

Physics B.S. Electro-Optics Track	
Suggested Plan of Study	
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First Semester (15 cr)	Second Semester (15 cr)
PHYS 234 (5 cr) MATH 221 (4 cr) Liberal Education Goal Area (6 cr)	PHYS 235 (5 cr) MATH 222 (4 cr) CNA 267 (3 cr) or GENG 102 (3 cr) Liberal Education Goal Area (3 cr)
Third Semester (15 cr)	Fourth Semester (14-15 cr)
PHYS 328 (3 cr) PHYS 346 (3 cr) MATH 312 (3 cr) PHYS 333 (3 cr) Liberal Education Goal Area (3 cr)	PHYS 329 (3 cr) ENGR 332 (3 cr) or CHEM 210 (4 cr) MATH 327 (4 cr) PHYS 358 or PHYS 440 (4 cr) Liberal Education Goal Area (3 cr)
Fifth Semester (14-17cr)	Sixth Semester (15-16 cr)
PHYS 430 (2 cr) PHYS 431 (3 cr) or PHYS 334 (3 cr) PHYS 435 (3 cr) or MATH 321 (3 cr) Liberal Education Goal Area (6 cr) and/or Track Elective	PHYS 432 (2 cr) ENGR 332 (3 cr) or CHEM 210 (4 cr) PHYS 358 or PHYS 440 (4 cr) PHYS 436 (3 cr), or Track Elective Liberal Education Goal Area (3 cr)
Seventh Semester (15 cr)	Eighth Semester (15 cr)
PHYS 431 (3 cr) or PHYS 334 (3 cr) PHYS 435 (3 cr) or MATH 321 (3 cr) Track Elective (3 cr) Liberal Education Goal Area (6 cr)	PHYS 415 (1 to 3 cr) PHYS 435 or PHYS 436 (3 cr) ENGR 447 (3 cr), or Track Elective Liberal Education Goal Area (6 cr)

Notes:

The Electro-optics track requires that you complete PHYS 445 and at least six credits from PHYS 415, 435, 436; ENGR 425, 447. Since PHYS 358 is a pre-requisite of PHYS 445, PHYS 358 should be taken during the 4th semester if possible.

Many Liberal Education Program (LEP) courses will satisfy more than one goal area. Students are encouraged to take courses that double-count in more than one goal area so they can take additional math/physics electives.

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.

Every Semester	PHYS 234, 235
Every Fall	PHYS 328, 333, 346, 430
Every Spring	PHYS 329, 432
Spring (Even Years)	ASTR 312, PHYS 358, 436
Spring (Odd Years)	ASTR 427, ENGR 332, 447, PHYS 440
Fall (Even Years)	ASTR 323, PHYS 334, 435
Fall (Odd Years)	ASTR 311, ENGR 425, PHYS 431
Demand	PHYS 415, 445, 450-455