

Mathematics and Physics Dual Major

Major Requirements

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Credits Required: 122

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
Category R: Quantitative Reasoning		3
Category S: Science and Technology		10
Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts		6
Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences		6
Category W: Wellness		2
Category D: Cultural Diversity		
Category G: Global Perspectives		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

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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		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 252 & 252L	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory (May satisfy general education category S)	5
PHYS 350	Modern Physics	3
PHYS 355	Classical Mechanics (or PHY 330: Intermediate Mechanics at MSUM)	3
PHYS 361	Electromagnetic Theory (or PHY 370: Electromagnetic Theory at MSUM)	3
PHYS 485	Quantum Mechanics I	3
PHYS 488	Senior Project I	1
PHYS 489	Senior Project II	2
Physics Electives: Select 5 of the following:		15
PHYS 215	Research For Undergraduates	
PHYS 360	Modern Physics II	
PHYS 370	Introduction to Computational Physics	
PHYS 411	Optics for Scientists & Engineers	
PHYS 413	Lasers for Scientists and Engineers	
PHYS 415	Elements of Photonics	
PHYS 430	Quantum Computation	
PHYS 462	Thermal and Statistical Physics	
PHYS 481	Materials Physics	
PHYS 486	Quantum Mechanics II	
MSUM AST	Astronomy courses (300/400-level) with departmental permission	
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		88

Program Notes

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