

DIVISION I

This division includes the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Computer Science, and Physics.

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***Sabbatical leave, full year*

+ Sabbatical leave, half time each semester

Concentration in Division I: For requirements for the major or minor in the departments of Division I, see departmental listings.

Unless otherwise indicated, all courses in Division I are without prerequisite.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

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**Sabbatical leave, full year*

The curriculum of the Biology Department is designed to introduce the student to the breadth of the discipline of biology and to provide the foundation for further study in biology. A core sequence of courses introduces the student to genetics, cell biology, organismal biology, and ecology. The student may then choose elective courses in areas relevant to his career interests. The biology major is designed to prepare the student for graduate or professional work in biology as well as other careers such as law or business.

We emphasize the process of biological science through course content, laboratory and field work, independent study, and summer research with faculty. The capstone course, Biology 401, introduces the student to the primary literature in biology and the skills needed to analyze critically new information in biology.

For the non-major we offer a number of opportunities to study biology. For the student looking for a laboratory course for distribution, Biology 101 introduces the basic concepts of biology by examining the biology of humans. This course can also be used as an entry point for additional work in biology since it is a prerequisite for several courses in the department.

Requirements for the Major: Students majoring in biology must complete: (1) a core of 7 course credits; (2) 2 additional course credits in biology; (3) Physics 111; (4) Chemistry 111 and 221; (5) Comprehensive exam in biology.

The Biology Core Curriculum: Biology 111, 112, 211, 212, 213, 401, and one of the following: 221, 222, 224, 225, 226.

Introductory Courses (two course credits): Students will begin their major in biology by taking Biology 111 and 112. These courses will be completed during the freshman year.

Genetics and Cell Biology (one course credit each): Biology 211 and 212 should be completed during the sophomore year.

Organismal Biology (one course credit)- one of the following courses:

- Biology 221 (Comparative Anatomy and Embryology of the Vertebrates)
- Biology 222 (Biology of the Invertebrates)
- Biology 224 (Biology of the Vascular Plants)
- Biology 225 (Microbiology)
- Biology 226 (Parasitology)

This requirement must be completed after the Introductory Courses and before the beginning of the second semester of the senior year.

Ecology (one course credit): Biology 213 should be completed during the first semester of either the junior or senior year.

Senior Seminar (one course credit): Usually Biology 401 is taken during the first semester of the senior year. Students who will be off-campus during the first semester of their senior year should take Biology 401 during the first semester of their junior year.

Supporting Biology Curriculum: Biology majors must complete 2 additional course credits for a total of nine course credits in biology. These credits may be compiled from the following: Biology 151, 221, 222, 224, 225, 226, 311, 313, 314, 315, 202, 387, 388. Because some of these courses (Biology 222, 224, 225, 226, 311, 313, 314 and 315) are offered in alternate years, students must carefully plan their curriculum (in consultation with a Biology Department faculty member). In some years, one or more special topics courses (Biology 371) may be offered and may be used to complete the major. Descriptions of these courses will be provided to students and advisors before advance registration.

Students interested in biological research are encouraged to undertake Independent Study (Biology 387, 388) during their junior or senior year. Well-prepared students may begin Biology Independent Study before their junior year.

Beyond the nine course credits required for the biology major, students may include two additional biology course credits to satisfy graduation requirements. Students interested in graduate school in biology are encouraged to consider this option.

Supporting Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics/Computer Science Curriculum: Physics 111 and Chemistry 111 and 221 are required. Students intending to proceed either to a professional or a graduate school should plan to include Mathematics 110 or 111, Physics 112 or 113, and Chemistry 222, 231, and 241 in their curriculum. Usually Chemistry 111, 231 and 241 are taken during the sophomore year; Physics 111 and 112 or 113 and Chemistry 221 and 222 are taken during the junior year. Mathematics 112, Computer Science 111, and a statistics course (Mathematics 217 or Division III 252) may be important support courses for some biology majors.

Comprehensive Exam in Biology: Students must pass a two-day written comprehensive exam in biology. On the first day, students write on a series of recent papers from the primary literature drawing upon the breadth and depth of their knowledge of biology. On the second day they answer a series of questions on specific courses. Students must complete Biology 211, 212, 213 and their organismal biology course before the spring of their senior year.

Off-campus study: Students who wish to take biology courses at other institutions to be credited towards graduation should first discuss their options with their advisor and then obtain permission from the Biology department chair.

