

PHYSICS

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Overview

The Physics Department offers coursework satisfying the needs of students wishing to transfer to four-year colleges and other institutions for further study in science and engineering. Those students wishing a basic background in Physics for study in the many fields based upon science and careers in teaching, medicine, agriculture and other sciences will also find coursework.

TRANSFER MAJOR REQUIREMENTS in Physics are available in the Counseling Center. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements. Four-year graduates in Physics are qualified for positions in research, teaching, engineering, medicine and industry.

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Degrees/Certificates

Associate Degree for Transfer

- Physics for Transfer (p. 1)
- UC Transfer Pathway (UCTP): Physics (p. 2)

Physics for Transfer

AS-T Degree

Physics is a program that provides students of diverse abilities and needs rigorous preparation that affords them opportunities to develop the technical, analytical and critical thinking skills necessary to achieve their wide ranging goals and become lifelong learners. Program curriculum introduces students to the fundamental principles that govern the nature of interactions in the physical world. The curriculum strongly emphasizes both the theoretical and experimental fundamentals in physics. Successful

completion of the curriculum in physics prepares the student for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

The Associate in Science in Physics for Transfer degree (AS-T) prepares students to transfer into the CSU system to complete a bachelor's degree in Physics or a major deemed similar by a CSU campus. Students earning an associate degree for transfer and meeting the CSU minimum transfer admission requirements are guaranteed admission with junior standing to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Upon transfer, students will be required to complete no more than 60 additional prescribed units to earn a bachelor's degree.

To earn the Associate in Science in Physics for Transfer degree, students must complete 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a minimum grade point average of 2.0, including both of the following:

- completion of all courses required for the major with grades of "C" or better; and
- completion of the California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breadth-requirements>) pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc>) pattern. (Students transferring to a CSU campus using IGETC must complete Area 1C Oral Communication to be eligible for admission.)

The exact wording of the law pertaining to associate degrees for transfer may be found in Education Code Section 66746.

It is highly recommended that, prior to transferring, students complete courses that satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals graduation requirement. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

RESTRICTION: International coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be applied to associate degrees for transfer.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Units
PHYS 0205	Principles of Physics: Mechanics	4
PHYS 0205L	Principles of Physics Laboratory: Mechanics	1
PHYS 0210	Principles of Physics: Electricity and Magnetism	3
PHYS 0210L	Principles of Physics Laboratory: Electricity and Magnetism	1
PHYS 0215	Principles of Physics: Heat, Waves and Modern Physics	3
PHYS 0215L	Principles of Physics Laboratory: Heat, Waves and Modern Physics	1
MATH 0030	Analytical Geometry and Calculus I	4
MATH 0031	Analytical Geometry and Calculus II	4
MATH 0032	Analytical Geometry and Calculus III	4
Total Units		25

Additional Recommended Preparation

While not required for this degree, completion of these courses will better prepare students for upper-division physics courses.

Code	Title	Units
MATH 0033	Differential Equations and Linear Algebra	6
CSCI 0024S	Programming for Mathematics and Science	3
CHEM 0001A	General Chemistry I	5

UC Transfer Pathway: Physics

AS-T Degree

The UC Transfer Pathway in Physics prepares students to transfer into the UC system to complete a bachelor's degree in Physics.

In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Students must fulfill the major requirements with grades of "C" or better, complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units (12 of which must be completed at Sierra College) with a grade point average of at least 2.0 and complete the following general education pattern:

- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum for Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (IGETC for STEM) (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc>) pattern.¹

Required Courses:

Code	Title	Units
CHEM 0001A	General Chemistry I	5-6
or CHEM 0003A & CHEM 0003B	General Chemistry I - Part 1 and General Chemistry I - Part 2	
CHEM 0001B	General Chemistry II	5
ENGL 0001A	College Reading, Writing and Research	4
MATH 0030	Analytical Geometry and Calculus I	4
MATH 0031	Analytical Geometry and Calculus II	4
MATH 0032	Analytical Geometry and Calculus III	4
MATH 0033	Differential Equations and Linear Algebra	6
PHYS 0205	Principles of Physics: Mechanics	4
PHYS 0205L	Principles of Physics Laboratory: Mechanics	1
PHYS 0210	Principles of Physics: Electricity and Magnetism	3
PHYS 0210L	Principles of Physics Laboratory: Electricity and Magnetism	1
PHYS 0215	Principles of Physics: Heat, Waves and Modern Physics	3
PHYS 0215L	Principles of Physics Laboratory: Heat, Waves and Modern Physics	1
Select 3 units from the following:		3
ENGL 0001B	Critical Thinking and Writing about Literature	
ENGL 0001C	Critical Thinking and Writing across the Curriculum	
PHIL 0004	Introduction to Critical Thinking	
Select 3-4 units from the following:		3-4
AAD 0012	Visual Communication (Also COMM 0012)	
ARHI 0101	Art Appreciation	

