

Bachelor of Science in Physics (BS) 2018–20 Checklist

CORE CURRICULUM Core courses must be chosen from approved lists.	Minimum Hours Required	OPTION 1: PHYSICS	Minimum Hours Required
bit.ly/Id6oP6l		Designed to give the student a strong foundation for graduate study or work in physics	
First Year Signature Course	3	and for further study or work in a variety of other areas.	
English Composition	3		
Humanities	3	Additional science:	6
American & Texas Government	6	- 6 hours in BIO, GEO, or AST Note: course that cannot count toward major requirements in	
American History	6	department that offers it cannot be applied.	
Social & Behavioral Science	3	Upper-division mathematics:	14
Mathematics (Fulfilled by course in major)	0	M 427J or 427K M 427L	
Science & Technology-I (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0	6 additional hours of upper-division Mathematics M 340L, 361, and 362K are recommended	
Science & Technology-II (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0		
Visual & Performing Arts	3	Upper-division physics: PHY 355 Modern Physics & Thermodynamics PHY 353L Modern Physics Laboratory	28
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE FLAGS Flags attached to courses are displayed in the online Course Schedule.		PHY 336K Classical Dynamics PHY 352K Classical Electrodynamics I PHY 373 Quantum Physics I: Foundations PHY 369 Thermodynamics & Statistical Mechanics PHY 362K Quantum Physics II: Atoms & Molecules PHY 362L Quantum Physics III: Particles & Nuclei	
Two Writing Flags:		PHY 362L Quantum Physics II: Atoms & Molecules PHY 362L Quantum Physics III: Particles & Nuclei	
Core Writing Flag (cannot also fulfill another core curriculum requirement)		PHY 474 Advanced Laboratory I	
2. Additional Writing Flag Note: One of the two writing flags must be upper-division.			
One Quantitative Reasoning Flag		ELECTIVES Enough elective hours to reach 126 total	VARY
One Global Cultures Flag		(The number of elective hours needed may vary depending on	VARI
One Cultural Diversity in the U.S. Flag		course selections.)	
One Ethics and Leadership Flag		-	
One Independent Inquiry Flag		ADDITIONAL GRADUATION	
		REQUIREMENTS	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE		☐ Minimum 21 upper-division hours in residence,	including 12 in Physics
1 of the following:	6-12	☐ Minimum 60 hours in residence overall☐ Minimum 36 upper-division hours	
a. Beginning level proficiency in a foreign languageb. 1 course in a foreign language & 1 three-hour		☐ 126 hours total overall	
course in the culture of the same language area		☐ Minimum grade of C- & minimum 2.0 GPA in al Natural Sciences courses	I Mathematics &
c. 2 three-hour courses from the same foreign culture area		☐ Minimum UT-Austin Grade Point Average of 2.0)
Foreign culture courses selected from approved lists maintained by the college. Bit.ly/19Ao6pc		 ☐ Must apply to graduate during final semester ☐ 2018–20 Catalog expires August 2026 	
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INTRODUCTORY MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE			
M 408C & 408D or 408N, 408S, & 408M	8-12		
PHY 301 & 101L*, 316 & 116L*, and 315 & 115L	12	-	
* PHY 303K & 103M and 303L & 103N, substitute for PHY 301 & 101L and 316 & 116L. However, they are not preferred preparation for PHY 315 & 115L.			
CH 301 or 301H	3	-	
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Note: Introductory science is substantially different for Option 6			