PHYSICS AREA OF CONCENTRATION, SCIENCE AS

Total Credits: 60
Catalog Edition: 2023-2024

Program Description
The physics area of concentration is a transfer program that provides the first two years of courses necessary for a four-year baccalaureate degree in physics.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

• Identify, formulate, and solve basic physics problems.
• Integrate natural sciences to build solid foundation in physics applications using appropriate mathematical skills.
• Use appropriate and varied computer application software in physics.
• Design, perform, collect, and analyze data for simple physics experiments using the scientific method.

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For more information, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/science/physics-as-degree.html

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/412c.pdf
Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *

MATH 181 - Calculus I 4 semester hours (MATF)
CMSC 140 - Introduction to Programming 3 semester hours

Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD) **

Program Elective, 3 semester hours †

Second Semester
English Foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)

PHYS 161 - General Physics I: Mechanics and Heat 3 semester hours (NSND/GEEL)

MATH 182 - Calculus II 4 semester hours

Program Elective, 3 semester hours †

Third Semester
PHYS 262 - General Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism 4 semester hours (NSLD)

MATH 280 - Multivariable Calculus 4 semester hours
MATH 282 - Differential Equations 3 semester hours

Arts Distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD)

Program Elective, 3 semester hours †

Fourth Semester
PHYS 263 - General Physics III: Waves, Optics, and Modern Physics 4 semester hours (NSLD)

MATH 284 - Linear Algebra 4 semester hours

Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD) **

Humanities Distribution 3 semester hours (HUMD)

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* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or elective. English course placement is determined by Accuplacer English/Reading Test, AP/IB, or transfer credits.

** Behavioral and Social Science Distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.

† Program electives from the following disciplines: BIOL, CHEM, CMSC, DATA, ENES, ENEE, GEOL, depending on your transfer institution.
Transfer Opportunities
Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer or http://artsys.usmd.edu.

Get Involved at MC!
Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/

Related Careers
Some require a Bachelor’s degree.
Sciences Manager, Scientist, Postsecondary Science Teachers, Nuclear physicist, Astronomer, Patent Agent, Meteorologist.

Career Services
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