

PHYSICS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation, students in the Physics Program at SRU will be:

- Proficient in the basic and advanced concepts of classical and modern physics.
- Accomplished problem solvers capable of applying inductive and deductive logic, mathematical modeling, computational tools, and principles of physics to novel situations.
- Skilled at constructing and assembling experimental apparatuses, conducting and analyzing measurements of physical phenomena, and drawing valid conclusions from experimental data.
- Effective communicators, capable of presenting scientific results effectively to diverse audiences.
- Prepared for a career in science, industry, and education or to pursue a graduate program in physics or related areas.

Related Links

Physics, BS Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/physics/>)

Physics and Engineering Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/physics-and-engineering/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.00 or higher
Overall GPA: 2.00 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	45
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3
	Major Requirements	57
	Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements	12
	Electives	18

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 225	Calculus I	4

Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		16
Integrated Inquiry		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab	1
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
PHYS 211	General Physics I with Lab	4
Subtotal		17
Thematic Thread		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ²		12
Total Hours		45

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

Computer Competency

Code	Title	Hours
Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following:		0-3
Pass Computer Competency Exam OR		
Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution:		
CPSC 100	Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts	
CPSC 110	Computer Concepts	

CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	
PE 202	Technology for Wellness	
Total Hours		0-3

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

Major Requirements

- 29 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 29 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above

Code	Title	Hours
Required Physics Courses		
PHYS 212	General Physics II with Lab ¹	3
PHYS 213	General Physics III/ Lab ¹	4
PHYS 312	Modern Physics I ¹	3
PHYS 314	Statics ¹	3
PHYS 331 or MATH 331	Mathematical Methods of Physics ¹ Mathematical Methods of Physics	3
PHYS 371	Physical Optics ¹	3
PHYS 410	Electricity and Magnetism ¹	3
PHYS 412	Modern Physics 2 ¹	1
PHYS 480	Quantum ¹	3
Subtotal		26
Advanced Lab and Optics Lab		
PHYS 381	Advanced Physics Laboratory ¹	2
PHYS 382	Optics Laboratory ¹	2
Subtotal		4
Required Physics Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
PHYS 315	Dynamics ¹	
PHYS 375	Thermal Physics ¹	
PHYS 385	Computational Physics ¹	
Subtotal		6
Related Field Work		
CHEM 108	General Chemistry II ^{1,2}	3
CHEM 112	General Chemistry II Lab ^{1,2}	1
MATH 230	Calculus II ^{1,2}	4
MATH 231	Calculus III ¹	4
MATH 240	Linear Algebra and Differential Equations ¹	3
MATH 301	Differential Equations I ¹	3
CPSC 146	Programming Principles ^{1,2}	3
Subtotal		21
Total Hours		57

¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

² Course can be counted as a Rock Studies 2 Requirement, but earns credit only once toward your 120-credits total.

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Students must take the following four courses:		
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I ¹	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab ¹	1
MATH 225	Calculus I ¹	4
PHYS 211	General Physics I with Lab ¹	4
Total Hours		12

¹ Course can be counted as a Rock Studies 2 Requirement, but earns credit only once toward your 120-credits total.

PHYSICS - BS (6164)

This program is effective as of Fall 2019.

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Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

PASSHE - Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Institutions

Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar *	1
MATH 225	Calculus I	4
PHYS 211	General Physics I with Lab	4
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
PHYS 213	General Physics III/ Lab	4
MATH 230	Calculus II	4
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		14
Second Year		
Fall		
CHEM 107 & CHEM 111	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4

MATH 231	Calculus III	4
PHYS 212	General Physics II with Lab	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Declare a Thematic Thread ²		
Hours		17

Spring

CHEM 108 & CHEM 112	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
CPSC 146	Programming Principles	3
MATH 301	Differential Equations I	3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		16

Third Year**Fall**

MATH 240	Linear Algebra and Differential Equations	3
PHYS 312	Modern Physics 1	3
PHYS 314	Statics	3
PHYS 331	Mathematical Methods of Physics	3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		15

Spring

PHYS 375	Thermal Physics	3
PHYS 315	Dynamics	3
PHYS 381 or PHYS 382	Advanced Physics Laboratory or Optics Laboratory	2
PHYS 412	Modern Physics 2	1
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Fourth Year**Fall**

PHYS 371	Physical Optics	3
Physics Elective		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
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Free Elective		2-3
Hours		14-15

Spring

PHYS 381 or PHYS 382	Advanced Physics Laboratory or Optics Laboratory	2
PHYS 410	Electricity and Magnetism	3
PHYS 480	Quantum	3

Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)	3	
Technical Elective	3	
Hours		14
Total Hours**		120-121

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.

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