ARHI 0110	Survey of Western Art I: Prehistory through the Middle Ages
ARHI 0120	Survey of Western Art II: Renaissance Traditions
ARHI 0130	Survey of Western Art III: Modern through Contemporary
ARHI 0132	History of Women in Art
ARHI 0134	History and Aesthetics of Photography (Also PHOT 0010)
ARHI 0140	History of the Arts of Africa, the Americas, and Oceania
ARHI 0150	History of Asian Art
ARHI 0155	History of Islamic Art
COMM 0006	Performance of Diverse Literatures
COMM 0012	Visual Communication (Also AAD 0012)
DFST 0003	American Sign Language III
DFST 0004	American Sign Language IV
DFST 0010	Introduction to Deaf Studies
ENGL 0016	Introduction to LGBTIQ Literature
ENGL 0024	Introduction to Literary Criticism and Critical Concepts
ENGL 0027	Literature by Women
ENGL 0029	Introduction to Drama as Literature
ENGL 0030A	American Literature - Beginnings through Civil War
ENGL 0030B	American Literature - Civil War to the Present
ENGL 0032	Introduction to Poetry
ENGL 0033	Introduction to Shakespeare (The Drama)
ENGL 0034	Introduction to the Novel
ENGL 0035	Introduction to the Short Story
ENGL 0037	American Film Masterpieces
ENGL 0038	International Film Masterpieces
ENGL 0040	The Filmed Novel
ENGL 0042	The Documentary Film
ENGL 0045	Young Adult Literature
ENGL 0046A	English Literature
ENGL 0046B	English Literature
ENGL 0047A	World Literature
ENGL 0047B	World Literature
ENGL 0048	Literature of Science Fiction
FREN 0002	Elementary French - Level II
FREN 0003	Intermediate French - Level I
FREN 0004	Intermediate French - Level II
HIST 0004A	Western Civilization to 1715
HIST 0004B	Western Civilization since 1715
HIST 0017A	History of the United States to 1877
HIST 0017B	History of the United States since 1865
HIST 0018A	The African American Experience in American History to 1877
HIST 0018B	The African American Experience in American History since 1877
HIST 0019A	History of Traditional East Asia

GER 0002	Elementary German - Level II
ITAL 0001	Elementary Italian - Level I
ITAL 0002	Elementary Italian - Level II
JPN 0001	Elementary Japanese - Level I
JPN 0002	Elementary Japanese - Level II
SPAN 0001	Elementary Spanish - Level I
SPAN 0002	Elementary Spanish - Level II
SPAN 0003	Intermediate Spanish - Level I
SPAN 0004	Intermediate Spanish - Level II

Completion of two years of the same foreign language in high school with grades of "C" or better.

Equivalent proficiency demonstrated by a specified minimum score on College Board SAT II tests in languages other than English; or a score of 3, 4, or 5 on any languages other than English College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations; or a score of 5 or higher on any languages other than English International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level Examinations.

Completion of two years of formal schooling at the sixth grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English with grades of "C" or better.

Total Units 57-67

Additional Recommended Preparation:

While not required for this degree, completion of these courses will better prepare students for upper-division physics courses.

Code	Title	Units
CSCI 0012	Programming Concepts and Methodology I	
CSCI 0024S	Programming for Mathematics and Science	
ENGR 0220	Programming and Problem Solving in Engineering	

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IGETC for STEM is only an option for students earning AS-T degrees in Biology for Transfer, Chemistry for Transfer, UCTP. Chemistry, and/or UCTP. Physics. IGETC for STEM certification requires the following courses *before* transfer:

- All courses in Areas 1 (except 1C for UC-bound students), 2, and 5 of the traditional IGETC;
- Two courses in Area 3 - one course in Area 3A and one course in Area 3B; and
- Two courses in Area 4 from two different disciplines.

The following deferred courses must be completed *after* transfer:

- One remaining lower-division general education course in Area 3;
- One remaining lower-division general education course in Area 4; and
- One course in Area 6 for UC-bound students who have not satisfied the requirement through proficiency.

(The deferred lower-division courses must be replaced with calculus and/or science courses that are required to be taken before transfer to the university.)

