

LaGrange College

Course Catalog - Physics

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Minor in Physics - Minor in Physics

Type:Minor

LaGrange College offers a minor in Physics, which will help prepare students for a career in industry, data analysis, engineering, biomechanics, medicine, and virtually any other field. Physics is all about solving problems, often in a creative way, and this skill is valuable for any vocation. Studying physics trains students to think creatively and approach problems from different perspectives, and it often instills a sense of appreciation in understanding how exquisitely the universe works. There is also an opportunity to do undergraduate research as a part of Introduction to Modern Physics.

A minor in Physics requires at least 15 semester hours, with at least a C average.

The required courses include

1. **PHYS 2121** General Physics I (4 semester hours)
2. **PHYS 2122** General Physics II (4 semester hours)
3. **PHYS 3201** Introduction to Modern Physics (4 semester hours)
4. **PHYS 3302** Introduction to Quantum Mechanics (3 semester hours)

Prerequisites and co-requisites include

- **MATH 2222** Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (4 semester hours)

- **MATH 2223** Analytic Geometry and Calculus III (4 semester hours)
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PHYS 1101 - Introductory Physics I

A non-calculus-based introduction to kinematics, dynamics, energy, momentum, rotational dynamics, fluid mechanics, wave mechanics, and thermodynamics. Physics is a science of measurement, testing, and experimentation—inquiry-based laboratories make physics come to life! Prerequisite: MATH 1221

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 4.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Lab hours: 3.0

PHYS 1102 - Introductory Physics II

A continuation of PHYS 1101 and an introduction to electricity and magnetism, electric circuits, and light and optics. Physics is a science of measurement, testing, and experimentation—inquiry-based laboratories make physics come to life! Prerequisite: PHYS 1101

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 4.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Lab hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

- Offered in Spring terms
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PHYS 2121 - General Physics I

A calculus-based introduction to dynamics, energy, momentum, rotational dynamics, fluid mechanics, wave mechanics, and thermodynamics. Physics is a science of measurement, testing, and experimentation—inquiry-based laboratories make physics come to life! Prerequisite: MATH 2222

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 4.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Lab hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

- Offered in Fall terms
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PHYS 2122 - General Physics II

PHYS 2122 General Physics II. (3 hrs. lec., 3 hrs. lab per week) (4) Spring A continuation of PHYS 2121, covering electricity and magnetism, electric circuits, and light and optics. Physics is a science of measurement, testing, and experimentation—inquiry-based laboratories make physics come to life! Prerequisite: PHYS 2121

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Lab hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

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PHYS 3201 - Introduction to Modern Physics

During the early twentieth century, two momentous theories were proposed: the theory of relativity and quantum theory. This course introduces these theories and supporting experimental evidence, as well as many of the theories developed in the twentieth century. Topics to be studied include the birth of modern physics, special relativity, quantum theory, atomic physics, general relativity, and cosmology. An undergraduate research project explores the relativistic and quantum nature of matter and energy. Prerequisite: PHYS 2122 with a grade of C or higher. Co-requisite: MATH 2223

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 4.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Lab hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

- Offered in Fall terms
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PHYS 3302 - Introduction to Quantum Mechanics

A study of basic principles of quantum mechanics, including the origins of quantum mechanics, the Schrodinger Equation, angular momentum, and solution approximation methods. CHEM 3302 may be substituted for this course. Prerequisites: MATH 2223, PHYS 3201

Grade Basis: L

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

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