Summer Field Study: Scholarship funds are available through the Lucy B. Graves Fund as scholarships for students to study at marine biological laboratories. The Robert O. Petty Fund and the E.W. Olive Fund support interns in field biology. Interested students should talk with the department chair.

Requirements for the Minor: Biology 111, 112, and three other course credits in the department. At least one of the courses beyond Biology 111, 112 must be a laboratory course. Students who wish to initiate a biology minor via the Biology 101 course will complete four additional courses.

An Area of Concentration and High School Teaching licensure in this discipline is awarded by the Teacher Education Program. For licensure information please see the *Indiana Teacher Licensing Requirements for Adolescent and Young Adult License* section and for information on this specific discipline see the *Content Area Course Requirements for Teaching at the Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure Level* section.

Course Descriptions

BIO 101 Human Biology

A one-semester course offered primarily for majors in the social sciences and the humanities. This course will emphasize reproduction and development, structure/function, genetics, and evolution. The ethical implications of biological knowledge also will be considered. In the laboratory, students will investigate biological problems related to humans. Three lecture/discussions and one laboratory period weekly. A student who decides, on the basis of his experience in Biology 101 to major in biology can enroll in the appropriate semester of Biology 111, 112. One course credit each semester.

Credits: 1

BIO 102 Plants and Human Affairs

This non-majors course will explore the interface between humankind and the plant world. Through lectures/discussion, ancillary readings and www.exercises and demonstrations, students will study the impact that plants have had on the development of human culture. Some topics to be covered include the plant body, photosynthesis, economically important plants, plant genetics and biotechnology, flowers and plants in the environment. Attention will be given to modes of inquiry in the plant sciences. Several field trips are planned. This course is offered in the fall semester 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 101. Does not count toward the laboratory science distribution requirement.

Credits: 1

BIO 111 General Biology

A year course in the concepts of biology for biology majors. This course is a prerequisite for all advanced courses in biology. Biology 111 covers biomolecules, cell biology, genetics, and evolution. Biology 112 covers animal and plant structure/functions, evolution and ecology. Three lectures and one laboratory period weekly. One course credit, fall semester.

Credits: 1

BIO 112 General Biology

A year course in the concepts of biology for biology majors. This course is a prerequisite for all advanced courses in biology. Biology 111 covers biomolecules, cell biology, genetics, and evolution. Biology 112 covers animal and plant structure/functions, evolution and ecology. Three lectures and one laboratory period weekly. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Biology 111.

Credits: 1

BIO 151 Evolution

A general study of evolution. Lecture/discussion focuses on the processes of evolutionary change and the origin of life. Current topics in evolutionary biology and human evolution are considered. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Biology 111 or 101.

Credits: 1

BIO 202 Electron Microscopy

A laboratory course covering specimen preparation, microtomy, staining, operation of the transmission and scanning electron microscope, and darkroom methods. Typically offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Biology 101 or 112 and consent of the instructor.

Credits: 1/2

BIO 211 Genetics

A course designed to introduce the modern concepts of the gene. The lectures stress the theory and experimental evidence relating to transmission, molecular, and developmental genetics. The laboratory is investigative in nature. Offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Biology 112 or permission of the instructor. (This course should be taken during the sophomore year.)

Credits: 1

BIO 212 Cell Biology

The primary emphasis of this course is the structure and function of the eukaryotic cell. Lectures, readings, and discussions will cover cellular organelles, types, metabolism, interactions, and regulation of activities. The laboratory focuses on cellular structure and function through the techniques of modern cell biology. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Biology 211 or 213 or permission of the instructor. (This course should be taken during the sophomore year.)

Credits: 1

BIO 213 Ecology

An introduction to the interrelations of plants and animals with their environment. Terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems are considered. Some weekend field trips may be included. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Biology 112 or 101 with permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1

BIO 221 Comparative Anatomy and Embryology of the Vertebrates

A course presenting a broad evolutionary theme of the vertebrates using the facts of comparative anatomy, embryology, and paleobiology. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Biology 101 or 112.

Credits: 1

BIO 222 Biology of the Invertebrates

A course designed to provide students with an introduction to the diversity of invertebrate organisms through lectures, reading and discussion of primary literature, student presentations, and laboratory work. Emphasis is placed on structure, functional morphology, physiology, ecology, and evolution. A field trip to a marine field station has been included in the past few years. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2008-2009 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 101 or 112.

