The goal of physics and astronomy 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 very large (the structure of the cosmos). Different approaches and technologies are used in these different regimes.

Requirements

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

- take at least nine hours 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 physics consists of five courses:

**Core Requirements**

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Astronomy (ASTR) and Physics (PHYS) course descriptions (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/physics-astronomy/#coursestext).

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

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

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)