

PHYSICS AND EDUCATIONAL STUDIES: *DEPARTMENT-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CHART*; [ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION IS ANOTHER OPTION](#)

Physics and Educational Studies Course Special Major	
Physics Requirements (PHYS)	<p>Total: 8 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — PHYS 005: Spacetime, Quanta, and Cosmology — PHYS 007: Introductory Mechanics — PHYS 008: Electricity, Magnetism, and Waves <i>(May be substituted with PHYS 003 or 004 with permission)</i> — PHYS 014: Introductory Quantum Mechanics — PHYS 050: Mathematical Methods of Physics <i>(May be substituted with MATH 030 or MATH 081)</i> — PHYS 063: Procedures in Experimental Physics <p>Choice of 2 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — PHYS 111: Analytical Dynamics — PHYS 112: Electrodynamics — PHYS 113: Quantum Theory — PHYS 114: Statistical Physics
Thesis (EDUC/PHYS)	<p>Total: 1 credit</p> <p>Topic: Physics pedagogy</p>
Educational Studies Requirements	<p>Total: 5 credits in Educational Studies</p>

Additional Notes:

1. This chart lists only the Physics Department’s requirements for special majors and/or secondary certification. The required Educational Studies courses are described elsewhere.
2. Occasionally departments have special offerings that may fulfill the required content. Please meet with your advisor or department chair to discuss such opportunities.
3. The Department of Educational Studies works closely with each individual student to determine a semester-by-semester plan.
4. Please see the Chair of the Department of Educational Studies to design a plan that includes Honors.

Mission Statement for Secondary Physics Certification Program

The Secondary Physics certification program engages students in the investigation of educational theory, policy, research and practice. Candidates for certification develop their pedagogical content knowledge in physics as well as their general knowledge of the subject. The program encourages undergraduates to think critically and creatively about the processes of teaching and adolescent learning and about the place of education in society. The program is committed to preparing students to employ evidence-based practice. Instructional practice, including the use of technology and assessments, are designed to enable preservice teachers to meet the needs of all students, including those with learning differences, and with consideration for racial, ethnic, linguistic and/or social economic diversity.

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	Special Major <i>Physics and Educational Studies</i>, Secondary Teacher Certification	Physics Major and Educational Studies Minor, Secondary Teacher Certification	<i>Astrophysics Special Major</i> and Educational Studies Minor, Secondary Teacher Certification
Physics Requirements (PHYS)	Total: 8 credits — PHYS 005: Spacetime, Quanta, and Cosmology — PHYS 007: Introductory Mechanics — PHYS 008: Electricity, Magnetism, and Waves <i>(May be substituted with PHYS 003 or 004 with permission)</i> — PHYS 014: Introductory Quantum Mechanics — PHYS 050: Mathematical Methods of Physics <i>(May be substituted with MATH 030 or MATH 081)</i> — PHYS 063: Procedures in Experimental Physics Choice of 2 of the following: — PHYS 111: Analytical Dynamics — PHYS 112: Electrodynamics — PHYS 113: Quantum Theory — PHYS 114: Statistical Physics	Total: 11 credits — PHYS 005: Spacetime, Quanta, and Cosmology — PHYS 007: Introductory Mechanics — PHYS 008: Electricity, Magnetism, and Waves <i>(May be substituted with PHYS 003 or 004 with permission)</i> — PHYS 014: Introductory Quantum Mechanics — PHYS 050: Mathematical Methods of Physics <i>(May be substituted with MATH 030 or MATH 081)</i> — PHYS 063: Procedures in Experimental Physics — PHYS 081: Advanced Lab I (0.5 credit) — PHYS 082: Advanced Lab II (0.5 credit) — PHYS 111: Analytical Dynamics — PHYS 112: Electrodynamics — PHYS 113: Quantum Theory — PHYS 114: Statistical Physics	Total: 9 credits — PHYS 005: Spacetime, Quanta, and Cosmology — PHYS 007: Introductory Mechanics — PHYS 008: Electricity, Magnetism, and Waves <i>(May be substituted with PHYS 003 or 004 with permission)</i> — PHYS 014: Introductory Quantum Mechanics — PHYS 050: Mathematical Methods of Physics <i>(May be substituted with MATH 030 or MATH 081)</i> — PHYS 111: Analytical Dynamics — PHYS 112: Electrodynamics — PHYS 113: Quantum Theory — PHYS 114: Statistical Physics
Thesis (EDUC/PHYS)	Total: 1 credit Topic: Physics pedagogy —	Thesis/examination details provided by Major Department	Thesis/examination details provided by Major Department
Additional Departmental Requirements	Serve as a lab assistant or science associate in PHYS 003, and 004 or 004L for at least one semester.	Total: 4 credits — MATH 015: Elementary Single-Variable Calculus — MATH 025: Further Topics in Single-Variable Calculus — MATH 027: Linear Algebra — MATH 033: Basic Several Variable Calculus — Serve as a lab assistant or science associate in PHYS 003, and 004 or 004L for at least one semester.	Total: 7 credits — ASTR 016: Modern Astrophysics — 2 ASTR seminars — MATH 015: Elementary Single-Variable Calculus — MATH 025: Further Topics in Single-Variable Calculus — MATH 027: Linear Algebra — MATH 033: Basic Several Variable Calculus — Serve as a lab assistant or science associate in PHYS 003, and 004 or 004L for at least one semester.
Strongly Recommended	— CHEM 010: General Chemistry — BIOL 001: Cellular and Molecular Biology <u>or</u> BIOL 002: Organismal and Population Biology — Complete research with a faculty member	— CHEM 010: General Chemistry — BIOL 001: Cellular and Molecular Biology <u>or</u> BIOL 002: Organismal and Population Biology — Complete research with a faculty member	— CHEM 010: General Chemistry — BIOL 001: Cellular and Molecular Biology <u>or</u> BIOL 002: Organismal and Population Biology — Complete research with a faculty member
Educational Studies Requirements	Total: 9.5 credits in Educational Studies Refer to description of general Educational Studies Secondary Certification Requirements.	Total: 9.5 credits in Educational Studies Refer to description of general Educational Studies Secondary Certification Requirements.	Total: 9.5 credits in Educational Studies Refer to description of general Educational Studies Secondary Certification Requirements.

