

**[Astrophysics Track, 76 - 77 credits]**

**Suggested Plan of Study**  
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First Semester		Second Semester	
PHYS 234 (5 cr.) Math 221 (5 cr.) General Education (5 or 6 cr.)		PHYS 235 (5 cr.) MATH 222 (4 cr.) EE 102 or CSCI 260 (2 or 3 cr.) General Education (3 or 4 cr.)	
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
PHYS 328 (3 cr.) <sup>1</sup> PHYS 333 or ENGR 332 (3 cr.) <sup>2</sup> MATH 312, 321, 325, or CHEM 210 (3 or 4 cr.) General Education (5 to 7 cr.)		PHYS 329 (3 cr.) PHYS 346 (3 cr.) <sup>2</sup> MATH 312, 321, 325, or CHEM 210 (3 or 4 cr.) General Education (5 to 7 cr.)	
Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
ENGR 332 or PHYS 333 (3 cr.) PHYS 430 or PHYS 431 (2 or 3 cr.) ASTR 311 or 323 (3 cr.) <sup>2</sup> MATH 312, 321, 325, or CHEM 210 (3 or 4 cr.)		PHYS 338 or PHYS 440 (4 cr.) ENGR 334 or PAES (300 level or above) (3 cr.) ASTR 312 or ASTR 427 (3 cr.) <sup>2</sup> MATH 312, 321, 325, or CHEM 210 (3 or 4 cr.)	
Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester	
PHYS 431 or PHYS 430 (2 or 3 cr.) ASTR 311 or 323 (3 cr.) PHYS 415 or 499 (1 to 3 cr.)		PHYS 440 or PHYS 338 (4 cr.) PAES (300 level or above) or ENGR 334 (3 cr.) ASTR 312 or ASTR 427 (3 cr.) PHYS 415 or 499 (1 to 3 cr.)	

**Notes:**

The Astrophysics track requires the completion of at least 9 nine credits selected from PHYS 415, ASTR 311, 312, 323, 427; MATH 427, EAS 429, 435. At least six credits must be from ASTR 311, 312, 323, 427, and no more than 3 credits of PHYS 415.

- <sup>1</sup> If ENGR 332 is offered during your third semester, take it then; if it isn't then take PHYS 333. It is possible to take both ENGR 332 and PHYS 333 at the same time, but this should be discussed with a physics advisor.
- <sup>2</sup> Select any one of the four. All are required for the major.

Special Note on Upper division Courses. Most upper division ASTR, ENGR, and PHYS courses are offered every other year. It is important that students check with the department to determine which year and semester a specific course will be offered. The table below provides a general indication as to when upper division courses are offered, but these may change during any given semester.

Course	Semester Offered	Years Offered
ASTR 311 Solar System Astronomy	F	05, 07, 09, 11
ASTR 312 Stellar Astronomy	S	06, 08, 10, 12
ASTR 323 Observational Astronomy	F	06, 08, 10, 12
ASTR 427 Galactic Astronomy and Cosmology	S	05, 07, 09, 11
ENGR 332 Electronics	F	06, 08, 10, 12
ENGR 334 Thermodynamics	S	06, 08, 10, 12
ENGR 425 Optical Communication	S	Every year
ENGR 447 Optical Design	F	06, 08, 10, 12
PHYS 328 Modern Physics I	F, S	Every semester
PHYS 329 Modern Physics II	S	Every year
PHYS 333 Optics	F	Every Year
PHYS 338 Electromagnetic Fields	S	06, 08, 10, 12
PHYS 346 Applications in Theoretical Physics	F, S	Every semester
PHYS 415 Undergraduate Research	Arranged	
PHYS 420 Seminar	DEMAND	

PHYS 430 Advanced Physics Laboratory	F	Every year
PHYS 431 Introduction to Quantum Mechanics	F	05, 07, 09, 11
PHYS 435 Laser Optics	S	05, 07, 09, 11
PHYS 436 Advanced and Fourier Optics	S	06, 08, 10, 12
PHYS 440 Classical Mechanics	S	05, 07, 09, 11
PHYS 445 Electro-optics	F	05, 07, 09, 11