

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

CORE CURRICULUM	Minimum Hours Required	OPTION 4: SPACE SCIENCES	Minimum Hours Required
Core courses must be chosen from approved lists. bit.ly/1d6oP6l		Designed to provide the necessary foundation for the student who plans a career or further	
First Year Signature Course	3	study in space sciences.	
English Composition	3	Additional Science:	6
Humanities	3	6 hours in BIO, GEO, or AST	
American & Texas Government	6	 Note: courses that cannot count toward major requirements in department that offers it cannot be applied. 	
American History	6	Upper-division mathematics:	14
Social & Behavioral Science	3	M 427J or 427K	
Mathematics (Fulfilled by course in major)	0	M 427L 6 additional hours of upper-division	
Science & Technology-I (Fulfilled by courses in major)	0	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	24
SKILLS & EXPERIENCE FLAGS Flags attached to courses are displayed in the online Course Schedule.		PHY 336K Classical Dynamics PHY 352K Classical Electrodynamics I PHY 329 Introduction to Computational Physics PHY 373 Quantum Physics I: Foundations PHY 369 Thermodynamics & Statistical Mechanics	
Two Writing Flags:		PHY 362K Quantum Physics II: Atoms & Molecules	
Core Writing Flag (cannot also fulfill another core curriculum requirement)		1 of the following:	15
Additional Writing Flag Note: One of the two writing flags must be upper-division.		15 upper-division ASE hours or 12 upper-division ASE & 3 additional upper- division PHY hours	
One Quantitative Reasoning Flag		uivision for nours	
One Global Cultures Flag			
One Cultural Diversity in the U.S. Flag		ELECTIVES	
One Ethics and Leadership Flag		Enough elective hours to reach 126 total	VARY
One Independent Inquiry Flag		(The number of elective hours needed may vary depending on course selections.)	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE			
1 of the following:	6–12	ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
 a. Beginning level proficiency in a foreign language b. 1 course in a foreign language & 1 three-hour course in the culture of the same language area c. 2 three-hour courses from the same foreign culture area 		 ☐ Minimum 21 upper-division hours in residence, including 12 in Physics ☐ Minimum 60 hours in residence overall ☐ Minimum 36 upper-division hours ☐ 126 hours total overall ☐ Minimum grade of C- & minimum 2.0 GPA in all Mathematics & Natural Sciences courses ☐ Minimum UT-Austin Grade Point Average of 2.0 ☐ Must apply to graduate during final semester 	
Foreign culture courses selected from approved lists maintained by the college. Bit.ly/19Ao6pc			
INTRODUCTORY MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE		☐ 2018–20 Catalog expires August 2026	
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			