

Michigan Technological University – Department of Physics

Typical Schedule: BA Physics Major (SPA) Calculus Start

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Year 1 – Fall Semester

PH1160 Honors Physics I- Mechanics (4)
PH1161 Intro to Experimental Physics I (1)
MA1160/1 Calculus with Technology I (4-5)[†]
CH1150 University Chemistry I (3)
CH1151 University Chemistry Lab (1)
[CH1153 University Chemistry Recitation (1)][‡]
UN1015 Composition (3)

Total Credits: 16-18

Year 1 – Spring Semester

PH1360 Honors Physics II (2)^{*}
PH1361 Intro to Experimental Physics II (1)
PH2300 Univ Phys III – Fluids & Thermal (2)^{*}
MA2160 Calculus with Technology II (4)
MA2320 Elementary Linear Algebra (2)
UN1025 Global Issues (3)
General Education elective (3)[§]

Total Credits: 17

Year 2 – Fall Semester

PH2020 Sci. Programming & Error Analysis (2)
PH2260 Honors Physics III- Electricity & Magnetism (4)
PH2261 Intro to Experimental Physics III (1)
MA3530 Intro to Differential Equations (3)
Gen Ed Critical & Creative Thinking or Social
Responsibility & Ethical Reasoning core course (3)[§]
Elective/Gen Ed elective (3)
Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 16-17

Year 2 – Spring Semester

PH2230 Electronics (4) [or PH3210 in fall]
PH2400 Univ Physics IV- Waves & Modern Phys. (3)
MA3160 Multivariable Calculus (4)
Elective (3-6)
Gen Ed Critical & Creative Thinking or Social
Responsibility & Ethical Reasoning core course (3)[§]
Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 16-17

Year 3 – Fall Semester

Physics Electives (3-6)^{**}
PH3210 Optics (3) [or PH2230 in spring]
Electives (3-6)
General education elective (3)[§]
Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 15-18

Year 3 – Spring Semester

Physics electives (3-6)^{**}
Electives (6-9)
General education elective (3)[§]
Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 15-18

Year 4 – Fall Semester

Physics elective (3)^{**}
Elective or Gen Ed elective (3)
Electives (9-12)
Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 15-18

Year 4 – Spring Semester

Physics elective (3)^{**}
Elective or General Elective (3)
Electives (9-12)
Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 15-18

[†] This sample schedule assumes incoming students are calculus ready. Alternately, see “Non-calculus Start”.

[‡] Recommended but not required for students seeking more practice in chemistry problem solving

^{*} Half Semester Course

[§] For [General Education requirements](http://www.mtu.edu/registrar/faculty-staff/advisors/gen-ed/) see <http://www.mtu.edu/registrar/faculty-staff/advisors/gen-ed/>

^{**} 15 credits with a minimum of 9 credits at the 3000-level or higher. PH4010, PH4011, PH4050, PH4080 and more than 3 credits of PH4999 may not be counted toward the 3000-level or higher requirement.

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Year 1 – Fall Semester

MA1032 Data Functions and Graphs Plus (4)[†]
 CH1150 University Chemistry I (3)
 CH1151 University Chemistry Lab (1)
 [CH1153 University Chemistry Recitation (1)][‡]
 UN1015 Composition (3)
 Elective or Physics Electives (3-4)**

Total Credits: 16-18

Year 1 – Spring Semester

MA1161 Calculus Plus with Technology I (5)
 UN1025 Global Issues (3)
 General Education elective (3-6)[§]
 Electives (3-6)
 Co-curricular (0-0.5)

Total Credits: 14-17.5

Year 2 – Fall Semester

PH1160 Honors Physics I- Mechanics (4)
 PH1161 Intro to Experimental Physics I (1)
 MA2160 Calculus with Technology II (4)
 Gen Ed Critical & Creative Thinking or Social
 Responsibility & Ethical Reasoning core course (3)[§]
 Elective/Gen Ed elective (3)

Total Credits: 15-16

Year 2 – Spring Semester

PH1360 Honors Physics II (2)^{*}
 PH1361 Intro to Experimental Physics II (1)
 PH2300 Univ Phys III – Fluids & Thermal (2)^{*}
 MA2320 Elementary Linear Algebra (2)
 Gen Ed Critical & Creative Thinking or Social
 Responsibility & Ethical Reasoning core course (3)[§]
 Elective (3-6)
 Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 16-17

Year 3 – Fall Semester

PH2020 Sci. Programming & Error Analysis (2)
 PH2260 Honors Physics III- Electricity & Magnetism (4)
 PH2261 Intro to Experimental Physics III (1)
 MA3530 Intro to Differential Equations (3)
 General education elective (3-6)[§]
 Elective or Gen Ed elective (3)
 Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 16-18

Year 3 – Spring Semester

PH2400 Univ Physics IV- Waves & Modern Phys. (3)
 MA3160 Multivariable Calculus (4)
 Elective or Physics electives (3)^{**}
 Elective (3)
 General education elective (3)[§]
 Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 16-17

Year 4 – Fall Semester

PH3210 Optics (3) [or PH2230 in spring]
 Physics electives (3-6)^{**}
 Elective or Gen Ed elective (3)
 Electives (6)
 Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 15-18

Year 4 – Spring Semester

PH2230 Electronics (4) [or PH3210 in fall]
 Physics elective (3-6)^{**}
 Elective or General Elective (3)
 Electives (3-6)
 Co-curricular (0-1)

Total Credits: 13-18

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