B.A. in Physics

Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Fall 2022) Department of Physics & Astronomy (physics@rowan.edu)

Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2018 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RU GPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of "D-" or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
 - o An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
 - o Rowan Core and Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally (www.rowan.edu/registrar) and may also be searched on that site under "Attributes." A list of Rowan Core courses is here: https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/AS/Rowan+Core+Course+List.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

Rowan Core Requirements¹ Students must satisfy all six Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy. With the exception of the 9 sh counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere. (COML) Communicative Literacy: Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents: OCOMP 01 111 College Composition I (3 sh) OCOMP 01 112 College Composition II (3 sh) CMS 04 205 Public Speaking (3 sh) (ARTL) Artistic Literacy Recommendation from major: (GLBL) Global Literacy Recommendation from major: (HUML) Humanistic Literacy Recommendation from major: PHIL 09 261 (3 sh counted under non-program) (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy Recommendation from major: MATH 01 130 (4 sh counted under non-program) Recommendation from major: PHYS 00 220 (4 sh counted under major) (SCIL) Scientific Literacy Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 sh Rowan Experience Requirements Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere. (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute Recommendation from major: Recommendation from major: PHIL 09 261 (3 sh counted under non-program) (WI) Writing Intensive Attribute

Non-Program Courses (minimum 18 sh)

Recommendation from major: PHYS 00 130 (1 sh counted under major requirements)

Courses in this section cannot be in the major department.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes/Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
CS 04 103 or 01 104	Computer Science & Programming or Intro to Scientific Programming	CS&P preferred ³			4
PHIL 09 261	Philosophical Perspectives on Science-WI	Satisfies Humanistic & WI			3
MATH 01130	Calculus I	Satisfies Quantitative			4

Then choose one of the following course sequences:

(RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute²

	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits		
\bigcirc	Biology sequence (take the following two courses):							
	MCB 01 101	Foundations in Biology for Biomedical Sciences I				4		
	MCB 01 102	Foundations in Biology for Biomedical Sciences II				4		
\bigcirc	Chemistry sequ	ence (take the following two courses):4						
	CHEM 06 100	Chemistry I				4		
	CHEM 06 101	Chemistry II				4		
\bigcirc	Computer Science sequence (take 8 credits of courses to fulfill CS Minor or CUGS):							
	CS					4		
	CS					4		
Other sequence (proposed by student and approved by advisor):								
						4		
						4		
			Subtota	al: 19 sh				

¹ The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

² The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

³ Students in a CS minor or CUGS may apply CS 04 113 (or other required course) here instead and using additional courses for the CS sequence below

⁴ Chemistry sequence recommended for those considering teaching, along with two more CHEM courses for Physical Science certification.

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Major Requirements (42 sh)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 17 sh of Foundational Courses
- 15 sh of Mid-Level Courses
- 10 sh of Upper-Level Courses
- 42 sh total

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Designations / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
MATH 01 131	Calculus II				4
PHYS 00 130	Building Momentum as a Physics Student at Rowan and Beyond	Satisfies Rowan Seminar			1
PHYS 00 220	Introductory Mechanics	Satisfies Scientific Literacy			4
PHYS 00 221	Introductory Thermodynamics, Fluids, Waves, & Optics				4
PHYS 00 222	Introductory Electricity & Magnetism				4
			Subtota	ıl· 17 sh	

MID-LEVEL COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Designations / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
MATH 01 230	Calculus III				4
PHYS 00 300	Modern Physics				4
	Any PHYS or ASTR course				4
	Any PHYS or ASTR course				3
			Subtotal: 15 sh		

UPPER-LEVEL COURSES⁵

Course #	Course Name	Course Designations/Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
	300+ level PHYS				3
	300+ level PHYS				3
	300+ level PHYS ⁶				4
				Subtota	ıl: 10 sh

Free Electives for this Major/Degree (50 sh)

Students should choose Free Electives that satisfy any Rowan Core or Rowan Experience requirements that are not fulfilled by Major or Non-Program courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
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				Subtota	al: 50 sh

Total Program Credits Required for this Major / Degree: 120 SH

⁵ Excluding Physics/Astronomy Research I, II, III, IV (PHYS 00 350 and 00 450; ASTR 11 350 and 11 450)

⁶ May take two instances of Physics Learning Assistant for... (PHYS 00 361, 00 362 or 00 363) courses to fill this slot Updated 05/14/2018