

PHYSICS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) - CONCENTRATION IN COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS - LIBERAL STUDIES

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

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

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<http://www.sru.edu/Documents/offices/PRMA/PLC.pdf>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

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

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Liberal Studies Requirements	45-46
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3
	Major/Concentration Requirements	59
	Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements	12
	Electives	16

* 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.

Liberal Studies Requirements

See Liberal Studies Guide for Goal and Enrichment choices

Code	Title	Hours
Goal Course Requirements		
Complete Goal requirements as indicated below		
<i>Basic Requirements</i>		
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	3
<i>The Arts</i>		
Goal (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		3
<i>Global Community</i>		
Goal–Non-US (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		3
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Goal–US (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		3
<i>Human Institutions/Interpersonal Relationships</i>		
Goal (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		3
<i>Science, Technology & Math</i>		
Select nine to ten credits of the following:		9-10
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I (Recommended) ¹	
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab (Recommended) ¹	
Goal–Sci (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/) ¹		
MATH 225	Calculus I (Recommended) ¹	
<i>Challenges of the Modern Age</i>		
Goal (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		3
Subtotal		36-37
Enrichment Course Requirements		
Select one course from three of the following Enrichment Areas:		9
The Arts (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		
Global Community (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		
Human Institutions/Interpersonal Relationships (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/)		
Science, Technology & Math (p. 1) ²		
Subtotal		9
Total Hours		45-46

Note

¹ Course can be counted as both a Major and a Liberal Studies Requirement, but earns credit only once toward your 120-credits total.

² MATH 230 is recommended. Can be counted as both a Major and a Liberal Studies 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.

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		
ACSD 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

Major/Concentration Requirements

- 30 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 1 ¹	3
PHYS 315	Dynamics ¹	3
PHYS 331	Mathematical Methods of Physics ¹	3
or MATH 331	Mathematical Methods of Physics	
PHYS 381	Advanced Physics Laboratory ¹	2
PHYS 385	Computational Physics ¹	3
PHYS 412	Modern Physics 2 ¹	1
PHYS 480	Quantum ¹	3
PHYS 490	Independent Study ¹	2
Subtotal		27
Required Physics Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
PHYS 314	Statics ¹	
PHYS 325	Analog & Digital Electronics ¹	
PHYS 371	Physical Optics ¹	
PHYS 375	Thermal Physics ¹	
PHYS 410	Electricity and Magnetism ^{1,2}	
Subtotal		6

Related Field Work

CPSC 146	Programming Principles ¹	3
CPSC 246	Advanced Programming Principles ¹	3
CPSC 374	Algorithms and Data Structures ¹	3
MATH 230	Calculus II ¹	4
MATH 231	Calculus III ¹	4
MATH 240	Linear Algebra and Differential Equations ¹	3
MATH 301	Differential Equations I ¹	3
MATH 315	Numerical Mathematics ¹	3
Subtotal		26
Total Hours		59

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

² Students are encouraged to take PHYS 410.

* 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 Liberal Studies Requirement, but earns credit only once toward your 120-credits total.

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

PHYSICS - BS (6164)

Concentration in Computational Physics (COPH)

This program is effective as of Fall 2014.

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