Credits: 1

BIO 224 Biology of the Vascular Plants

An introduction to the science of botany. A strong emphasis will be placed on the evolutionary trends in the vascular plants, with additional coverage of plant biotechnology, developmental biology, and some of the physiological adaptations plants have evolved in the transition to life in terrestrial environments. The laboratories will be primarily observational, with a broad exposure to plant diversity and taxonomy; substantial field work is planned. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 101 or 112.

Credits: 1

BIO 225 Microbiology

This course is designed to introduce the student to the lifestyles and impact of the smallest organisms known. Lecture/discussion will examine topics such as microbial cell structure and function, growth and nutrition, genetics, antibiotics and pathogenesis, and microbial diversity. The laboratory is organized around an investigative, discovery driven project. This course is offered in the spring semester 2009-2010, and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 111 and 112 or permission of instructor.

Credits: 1

BIO 226 Parasitology

A course designed to introduce students to the major groups of animal parasites. Emphasis in lectures and discussion of primary literature is placed on general principles, including diversity, morphology, transmission biology, and the ecology and evolution of the different parasite taxa. The laboratory work includes the detailed consideration of particular parasite species as representatives of larger groups, as well as an independent research project on the parasites of a selected host species. This course is offered in the fall semester; 2008-2009 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 101 or Biology 112 or permission of instructor.

Credits: 1

BIO 311 Molecular Genetics

A course designed to explore in detail the molecular biology of the gene. Lecture/discussion will focus on areas of current interest and will include analysis of experimental evidence which underpins our understanding of gene structure and function. The laboratory is investigative in nature and provides primary experience with recombinant DNA technology genomics and bioinformatics. This course is offered in the spring semester; 2008-2009 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 211.

Credits: 1

BIO 313 Advanced Ecology

This course emphasizes the investigative approach to ecology including experimental design and data analysis. Lectures/discussions focus on areas of current interest in ecosystem, community, and population ecology. Several field trips and an independent investigation are required. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 213.

Credits: 1

BIO 314 Developmental Biology

Through lectures, current readings and discussions, this course considers the principles of development with emphasis on experimental evidence for underlying mechanisms. The laboratory work includes molecular, cellular and supracellular approaches to the investigation of developmental questions in animals and plants. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 211.

Credits: 1

BIO 315 Organismal Physiology

The major physiological systems (nutrition, transport, gas exchange, elimination of wastes, coordination, and defense) are considered from the adaptational perspective. The emphasis is on the physiological system as it is related to the survival of vertebrates in their natural environments. The laboratory focuses on physiological techniques and methods of analysis. This course is offered in the fall semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Biology 212 or permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1

BIO 371 Special Topics

Innovative courses and special programs in library research. Descriptions of special topics courses will be posted at the time of advance registration. Students desiring a special library research project should make the appropriate arrangements with individual faculty members.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

BIO 387 Introduction to Research

Individual research on selected problems. Although only one-half course credit is to be counted toward the nine credit major, these courses may be repeated and credit received for graduation. Students should make arrangements with individual faculty members during the semester preceding their enrollment in the course.

Credits: 1/2

BIO 388 Introduction to Research

Individual research on selected problems. Although only one-half course credit is to be counted toward the nine credit major, these courses may be repeated and credit received for graduation. Students should make arrangements with individual faculty members during the semester preceding their enrollment in the course.

Credits: 1/2

BIO 401 Senior Seminar

A seminar course required of all majors. Critical reading of primary literature, oral expression and experimental design are emphasized. Students intending to be off-campus during the first semester of their senior year should take this course during their junior year. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Credits: 1

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Faculty: A. Taylor (chair), R. Dallinger, S. Feller, W. Novak, R. Olsen, L. Porter*

* *Sabbatical leave, fall semester*

The Wabash College Chemistry Department believes in a challenging curriculum which thoroughly investigates all areas of modern chemistry and in a significant hands-on investigative laboratory experience in which students become progressively more independent as they proceed through the curriculum. We believe that such an education will prepare chemistry majors for a variety of career outcomes, including those in research, medicine, teaching, and industry. In recent years, three-fourths of our majors have gone directly to graduate school in chemistry/ biochemistry or to medical school immediately following graduation. Others have chosen to take jobs as chemists or to attend other professional schools (business, law, and physical therapy). We strive to provide chemistry minors and pre-medical students with the knowledge base they need to succeed in their chosen fields. We seek to involve all Wabash students in the study of chemistry through non-majors courses, Chemistry 101 and 102. We attempt to teach all chemistry students about the relationship between chemistry and the world around them.

