 3180*	FCS 3190*	FCS 3250	
FCS 3380	FCS 3690*	FCS 3890*	FILM 2000*	FILM 3690*	FR 3250	
GER 3180*	GER 3190*	GES 1980*	GES 1990*	GES 3070	GES 3400	
GES 3820	GES 3980	GES 4640	GRNT 3560	HIST 1110	HIST 1120*	
HIST 1130*	HIST 1140*	HIST 1400*	HIST 1410*	HIST 1600*	HIST 1610*	
HIST 3120	HIST 3220	HIST 3560	HIST 3590	HIST 3680	HIST 4050	
HIST 4060	HIST 4130	HIST 4150	HIST 4160	HIST 4280	HIST 4860	
MUS 3150	PHIL 1300*	PHIL 1400	PHIL 3000	PHIL 3100*	PHIL 3240	
PHIL 3345	PHIL 3400	PHIL 3480	PHIL 3490	PHIL 3500	PSC 1010*	
PSC 2070	PSC 2080*	PSC 2090	PSC 3240	PSC 4170	PSC 4190*	
PSC 4210*	PSC 4570	PSC 4580	PSC 4590	PSY 3560	SOC 2220*	
SOC 3340*	SOC 4380	SOC 4600	SOC 4700*	SPAN 3690*	WEST 3380	
WEST 3480*	WEST 3560	WEST 3680	WEST 4050	WEST 4060	WEST 4170	
WEST 4380	WEST 4700*					
Compass Curriculum (12 hours)	<p>Complete all Compass Curriculum requirements not already completed as part of the above program. The Gateway Seminar (GPS 1010) must be completed by all students. Explore courses must be completed outside of the major and Area Requirements. All other Compass Curriculum requirements can be completed within the degree requirements above. To see a list of all Compass Curriculum courses, please visit: www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum.</p>					
General Electives (3 hours)	<p>Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.</p>					



Four-Year Degree Plan – Physics – Traditional Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Physics degree at UCCS. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
	MATH 1350	4		MATH 1360	4
	PES 1110/1160	5		PES 1120/2160	5
	GPS 1010	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	PES 2130	3		PES 3130	3
	CHEM 1401/1402	5		CHEM 1411/1412	5
	MATH 2350	4		MATH 3400	3
	Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		CS Elective	3
				Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	2
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENGL 2090	3		PES 3180 (SPRING ONLY)	2
	PES 3170 (FALL ONLY)	2		PES 3210 (SPRING ONLY)	3
	PES 3310 (FALL ONLY)	3		PES 3320 (SPRING ONLY)	3
	PES 4170 (FALL ONLY)	2		PES 3410 (SPRING ONLY)	3
	Humanities Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
	Math Elective (MATH 3100 or higher)	3			
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	PES 3250 (FALL ONLY)	3		PES 4510 (SPRING ONLY)	3
	PES 4250 (FALL ONLY)	3		PES 4810	2
	PES Elective	3		General Elective	3
	Humanities Elective	3		HUM 3990	3
	Social Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14