Mathematics and Physics

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
  Minard Hall or South Engineering
- **Department Phone:**
  701-231-8171
- **Department Web Site:**
  www.ndsu.edu/math/ or www.ndsu.edu/physics/
- **Credential Offered:**
  B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**
  bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/mathematics-physics/#planofstudytext

Major Requirements

Major: Mathematics & Physics

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
   a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
   b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2020-21/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing †		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) †		3
Science and Technology (S) †		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) †		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) †		6
Wellness (W) †		2
Cultural Diversity (D) *†		
Global Perspectives (G) *†		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2020-21/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext).

College Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree – An additional 12 credits Humanities and Social Sciences and proficiency at the second year level in a modern foreign language. *		12
Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences *		6

* Humanities and Social Sciences may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADHM, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GERM, HDFS, HIST, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WGS, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in humanities and social sciences (general education categories A and B). These credits must come from outside the department of the student's major.

Major Requirements

A grade of 'C' or better is required for all MATH, PHYS, and AST prefix courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Mathematics Major Requirements		
MATH 129	Basic Linear Algebra	3
MATH 165	Calculus I (May satisfy general education category R)	4
MATH 166	Calculus II	4
MATH 265	Calculus III	4
MATH 266	Introduction to Differential Equations	3
MATH 270	Introduction to Abstract Mathematics	3
MATH 329	Intermediate Linear Algebra	3
MATH 346	Metric Space Topology	3
Select any two of the following:		6
MATH 420	Abstract Algebra I	
MATH 450	Real Analysis I	
MATH 452	Complex Analysis	
MATH 483	Partial Differential Equations	
MATH 491	Seminar	2
Physics Major Requirements		
PHYS 171	Introductory Projects in Physics	1
PHYS 251 & 251L	University Physics I and University Physics I Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	5
PHYS 251R	University Physics I Recitation	1
PHYS 252 & 252L	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	5
PHYS 252R	University Physics II Recitation	1
PHYS 350	Modern Physics	3
PHYS 355	Classical Mechanics (or PHY 330: Intermediate Mechanics at MSUM)	3
PHYS 360	Modern Physics II	3
PHYS 361	Electromagnetic Theory (or PHY 370: Electromagnetic Theory at MSUM)	3
PHYS 370	Introduction to Computational Physics	3
PHYS 462	Thermal and Statistical Physics	3
PHYS 485	Quantum Mechanics I	3
PHYS 486	Quantum Mechanics II	3
PHYS 488	Senior Project I	1
PHYS 489	Senior Project II	2
Physics Electives: Select 3 of the following:		9
PHYS 215	Research For Undergraduates	
PHYS 411	Optics for Scientists & Engineers	
PHYS 413	Lasers for Scientists and Engineers	

PHYS 415	Elements of Photonics	
PHYS 481	Condensed Matter Physics	
MSUM AST	Astronomy courses (300/400-level) with departmental pemission	
Related Required Courses		
Computer Science:		
CSCI 160	Computer Science I	4
Chemistry: Select one of the following (150/160 recommended):		4
CHEM 150 & CHEM 160	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	
Select one of the following (151/161 recommended):		4
CHEM 151 & CHEM 161	Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry Laboratory II	
CHEM 122 & 122L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	
Total Credits		96

Program Notes

- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.