

Physics Major with Applied Emphasis - Bachelor of Science (BS)

Major requirements

(All colleges, excluding teacher certification programs)

38 credits (51 total credits including MTH)

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
PHY 103 or PHY 203	Fundamental Physics I General Physics I	4
PHY 104 or PHY 204	Fundamental Physics II General Physics II	4
PHY 250	Modern Physics	3
PHY 302	Optics	3
PHY 311	Experimental Physics	2
PHY 320	Statics	3
PHY 321	Classical Mechanics	3
PHY 334	Electrical Circuits	3
PHY 335	Electronics	4
PHY 343	Thermodynamics	3
PHY 491	Capstone in Physics	1
Advanced Electives		
Complete five additional Physics credits from the 300/400 level.		5
Total Credits		38

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite coursework		
MTH 207	Calculus I	5
MTH 208	Calculus II	4
MTH 310	Calculus III: Multivariable Calculus	4
Total Credits		13

Degree requirements

All students must complete the general education, college core, major/minor, and university degree requirements in order to qualify for a degree. The easiest way to track all of these requirements is to refer to the Advisement Report (AR) found in the Student Information System (WINGS) Student Center. All enrolled students have access to the AR.

- General education (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation>)
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College of Science and Health (CSH) Bachelor of Science core requirements

B.S. and B.A. students graduating from the College of Science and Health are required to take two natural laboratory science courses

selected from the general education laboratory science category (GE 05) and/or from BIO 203, BIO 304, BIO 210, CHM 104, ESC 221, ESC 222, PHY 104 or PHY 204, and they either must take two mathematics courses or one math course and one computer science course from the math/logical systems category of the general education requirements (GE 02). One of the two science courses must be from a department outside of the student's major department.

Note: Math courses can be pairs, i.e. 150 and 151; MTH/CS majors can use two science courses from same department.

For the Bachelor of Science degree, in addition to all other College of Science and Health core requirements, students from non-exempted programs¹ must complete one of the following options. It is recommended that courses are selected in consultation with students' academic advisor.

1. Complete a second major; or
2. Complete a minor outside the major; or
3. Complete an individualized option, consisting of 18 credits
 - a. At least 12 credits must be earned at the 300/400 level outside the major department.
 - b. The remaining six credits should come from
 - i. 100 level or higher courses outside the major (General education courses may apply provided they are not being used to fulfill minimum general education requirements.); or
 - ii. 300/400 level courses inside major not being used to fulfill major requirements.
 - c. Internship credits may not count toward the individualized option.

¹ The list of exempted CSH programs is below.

Baccalaureate degree requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degrees must accomplish the following:

1. Fulfill the general education requirements.
2. Complete at least one ethnic studies (diversity) course.
3. Complete the courses prescribed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the degree desired in the respective school or college. (No substitutions for graduation may be made in course requirements for a major or minor after the fourth week of the last semester of the senior year.)
4. Earn a minimum of 120 semester credits with at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA.¹ At least 40 credits must be earned in 300/400 (senior college) level courses. Courses earned at the 100/200 level that transferred to UWL as 300/400 level courses do not apply to this requirement nor do courses from two-year schools.
5. Complete major and minor requirements with at least a 2.00 GPA¹ in each major and minor (and concentration or emphasis, if selected).
6. A minimum of 30 semester credits in residence at UWL is required for graduation. (See undergraduate resident requirement (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/graduation/#undergraduate-residence-requirement>)).
7. Submit an application for graduation via the "Apply for Graduation" link in the WINGS Student Center as soon as the student has

registered for his or her final semester or summer term in residence. December and winter intersession graduates should apply by May 1. May and summer graduates should apply by December 1.

¹ Grade point average requirements for some programs will be considerably higher than 2.00. Re-entering students may be required to earn credits in excess of the 120 needed for graduation in any curriculum in order to replace credits earned in courses in which the content has changed substantially in recent years. Each case will be judged on its own merit.

No degree will be awarded unless all requirements are fulfilled and recorded within 30 days after the official ending date of each term.

Sample degree plan

Below is a sample degree plan that can be used as a guide to identify courses required to fulfill the major and other requirements needed for degree completion. A student's actual degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected (second major, minor, etc.). Also, this sample plan assumes readiness for each course and/or major plan, and some courses may not be offered every term. Review the course descriptions or the class timetable (<http://www.uwlax.edu/Records/registration>) for course offering information.

The sample degree plans represented in this catalog are intended for first-year students entering UWL in the fall term. Students should use the Advisement Report (AR) in WINGS (<https://wings.uwlax.edu/psprod/?cmd=logIn&languageCd=ENG&>) and work closely with their faculty advisor(s) and college dean's office to ensure declaration and completion of all requirements in a timely manner.

General Education Program

The general education curriculum (Gen Ed) is the common educational experience for all undergraduates at UWL. Sample degree plans include Gen Ed placeholders to ensure completion of the general education requirements. Courses may be rearranged to fit the needs or recommendations of the student's program of study. Gen Ed courses may be taken during winter term (January between the semesters) and summer to reduce the course load during regular terms (fall and spring). Students should consult with their advisor and/or the college academic services director in their college/school for assistance with course and schedule planning. Refer to the general education requirements (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation>) for more specific details.

Note: at least 40 credits of the 120 credits required must be earned at the 300/400 level.

This sample degree plan does not establish a contractual agreement. It identifies the minimum requirements a student must successfully complete, to qualify for a degree, in a format intended to assist the student plan their academic career. Actual degree plans may differ.

Year 1		
Fall	Credits	Spring
PHY 203 or 103 (Gen Ed Natural Lab Science)	4	PHY 204 or 104
PHY 497	1	PHY 497
MTH 207 (Gen Ed Math)	5	MTH 208 (Gen Ed Math)
CST 110 (Gen Ed Literacy-Oral)	3	ENG 110 or 112 (Gen Ed Literacy-Written)

Gen Ed Arts	2-3	HIS 101, 102, or ARC 200 (Gen Ed World Hist)	3
		15	15
Year 2			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PHY 302	3	PHY 250	3
MTH 310	4	PHY 334	3
Gen Ed Global Studies	3	Gen Ed Arts	2-3
Gen Ed Minority Cultures	3	Gen Ed Self & Society	3
Gen Ed Hum-Lit	3	University Elective	3
		16	14
Year 3			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PHY 311 (Writing Emphasis)	2	PHY 343	3
PHY 321	3	Gen Ed Lab Science (not PHY)	4
PHY 320	3	University Elective	3
Gen Ed Health & Well-Being	3	University Elective	3
CSH Core (300/400 not PHY) or Minor	3	CSH Core (300/400 not PHY) or Minor	3
		14	16
Year 4			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PHY 335	4	PHY 491	1
PHY Advanced Elective	3	PHY Advanced Elective	3
CSH Core or Minor ¹	3	CSH Core or Minor ¹	3
Gen Ed Elective	3	University Elective	3
University Elective	2	University Elective	3
		15	15

Total Credits: 120

¹ See CSH BS Core Requirements (<http://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/scienceandhealth/#Core>) for information on completing the individualized option. 300/400 requirements for graduation may be impacted.