PHYSICAL SCIENCE

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The content of 405, as well as the problems course, 890, may vary from term to term. Brochures giving detailed information about individual courses are available in the College of Natural Science and the Office of the Assistant Dean for Lifelong Education. These courses are primarily designed for in-service teachers and interested adults and are offered in off-campus locations.

203. Foundations of Physical Sciences
Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer. 4(3-3) credits of Natural Science.
An introduction to physical science for non-science majors. Emphasis on basic concepts relating to human interaction with the physical environment. Topics selected from physics, chemistry, and the earth and space sciences.

405. Topics in Physical Science
Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. May reenroll for a maximum of 6 credits if different topic is taken. Approval of department.
Presentation of single topics from the physical sciences by senior faculty and guest lecturers. Topics are selected to facilitate development of strong physical science programs in schools.

431. Problems in Planetarium Education
Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. May reenroll for a maximum of 5 credits. Approval of department.
Individual study, training, or project under the direction of a faculty member. Often the training will be in the area of actual delivery of planetarium presentations.

890. Problems in Physical Science
Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. May reenroll for a maximum of 15 credits. Bachelor's degree in a physical science.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

(A name change effective September 1, 1981. Formerly the Department of Physics and the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics.)

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Physics

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Introductory physics courses are offered in both the lecture-recitation and the Competency-Based-Instructional (CBI) format. In the latter format the students are carefully guided through each course via written materials with ample consulting time available. Both content and pace of course are flexible to suit student's needs and interests; final grades being based on total amount of material for which student's mastery is certified. The introductory courses may be grouped by the application of two criteria: The interests of the students the courses are designed to serve and the method of instruction employed.

Lecture-Recitation Format
237, 238, 239, three credits each, designed primarily for students with interests in the life and earth sciences. The mathematics prerequisite is credit for or concurrent enrollment in calculus III with vectors (MTH 214).
287, 288, 289, four credits each, designed primarily for students with interest in the physical sciences, mathematics and engineering. The mathematics prerequisite is credit for or concurrent enrollment in calculus III with vectors (MTH 214).
291H, 292H, 293H, four credits each, designed primarily for Physics majors and others with a special interest in Physics. The mathematics prerequisite is credit for or concurrent enrollment in calculus III with vectors (MTH 214), the Honors section recommended.

Competency Based Instructional Format
237B, an alternate way to earn credit in 237, 238, 239, three credits each, designed for students with interest in the natural sciences, including the life and earth sciences. The mathematics prerequisite is calculus I with analytic geometry (MTH 112).
287A, 288A, 289A, one credit each, to follow 281, 282, 283, to give a four credit per term introductory series. However, 287A may not be taken concurrently with 281, 288A may not be taken concurrently with 282, and 289A may not be taken concurrently with 283.
287B, 291B, 297B, 292B, 298B, in which the four credit introductory series is covered in one term for each course.
291A, 292A, 293A, one credit each to follow 281, 287A; 282, 288A; 283, 289A or 287, 288, 289 or 287B, 288B, 293B to give a five credit introductory series.
291B, 292B, 293B in which the five credit introductory series is covered in one term for each course.
The courses taught via the two formats may be grouped to give a wide variety of introductory physics courses. The following equivalences exist:
237, 238, 239 may be taken as 237B, 238, 239.
287, 289 may be taken as 281, 287A, 282, 288A, or 287B, 288B.
291B, 292B, 293B may be taken as 281, 287A, 291A; 282, 288A, 292A; 283, 289A, 293A; or as 287, 289A, 282, 288A, 293A; or as 287B, 289A, 292A, 283, 289A.
A student may change from one group of introductory courses to another, but may not earn credit for more than one complete sequence. This statement applies to the Introductory Physics courses. The Physics sequence Lyman Briggs School 161, 162, and 163.

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Credit may not be earned for more than one of the courses 204, 357, or 354.
201, 202, 203, 301, 307, 347, and 431 cannot be used to meet the requirements for a major in Physics.

Prerequisites to nearly all the first courses in the 300-400 level course sequences are stated in terms of the Introductory Physics courses. The course selected for prerequisite is that which requires the least number of credits and the least mathematical background the department considers adequate. The corresponding term of any introductory sequence that requires a mathematical background equal to or greater than that of the stated prerequisite may be substituted for the stated prerequisite.

All 400 level physics courses (except 430 and 431) require 289 or 293H.

201. The Science of Sound I: Rock, Bach and Oscillators (N)
Winter, 4(4-0) interdepartmental with the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Production, propagation, detection of sounds. Voice, hearing, scales, timbre, musical instruments. Room acoustics. Electronic reproduction and synthesis of music. Demonstrations emphasized.

202. The Science of Sound II
Spring, 3(3-0) or 4(4-0) PHY 201. Interdepartmental with and administered by the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Nature, generation, and propagation of sound. Acoustical phenomenon and measurements. Storage and manipulation of sound in numerical form. Music programming.

203. Science of Light and Color for Nonscientists
Spring, 4(4-0) PHY 120. Properties of light with applications to mirrors, lenses, eyes, cameras, lasers, holography. Light spectra, color TV, color vision, filters, pigments. Black and white and color photography.

227. Physics for Audiology and Speech Sciences
Fall, Winter, Spring. 4(4-0) MTH 108. Not open to students with credit in PHY 227. Interdepartmental with the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences.

Introductory physics for Audiology and Speech Sciences majors: kinematics, Newton's Law of motion, conservation of energy and momentum, waves and vibrations, sound propagation, resonance, speech production.

237. Introductory Physics
Fall, Winter, Spring, 3(4-0) PHY 237. Heat, electricity and magnetism.

238. Introductory Physics II, CBI
Fall, Winter, Spring, 3 credits. PHY 237 or PHY 237B or PHY 237B. Mechanics including Newton's Law, momentum, energy, and conservation laws.

237B. Introductory Physics I, CBI
Fall, Winter, Spring, 3 credits. PHY 109 or PHY 111 or concurrently. Mechanics including Newton's Law, momentum, energy, and conservation laws.

238B. Introductory Physics III, CBI
Fall, Winter, Spring, 3 credits. PHY 228B or PHY 228B. Wave motion, sound, light, and modern developments.

239. Introductory Physics
Fall, Winter, Spring. 3(4-0) PHY 238. Wave motion, sound, light, and modern developments.