Courses

Understanding course descriptions (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/course-information/understanding-course-descriptions>)

PHYS 0000A. Preparation for Calculus-Based Physics

Units: 4

Prerequisite: Completion of MATH 27 with grade of "C" or better.

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended

Hours: 72 lecture

Intended to provide stronger preparation for Physics 205 than Physics 105. Focuses on measurement and the development of the conceptual and mathematical frameworks necessary for problem-solving in physics. (not transferable)

PHYS 0010. Basic Concepts in Physics

Units: 3

Prerequisite: Eligibility for Math D

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended

Hours: 54 lecture

Introduction to the laws of motion, properties of matter, heat, sound, electricity, magnetism, light, atomic and nuclear physics, and relativity. Emphasis on familiar phenomena in everyday life. Intended for nonscience majors. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0010L. Basic Concepts in Physics Laboratory

Unit: 1

Formerly known as PHYS 11

Prerequisite: Completion with grade of "C" or better or concurrent enrollment in PHYS 10

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended

Hours: 54 laboratory

An optional laboratory course taken in conjunction with PHYS 10. Integrates abstract concepts from PHYS 10 into concrete applications through experimentation. Topics include the SI system of measurement; motion; fluids and properties of matter; thermodynamics; waves; sound; electricity and magnetism; and light and optics. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0028. Independent Study

Units: 1-3

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0105. General Physics I

Units: 4

Formerly known as PHYS 2A (PHYS 105 and 105L, combined)

Prerequisite: Completion of MATH 27 or equivalent with grade of "C" or better

Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 105L

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended

Hours: 72 lecture

Noncalculus introduction to the principles of mechanics, properties of matter and heat. Emphasis on applications relevant to several majors, including premedical, pre dental, optometry, forestry, architecture, and biological science. (combined with PHYS 105L, C-ID PHYS 105) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0105L. General Physics I Laboratory*Unit: 1*

Formerly known as PHYS 2A (PHYS 105 and 105L, combined)
 Prerequisite: Completion of MATH 27 or high school trigonometry with grade of "C" or better
 Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 105
 Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended
 Hours: 54 laboratory
 Laboratory portion of PHYS 105. Noncalculus introduction to the principles of mechanics, properties of matter and heat. Emphasis on applications relevant to several majors, including premedical, pre dental, optometry, forestry, architecture, and biological science. (combined with PHYS 105, C-ID PHYS 105) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0110. General Physics II*Units: 4*

Formerly known as PHYS 2B (PHYS 110 and 110L, combined)
 Prerequisite: Completion of PHYS 105 and 105L with grades of "C" or better
 Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 110L
 Hours: 72 lecture
 Noncalculus introduction to the principles of waves, sound, light, electricity, magnetism, and modern physics. Emphasis on applications relevant to several majors, including premedical, pre dental, optometry, forestry, architecture, and biological science. (combined with PHYS 110L, C-ID PHYS 110) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0110L. General Physics II Laboratory*Unit: 1*

Formerly known as PHYS 2B (PHYS 110 and 110L, combined)
 Prerequisite: Completion of PHYS 105 and 105L with grades of "C" or better
 Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 110
 Hours: 54 laboratory
 Laboratory portion of PHYS 110. Noncalculus introduction to the principles of waves, sound, light, electricity, magnetism, and modern physics. Emphasis on applications relevant to several majors, including premedical, pre dental, optometry, forestry, architecture, and biological science. (combined with PHYS 110, C-ID PHYS 110) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0140. Survey of Chemistry and Physics*Units: 4*

Also known as CHEM 140
 Prerequisite: Completion of MATH D with grade of "C" or better, or placement by matriculation assessment process
 Hours: 108 (54 lecture, 54 laboratory)
 A conceptual introduction to the basic principles of physics and chemistry including matter, physical and chemical properties, forces and motion, energy, electromagnetism, electromagnetic waves, atomic structure, bonding, solutions and chemical reactions. The interdependence of chemistry and physics will be emphasized. This course is intended for non-science majors. (C-ID PHYS 140) (CSU, UC)

PHYS 0205. Principles of Physics: Mechanics*Units: 4*

Formerly known as PHYS 4A (PHYS 205 and 205L, combined)
 Prerequisite: Completion of MATH 30 and 31 with grades of "C" or better (MATH 31 may be taken concurrently); AND PHYS A or PHYS 105 and 105L, or high school physics with grade(s) of "C" or better
 Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 205L
 Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended
 Hours: 72 lecture
 Calculus-based introduction to the principles of kinematics, dynamics, energy, momentum, rotational motion, gravitation and fluids. The Physics 205/210/215 sequence presents the general principles and analytical methods used in physics for physical science and engineering majors. (combined with PHYS 205L, C-ID PHYS 205) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0205L. Principles of Physics Laboratory: Mechanics*Unit: 1*

