Physics, Minor
LSPHYMIN

Gain a foundation in computational physics and the experience to apply it.

Description

The physics minor program provides a rigorous foundation in physics with an emphasis on fundamental concepts and applied hands-on experience. The program broadens and deepens a student's understanding of the field and increases options for employment and graduate study.

The primary emphasis of the physics minor is to give students experience through applied and computational physics projects. The projects are guided by faculty with expertise in the physics of semiconductors and graphene, quantum nano-optics, laser physics and materials science.

The program is offered by the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts at the Polytechnic campus.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** Polytechnic campus

Program Requirements

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The minor in physics requires 23 credit hours, including a minimum of 12 upper-division credit hours. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be taken in courses offered by the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required in all courses.

**Required Courses -- 17 credit hours**
PHY 121: University Physics I: Mechanics (SQ) (3)
PHY 122: University Physics Laboratory I (SQ) (1)
PHY 131: University Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism (SQ) (3)
PHY 132: University Physics Laboratory II (SQ) (1)
PHY 314: Quantum Physics I (3)
PHY 321: Vector Mechanics and Vibration (3)
PHY 499: Individualized Instruction (3)

Electives (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

PHY 201: Mathematical Methods in Physics I (CS) (3)
PHY 302: Mathematical Methods in Physics II (3)
PHY 331: Principles of Modern Electromagnetism (3)
PHY 361: Introductory Modern Physics (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00 or higher

Incompatible Majors: BA or BS in physics

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor.

Career Opportunities

Minor programs allow students to develop additional competencies that complement the marketable knowledge and skills they acquire in their majors. A minor in physics can help students expand analytical skills as they pursue careers in engineering, postsecondary education or mechanical design.

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