Astronomy Minor

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The goal of physics is a unified description of the properties of matter and energy. The study of matter and energy encompasses a range of phenomena, from the subnuclear to the cosmological. Physics seeks to understand the way the universe "works," from the very small scale (quarks and neutrinos) to the human scale (materials encountered in daily life) to the structure of the cosmos. Different approaches and technologies are used in these different regimes.

Department Programs

Majors

• Physics Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/physics-major-ba)
• Physics Major, B.S. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/physics-major-bs)

Minors

• Astronomy Minor (p. 1)
• Physics Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/physics-minor)

Graduate Programs

• M.S. in Physics (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/physics-astronomy)
• Ph.D. in Physics (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/physics-astronomy)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

• take at least 9 credits of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
• earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

The minor in astronomy consists of six courses:

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<td>Introduction to Astronomy: The Solar System H</td>
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<td>or ASTR 111L</td>
<td>Educational Research in Radio Astronomy</td>
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<td>ASTR 102</td>
<td>Introduction to Astronomy: Stars, Galaxies &amp; Cosmology H</td>
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Total Hours 16

H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

See program page here (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/physics-major-ba/#opportunitiestext) for special opportunities.