

Winona State University
Four-Year Program Map

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Program: Physics Option II (BS PHYE)
Emphasis (optional): Electronics

Fall Semester				Spring Semester			
	Course	Requirement Met	SH		Requirement Met	SH	
Year 1	CHEM 212 Principles of Chemistry I	GE Goal 3/Major	4	CHEM 213 Principles of Chemistry II	GE Goal 3/Major	4	
	MATH 120 Precalculus	GE Goal 4	4	MATH 212 Calculus I	GE Goal 4/Major	4	
	ENG 111 College Reading & Writing*	GE Goal 1	4	CMST 191 Introduction to Public Speaking	GE Goal 1	3	
	OR 100 Introduction to Higher Education	Recommended	1	PHYS 221 University Physics I	GE Goal 3/Major	4	
	General Education Course**	GE Goal 5-10	3	PHYS 231 University Physics IB	Major	1	
	PHYS 199 The Career Physicist***	Major	0	PHYS 199 The Career Physicist	Major	0	
	NOTE: *May swap ENG 111 with CMST 191 in Spring. **To remain under 120 credits, take courses that meet two goal areas within Goals 5-10. ***PHYS 199 must be passed four times, twice during first year and twice during Junior year.			NOTE: General Education Courses can be taken any time during any semester.			
First-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			16	First-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total			16
Year 2	MATH 213 Calculus II	GE Goal 4/Major	4	PHYS 340 Modern Physics	Major/WI	4	
	PHYS 222 University Physics II	GE Goal 3/Major	4	MATH 313 Differential Equations	Major/CAI	3	
	PHYS 232 University Physics IIB	Major	1	MATH 314 Linear Algebra for Differential Equations	Major	1	
	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3	
	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3	PHYS 328 Electrical Circuits and Measurements	Major	4	
	NOTE:			NOTE: Students must earn a minimum of 40 S.H. from Goals 1-10.			
	Second-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			Second-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total			15
Year 3	PHYS 332 Digital Circuits	Major	3	PHYS 420 Control Theory	Major	3	
	PHYS 330 Electronics	Major/WI	4	PHYS 333 Microprocessor Electronics	Major	3	
	MATH 312 Multivariable Calculus	Majors/CAI	4	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3	
	PHYS 199 The Career Physicist	Major	0	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3	
	CS 234 Algorithms and Problem-Solving	Major	4	Phys 199 The Career Physicist	Major	0	
	Physical Development & Wellness	PDW	1	Physical Development & Wellness	PDW	1	
	NOTE: Many of the courses offered in Year 3 and Year 4 are offered every other year, and so the Year 3 and Year 4 might be flipped.			NOTE: If you haven't yet, talk to advisor about post-graduation plans.			
Third-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			16	Third-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total			13
Year 4	PHYS 430 Electromagnetic Theory I	Major/CAI	3	PHYS 321 Computerized Data Acquisition and Analysis	Major	2	
	PHYS 460 Undergraduate Research	Major/OI	2	PHYS 460 Undergraduate Research	Major/OI	2	
	PHYS 320 Computational Physics	Major	2	Physics Elective*	Major Elective	4	
	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3	Physics Elective*	Major Elective	3	
	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3	General Elective Course	Elective	2	
	General Education Course	GE Goal 5-10	3				
	NOTE:			NOTE: *For a full list of Physics Elective Courses, please refer to DARS. A total of 7 S.H. must be taken in order to meet this major goal. All major courses must be taken for a grade except for internship. Apply for graduation.			
Fourth-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			16	Fourth-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total			13

Total Credit Hours (SH): 120

Guide to 4 Year Major Maps

- 4 Year Major Maps are intended to show a recommended four-year pathway to a degree. Students must be fulltime, college ready, and ready to declare a major to follow the map exactly as shown. Maps are only a sample; there may be other pathways that lead to completion of the degree in four years.
- Major Maps are NOT intended to take the place of meetings with advisors.
- Major Maps are NOT intended to take the place of the Degree Audit System (DARs).

All courses listed on a major map will be labelled as one or more of the following:

GE Goal	General Education Goal Area	Indicates that the course meets one of the 10 General Education Goals
Gen Elec	General Elective	Indicates that the course does not meet a General Education, Major or Minor requirement but does count toward the degree
Major	Major Requirement	Indicates that the course meets a Major requirement
Major Elec	Major Elective	Indicates that the course counts toward the major as an elective, must be chosen from list of approved courses
Minor	Minor Requirement	Indicates that the course meets a Minor requirement
CAI	Critical Analysis Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as a Critical Analysis Intensive
OI	Oral Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as an Oral Intensive
WI	Written Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as a Written Intensive
PDW	Personal Development and Wellness	Indicates that the course counts as a Personal Development and Wellness Requirement

General Education Goal Areas:

		Minimum credits required
Goal 1	Communication	7 credits
Goal 2	Critical Thinking (Met with completion of all other goal areas)	--
Goal 3	Natural Science	7 credits
Goal 4	Mathematics	3-4 credits
Goal 5	History, Social/Behavioral Sciences	9 credits
Goal 6	Humanities and Fine Arts	9 credits
Goal 7	Human Diversity	3 credits
Goal 8	Global Perspective	3 credits
Goal 9	Ethic and Civic Responsibility	3 credits
Goal 10	People and the Environment	3 credits

Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum of 120 total credits (semester hours) required for Bachelors' Degree
- Minimum of 40 General Education credits required
- Minimum of 40 Upper Division credits required
- Minimum of 30 Residence credits required in Junior/Senior years
- Minimum WSU cumulative grade point average of 2.00; some programs require higher grade point averages

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