

College of Letters, Arts & 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 24 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 & 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 Degree Audit
Explore¹ – Society, Behavior and Health	See Degree Audit
Explore¹ – Physical and Natural World	See Degree Audit
Navigate²	Core HUM
Summit	PES 4810
Writing Intensive Course (WIC)³ <i>Two courses with at least one upper-division (3000+ level).</i>	HUM 3990 See Degree Audit
Inclusiveness³	See Degree Audit
Sustainability³	See Degree Audit

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	Complete one of the following courses: 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	Complete one of the following: CS 1090, CS 1120, CS 1150, MAE 1090, PES 3140				3	
MATH 1350	Calculus I				4	
MATH 1360	Calculus II				4	
MATH 2350	Calculus III				4	
MATH 3400	Differential Equations				3	
Math Elective	Complete one additional MATH elective course 3100 or higher				3	
<p>Composition (9 hours)</p>	Complete ENGL 1310, 1410, 2090 and the Writing Portfolio.					
	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:</p>	HUMANITIES – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below. <i>Course selection must include one occurrence of Core Humanities from: HUM 3990, 3993, 3995, or 3997.</i>					
	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 3550	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	HUM 3993	HUM 3995	HUM 3997
	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	THTR 1000	THTR 3201	THTR 3202
	VA 1010	VA 1020	WEST 2030	WEST 2040	WEST 3020	WEST 3100

<p>> No more than two courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements.</p> <p>> Courses in the primary major may not be applied to area requirements.</p> <p>> Courses may not be taken pass/fail.</p>	WEST 3550	WEST 4050	WEST 4280	WEST 4920		
	SOCIAL SCIENCE – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below.					
	ANTH 1020	ANTH 1040	ANTH 2800	ANTH 3040	ANTH 3260	ANTH 3270
	ANTH4270	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 3210	PHIL 4260	PHIL 4400	PSC 1010	PSC 1100
	PSC 2080	PSC 2100	PSC 3300	PSC 4190	PSC 4210	PSC 4470
	PSY 1000	PSY 3630	SOC 1110	SOC 2200	SOC 2220	SOC 2250
	SOC 2300	SOC 2500	SOC 3070	SOC 3340	SOC 3610	WEST 1010
	WEST 2500	WEST 3060	WEST 3070	WEST 3090	WEST 3620	WEST 4100
	WEST 4120					
	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		
	<p>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</p> <p>Students are required to take one course with a substantial component involving oral communication, one course that increases their awareness of cultural diversity, and one course that increases their awareness of global issues.</p> <p><i>All courses in this section can count towards other requirements. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) can count towards specific requirements; courses without an asterisk will count towards General Electives.</i></p>	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 4480*		SOC 4530	SOC 4680	SPAN 4210*	SPAN 4420	THTR 3240
WEST 1010*		WEST 2020	WEST 3090*	WEST 3130	WEST 3250	WEST 3290*
WEST 3360		WEST 3420*	WEST 3520	WEST 3580	WEST 3760	WEST 4120*
WEST 4280*		WEST 4390*	WEST 4480*	WEST 4530	WEST 4550	WEST 4680
WEST 4920*						
GLOBAL AWARENESS – Complete one of the courses listed below.						
AH 3450		AH 3460	AH 4450	AH 4470	ANTH 1040*	ANTH 3040*
ANTH 4270*		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 3570	HIST 3590*	HIST 3680
HIST 4050*		HIST 4060	HIST 4130*	HIST 4150*	HIST 4160*	HIST 4280*
HIST 4860		ID 3579	ID 3700	ID 3710	ID 3730	ID 3740
ID 3750		ID 3760	ID 3770	ID 3780	ID 3790	ID 3800
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 4450	SOC 4580	SOC 4600	SOC 4660*	
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)	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 .					
General Electives	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.					

(3 hours)



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