

Benchmark Courses for Progress to Degree Cal Poly - Physics BA

- The list below shows only the **required major courses**. Beginning in the third year, students will also need to choose upper-division technical electives.
- Students should have completed all the courses for that year and be enrolled in the proper courses for the Fall of the subsequent year.
- There is some flexibility as to which quarter some courses are taken.
- If a student has AP/transfer credit, he/she may be ahead of this schedule, and some other students might be a quarter behind this schedule.
- Recommended courses:
 - CHEM 124 & 125 (to be taken in year one)
 - PHYS 220 (to be taken in Winter of year two/only offered in Winter)

YEAR ONE	40 units	Major GPA > 2.0
Fall	Winter	Spring
	PHYS 141	PHYS 132
MATH 141	MATH 142	MATH 143
YEAR TWO	90 units	Major GPA > 2.0
Fall	Winter	Spring
PHYS 133	<i>PHYS 206 (or 202)</i>	<i>PHYS 202 (or 206)</i>
	PHYS 211	<i>PHYS 212</i>
MATH 241	MATH 244	MATH 304
YEAR THREE	135 units	Major GPA > 2.0
Fall	Winter	Spring
<i>PHYS 302</i>	<i>PHYS 301</i>	<i>PHYS 405</i>
<i>PHYS 322</i>		
YEAR FOUR		Major GPA > 2.0
Fall		
<i>PHYS 408</i>		
Senior Project (PHYS 461)		

NOTE: Courses in italics are only offered during the quarter shown.

Curriculum Information:

For detailed information regarding the Physics degree, see the "Current Students" page on the Physics department website at physics.calpoly.edu. This includes complete flowcharts (including GE/electives), course descriptions, course offerings schedule, etc. You can also visit flowcharts.calpoly.edu.

Major change:

Please visit advising.calpoly.edu/change-major for the most update to date information and step-by-step directions. Here is a brief summary of the process:

1. Research (your intended major and options).
2. Complete Change of Major Inquiry Form via your My Cal Poly Portal.
3. Follow steps outlined in email from change of major coordinator.