

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

The physical science major is designed to give students working toward a bachelor's degree a well-balanced, lower division program. The curriculum emphasizes fundamental concepts and problem solving. The degree requirements are typical of what four-year colleges and universities require; see www.assist.org for requirements of specific transfer institution.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Analyze how astronomers obtain information about stars, what information can be obtained and how the information is used.
- Predict periodic trends in ionization energy, atomic size, electron affinity and acid-base properties.
- Calculate changes in enthalpy, entropy, and free energy for chemical reactions, phase changes, solution processes, and elementary molecular processes using tables of thermodynamic data.
- Write systematic names for carbon based compounds.
- Working knowledge of the Theory of Plate Tectonics as it relates to sea floor spreading, subduction, continental drift and the evolution of ocean basins, continents and mountains.
- Evaluate derivatives of algebraic, trigonometric, logarithmic and exponential functions.
- Evaluate integrals using appropriate techniques (such as: by parts, trig substitution, etc.)
- Apply Green's, Stokes' and Gauss' Theorems.
- Use conservation of energy and conservation of momentum concepts.
- Use Maxwell's Equations to solve problems in electricity and magnetism.
- Use the basic concepts of modern physics: special relativity, photon behavior, matter waves, the uncertainty principle, quantum mechanics in one and three dimensions, statistical physics and nuclear physics.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This degree program trains students for a wide variety of diverse professions such as technical administration in industry and government, legal work with patents, scientific librarianship, scientific journalism, and physical science teacher.

- * Astronomer
- Cartographic Technician
- * Chemist
- Geodetic Technician
- * Geologist
- * Meteorologist
- Meteorological Technician
- * Oceanographer
- * Patent Lawyer
- * Physical Science Teacher
- Physical Science Technician
- * Physicist
- Range Technician
- Soil Conservation Technician
- * Bachelor Degree or higher required

Associate in Science Degree Requirements:

Course	Title	Units
ASTR 110	Descriptive Astronomy	3
CHEM 141	General Chemistry I	5
CHEM 142	General Chemistry II	5
CHEM 231	Organic Chemistry I	5
GEOL 110	General Geology	3
MATH 180	Analytical Geometry and Calculus I	5
MATH 280	Analytical Geometry and Calculus II	4
MATH 281	Multivariable Calculus	4
PHYC 190	Mechanics and Heat	5
PHYC 200	Electricity and Magnetism	5
PHYC 210	Wave Motion and Modern Physics	5
	Total Required	49
	Plus General Education Requirements	