Formerly known as PHYS 4A (PHYS 205 and 205L, combined)
 Prerequisite: Completion of MATH 30 and 31 with grades of "C" or better (MATH 31 may be taken concurrently); AND PHYS A, PHYS 105 and 105L, or high school physics with grade(s) of "C" or better
 Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 205
 Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended
 Hours: 54 laboratory
 Laboratory portion of PHYS 205. Calculus-based introduction to the principles of kinematics, dynamics, energy, momentum, rotational motion, gravitation and fluids. The Physics 205/210/215 sequence presents the general principles and analytical methods used in physics for physical science and engineering majors. (combined with PHYS 205, C-ID PHYS 205) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0210. Principles of Physics: Electricity and Magnetism*Units: 3*

Formerly known as PHYS 4B (PHYS 210 and 210L, combined)
 Prerequisite: Completion of PHYS 205, PHYS 205L, and MATH 31 with grades of "C" or better
 Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 210L
 Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended
 Hours: 54 lecture
 Electrostatics, AC and DC circuits, magnetism, Maxwell's Equations, electromagnetic waves, and the electric and magnetic properties of matter. The 205-210-215 sequence presents general principles and analytical methods used in physics for physical science and engineering majors. (combined with PHYS 210L, C-ID PHYS 210) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0210L. Principles of Physics Laboratory: Electricity and Magnetism*Unit: 1*

Formerly known as PHYS 4B (PHYS 210 and 210L, combined)
 Prerequisite: Completion of PHYS 205, PHYS 205L, and MATH 31 with grades of "C" or better
 Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 210
 Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended
 Hours: 54 laboratory
 Laboratory portion of PHYS 210. Electrostatics, AC and DC circuits, magnetism, Maxwell's Equations, electromagnetic waves, and the electric and magnetic properties of matter. The 205-210-215 sequence presents general principles and analytical methods used in physics for physical science and engineering majors. (combined with PHYS 210, C-ID PHYS 210) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0210R. Problem Solving for Physics 210*Unit: 1*

Formerly known as PHYS 4Y

Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 210

Hours: 18 lecture

Optional problem solving course to accompany PHYS 210. Includes electric forces and fields, electrical potential, capacitors and dielectrics, magnetism, electromagnetic waves, and DC and AC circuits. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0215. Principles of Physics: Heat, Waves and Modern Physics*Units: 3*

Formerly known as PHYS 4C (PHYS 215 and 215L, combined)

Prerequisite: Completion of PHYS 205, PHYS 205L, and MATH 31 with grades of "C" or better

Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 215L

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended

Hours: 54 lecture

Thermodynamics, kinetic theory of gases, waves, geometrical and physical optics, sound, and modern physics. The 205-210-215 sequence presents general principles and analytical methods used in physics for physical science and engineering majors. (combined with PHYS 215L, C-ID PHYS 215) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0215L. Principles of Physics Laboratory: Heat, Waves and Modern Physics*Unit: 1*

Formerly known as PHYS 4C (PHYS 215 and 215L, combined)

Prerequisite: Completion of PHYS 205, PHYS 205L, and MATH 31 with grades of "C" or better

Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 215

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 11 strongly recommended

Hours: 54 laboratory

Laboratory portion of PHYS 215. Covers topics of thermodynamics, kinetic theory of gases, waves, geometrical and physical optics, sound, and modern physics. (combined with PHYS 215, C-ID PHYS 215) (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

PHYS 0215R. Problem Solving for Physics 215*Unit: 1*

Formerly known as PHYS 4Z

Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PHYS 215

Hours: 18 lecture

Optional problem solving course to accompany PHYS 215. Includes thermodynamics, mechanical waves, optics, and modern physics. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Correctly apply the appropriate mathematical tools and physical concepts to solve problems and model physical systems at a level commensurate with the level of mathematics required.
- Apply basic physical principles conceptually to explain simple physical systems and everyday phenomena at a level commensurate with the level of mathematics required.
- Utilize technology as an experimental tool at a level commensurate with the curriculum.
- Evaluate, analyze, and interpret scientific data and utilize verbal and written communication skills to share results of physical measurements at a level commensurate with the curriculum.