



This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
Semester One: [15 Credit Hours]					
CHEM 10060 General Chemistry I	4			■	Fulfills Kent Core Basic Sciences
CHEM 10062 General Chemistry I Laboratory	1			■	Fulfills Kent Core Basic Sciences
MATH 12002 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	5			■	Fulfills Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning; MATH 11010 and 11022 may be bypassed with sufficient background; fulfills minor requirement
PHY 12000 Introductory Physics Seminar	1			■	
US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1				Not required for transfer students with 25 credits
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Two: [15 Credit Hours]					
CHEM 10061 General Chemistry II	4			■	Fulfills Kent Core Additional
CHEM 10063 General Chemistry II Laboratory	1			■	Fulfills Kent Core Basic Sciences
MATH 12003 Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	5			■	Fulfills minor requirement
PHY 23101 General University Physics I	5			■	Fulfills Kent Core Basic Sciences
Semester Three: [16 Credit Hours]					
CS 13001 Computer Science I: Programming and Problem Solving	4			■	
MATH 32051 Mathematical Methods in Physical Sciences I	4	■		■	Fulfills minor requirement
PHY 23102 General University Physics II	5			■	Fulfills Kent Core Additional
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3				
Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]					
MATH 32052 Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences II	4	■		■	Fulfills minor requirement
PHY 36001 Introductory Modern Physics	3	■		■	
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
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General Elective (lower or upper division)	3				
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
PHY 35101 Classical Mechanics	4	■		■	
PHY 36002 Applications of Modern Physics	3	■		■	
PHY 45201 Electromagnetic Theory	4	■		■	
Foreign Language (Elementary I)	4-5				Fulfills College General Requirements
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
PHY 30020 Intermediate Physics Laboratory	2	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; see note 1 on page 2
PHY 45403 Data Analysis and Computational Physics Techniques	3	■		■	
Foreign Language (Elementary II)	4-5				Fulfills College General Requirements
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
MATH Elective	3			■	Fulfills minor requirement; see note 2 on page 2


Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

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Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
PHY 40092 Internship in Physics	2	■		■	See note 3 on page 3; fulfills experiential learning requirement
PHY 45401 Mathematical Methods in Physics	4	■		■	
PHY Elective (lower or upper division)	3	■		■	
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary below
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Semester Eight: [14 Credit Hours]					
PHY 40020 Advanced Physics Laboratory	2	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; see note 1 below
MATH Elective	3	■		■	Fulfills minor requirement; see note 2 below
PHY Elective (lower or upper division)	3			■	
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary below
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3				Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 121 credit hours and minimum 42 upper-division credit hours

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Global / Domestic Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Experiential Learning	Minimum	
			Kent Core or General Electives	PHY 30020 or 40020	PHY 40092	Major GPA	Overall GPA
121	42	36				2.000	2.000

Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Composition (6-8 credit hours) <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Fulfilled in this major with MATH 12002	0
Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours) <i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences and minimum one course from fine arts</i>	May fulfill diversity requirement	9
Social Sciences (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	May fulfill diversity requirement	6
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>	Fulfilled in this major with CHEM 10060, CHEM 10062, CHEM 10063, PHY 23101, PHY 23102	0
Additional (6 credit hours)	Fulfilled in this major with CHEM 10061 and PHY 23102	0

Note 1: A minimum C grade must be earned in either PHY 30020 or PHY 40020 in order to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

Note 2: MATH electives (6 credit hours) choose from the following*:

MATH 23022 Discrete Structures for Computer Sciences**	3	MATH 42011 Mathematical Optimization	3
MATH 31011 Discrete Mathematics**	3	MATH 42031 Mathematical Models and Dynamical Systems	3
MATH 40011 Introduction to Probability Theory and Applications	3	MATH 42041 Advanced Calculus	3
MATH 40012 Introduction to Statistical Concepts	3	MATH 42045 Introduction to Partial Differential Equations	3
MATH 40041 Statistical Methods for Experiments	3	MATH 42048 Introduction to Complex Variables	3
MATH 40042 Sampling Theory	3	MATH 42091 Seminar: Modeling Projects	3
MATH 40051 Topics in Probability Theory and Stochastic Processes	3	MATH 42201 Introduction to Numerical Computing I	3
MATH 41021 Theory of Matrices	3	MATH 42202 Introduction to Numerical Computing II	3

*There may be additional prerequisites required for some courses in the Math electives list. See course catalog or department for more information.

**Credit for both MATH 23022 and 31011 is not permitted.

Note 3: With advisor's permission. PHY 40092 may be replaced with PHY 40096 Individual Investigation or PHY 40099 Senior Honors Thesis. If PHY 40096 is taken, a suitable research project should be selected.



Additional Notes for the Physics major:

- The following courses fulfill the Kent Core Basics Sciences category; however, they **may not** count towards the major:

PHY 11030 Seven Ideas that Shook the Universe	3	PHY 21430 Frontiers in Astronomy	3
PHY 21040 Physics in The Entertainment and the Arts	3	PHY 21431 Frontiers in Astronomy Laboratory	1
PHY 21041 Physics in The Entertainment and the Arts Laboratory	1		

- Credit is not granted for both the PHY 13001/PHY 13002 and the PHY 23101/PHY 23102 series, nor for the PHY 13011/PHY 13012 series.

Note: All courses taken from the list of major program requirements are used in the calculation of the major GPA.

Kent Core

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core for course list.

Diversity Course Requirement

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity for course list.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.000) grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic for course list.

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)

To provide students with direct engagement in learning experiences that promote academic relevance, meaning and an understanding of real-world issues, students must complete this requirement at Kent State, either as a for-credit course or as a non-credit, non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr for course list.

Upper-Division Requirement

Students must complete a minimum 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

Foreign Language

Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/foreign-languages for course list.

