

Curriculum for BSc in Physics - Pure Physics Option

Two sequences of courses are offered for this option: Sequence A for students with AL Physics but without AL Mathematics and Sequence B for those with AL Physics and AL Mathematics. For students who fall outside the above categories, please consult the academic advisor.

Major Program Requirements

Core courses

(1)	PHYS 121	Fundamentals of Physics	[3-1-2:4]
	PHYS 126	Introduction to Modern Physics	[3-1-0:3]
	PHYS 221	Intermediate Classical Mechanics	[4-0-0:4]
	PHYS 223	Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism I	[3-1-0:4]
	PHYS 234	Elementary Quantum Mechanics I	[3-1-0:4]

Required courses

	PHYS 127	Introduction to Modern Physics Laboratory	[0-0-3:1]
	PHYS 180	Physics Seminar and Tutorial I	[0-1-0:1]
	PHYS 211	Experimental Physics	[1-0-3:2]
	PHYS 280	Physics Seminar and Tutorial II	[0-1-0:1]
	PHYS 311	Advanced Experimental Physics	[1-0-6:3]
	PHYS 321	Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics	[4-0-0:4]
	PHYS 380	Physics Seminar and Tutorial III	[0-1-0:1]
(2)	COMP 102	Computer and Programming Fundamentals I	[3-0-2:3]
	MATH 101	Multivariable Calculus	[3-1-0:4]
(3)	MATH 111	Linear Algebra	[3-1-0:4]
	MATH 151	Differential Equations and Applications	[3-1-0:4]

For Sequence A:

	MATH 021	Concise Calculus	[3-1-0:4]
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Elective courses

	Elective types	Minimum no. of courses	Minimum total credits
(4)	PHYS Physics Elective	3	12
(5)	FREE Free Elective		
	For Sequence A	5	16
	For Sequence B	6	19

General Education Requirements

Electives must be selected from amongst those general education courses that are listed under the section "Designated General Education Courses".

	Elective types	Minimum no. of courses	Minimum total credits
	GEE(ENGG) Engineering General Education Elective	1	6
	GEE(SB&M) Business and Management General Education Elective	1	
(6)	GEE(H&SS) Humanities and Social Science General Education Elective	4	12

Required Courses in English Communication

	LANG 108	English for Science Students	[0-2-0:2]
	LANG 208	English Communication for Science Students I	[0-2-0:1]
	LANG 209	English Communication for Science Students II	[0-2-0:1]
	LANG 308	Technical Communication for Science Students III	[0-2-0:1]

Other Requirement

(7)	HLTH 001	Healthy Life Style	[0 credit]
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Notes:

- (1) With the Department's recommendation, students can replace PHYS 121 by PHYS 111 under the condition that they complete PHYS 112 as well. Under this special arrangement, PHYS 112 can be counted as a free elective.
- (2) The course COMP 102 can be replaced by COMP 104.
- (3) The course MATH 111 can be replaced by MATH 111H.
- (4) Physics electives must be at 200-level or higher, with the exception of PHYS 191; and at least one of them must be a 3 or 4 credit course at 300-level or higher.
- (5) Students are not permitted to take more than eight credits of 000-level courses as free elective. Free electives must be at 200-level or higher if physics courses are chosen, with the exception of PHYS 140 and PHYS 191.
- (6) Of these courses, at least one course in Humanities and one in Social Science are required.
- (7) Students are required to take and pass this course in their first year of study. Details of the course and its requirements are announced on the course website <http://www.ab.ust.hk/sao/HLTH001> managed by the Student Affairs Office.

A minimum of 103 credits is required for the BSc program in Physics - Pure Physics Option. Students must take additional course(s) and/or elective(s) of higher-than-required credit value to meet this minimum total of 103 credits. These additional course(s) and/or elective(s) must be at 100-level or above.

Recommended Pattern of Study for the Pure Physics Option - Sequence A

1st year	Fall	C PHYS 121 R PHYS 180, LANG 108, MATH 021 E FREE, GEE(H&SS) O HLTH 001	(Total: 14 credits)
	Spring	C PHYS 126 R PHYS 127, PHYS 180, COMP 102, LANG 108, MATH 101, MATH 111 O HLTH 001	(Total: 18* credits)
	Summer	R MATH 151	(Total: 4 credits)

2nd year	Fall	C PHYS 221, PHYS 223 R PHYS 280, LANG 208 R/E PHYS 211 or GEE(ENGG) E GEE(SB&M), GEE(H&SS)	(Total: 17/18 credits)
	Spring	C PHYS 234 R PHYS 280, PHYS 321, LANG 209 R/E PHYS 211 or GEE(ENGG) E GEE(H&SS), FREE	(Total: 18/19* credits)

3rd year	Fall	R PHYS 380, LANG 308 E three PHYS, GEE(H&SS), FREE	(Total: 16 credits)
	Spring	R PHYS 311, PHYS 380 E three or four FREE	(Total: 16* credits)

* LANG 108, PHYS 180, PHYS 280 and PHYS 380 are two-semester courses. The course credit(s) will be earned on completion of the courses at the end of the respective Spring Semester.

C = core course; R = required course; E = elective course

Recommended Pattern of Study for the Pure Physics Option - Sequence B

1st year	Fall	C PHYS 121 R PHYS 180, LANG 108, MATH 101, MATH 111 E FREE O HLTH 001	(Total: 15 credits)
	Spring	C PHYS 126 R PHYS 127, PHYS 180, COMP 102, LANG 108, MATH 151 E GEE(H&SS) O HLTH 001	(Total: 17* credits)

2nd year	Fall	C PHYS 221, PHYS 223 R PHYS 280, LANG 208 R/E PHYS 211 or GEE(ENGG) E GEE(SB&M), GEE(H&SS)	(Total: 17/18 credits)
	Spring	C PHYS 234 R PHYS 280, PHYS 321, LANG 209 R/E PHYS 211 or GEE(ENGG) E GEE(H&SS), FREE	(Total: 18/19* credits)

3rd year	Fall	R PHYS 380, LANG 308 E three PHYS, GEE(H&SS), one to two FREE	(Total: 19 credits)
	Spring	R PHYS 311, PHYS 380 E four FREE	(Total: 17* credits)

* LANG 108, PHYS 180, PHYS 280 and PHYS 380 are two-semester courses. The course credit(s) will be earned on completion of the courses at the end of the respective Spring Semester.

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