Requirements for the Major: A chemistry major requires completion of the following core courses (eight credits): 111, 211, 221, 321, 331, 351, 361, and 441. Students may complete the nine-course requirement by selecting among the following electives: 421, 431, 451, 452, 461, 471, 487, 488. Chemistry 421, 452, 461 and 471 may be repeated when the topics change. No more than one-half course credit of independent study (Chemistry 487 or 488) may be used to construct the minimum nine-course major. Chemistry 101 and 102 do not count toward the major.

The following courses are also required for chemistry majors, Mathematics 110 or 111 and 112, Physics 111 and Physics 112 (Chemistry/Physics double majors and Physics minors will take Physics 111, 113 and 114). The mathematics courses are best taken in the freshman year, and the physics sequence should be taken in the sophomore year, because physical chemistry (taken by all junior chemistry majors) has a two-course physics prerequisite.

The **written comprehensive examination** for senior majors emphasizes both knowledge of basic chemical concepts and the ability to apply these concepts to new problems. One part of the exam involves reading and answering questions over several articles from the recent chemical literature; the second part of the exam involves answering questions from the core chemistry courses the student has taken.

Chemistry majors who wish to transfer chemistry credits from another institution as part of their major must have the prior approval of the Department Chair to do so.

Chemistry Major with Biochemistry Emphasis: Students with a special interest in Biochemistry may complete a Chemistry major with an emphasis on Biochemistry (the Biochemistry Track). Students pursuing the Biochemistry Track will take the eight-course core Chemistry curriculum described above, and will complete the minimum nine-course major by taking two half-credit special topics courses which have a biochemistry emphasis. Research in biochemistry is also encouraged although this will take the student beyond the nine course minimum Chemistry major. Additionally, the Biochemistry Track student will be required to take the following courses in the Biology Department, Bio 111 and Bio 112 (General Biology), Bio 211 (Genetics), Bio 212 (Cell Biology) and one approved Molecular Biology elective, such as Bio 311 (Molecular Genetics), Bio 314 (Developmental Biology), Bio 371 (Special Topics courses

with suitable topics) or other approved courses. Students and their academic advisors should consult with the Chemistry Department Chair as they plan the course work for the Biochemistry Track Chemistry major.

Requirement for the Minor: The following courses are required for the chemistry minor-Chemistry 111, 221, and 211. The student may select any other 2-course credits from the departmental offerings (except Chemistry 101 and 102) to complete the minor, provided the prerequisites for the courses are met. No more than one-half course credit of independent study (Chemistry 487, 488) may be used to construct the minimum five-course minor.

Chemistry minors who wish to transfer chemistry credits from another institution as part of their minor must have the prior approval of the Department Chair to do so.

Requirements for Premeds: Premedical students are required to take four courses in chemistry before the end of their junior year (when the MCAT examination is generally taken). Wabash pre-med students should take the following courses to meet the premed chemistry requirement, Chemistry 111, 211, 221, and 321.

Advanced Placement: Please refer to the College Advanced Placement guidelines under Credit by Examination. Potential chemistry majors and minors who wish to claim advanced placement credit should discuss placement options with the Department Chair. If the Chair and the student decide that it is in the student's best interest to take Chemistry 111, the advanced placement chemistry credit must be forfeited.

ACS Certified Degree: To meet the certification requirements formulated by the American Chemical Society Committee on Professional Training (CPT) as a chemist and for adequate preparation for graduate school, additional classroom and laboratory work beyond the minimum nine-course major is required. The student should consult with the Chair of the Chemistry Department concerning ways in which the remaining requirements may be fulfilled.

Suggested order of courses for the chemistry major:

Freshman:

Chemistry 111, 211 (required for major)
Mathematics 110 or 111, 112 (prerequisite for Chemistry 231)

Sophomore:

Chemistry 221, 321 (required for major)
Physics 111 and 112 (prerequisite for Chemistry 351)

Junior:

Chemistry 331, 351, 361 (required for major)
Chemistry 421*, 487*, 488* (electives)

Senior:

Chemistry 441 (required for major)
Chemistry 421*, 431*, 451*, 452*, 461*, 471*, 487*, 488* (electives)

Strongly Recommended Electives:

Biology 111, 112

More Mathematics, particularly 223, 224, 225

More Physics, particularly 210 and 310

More Biology, for students interested in biochemistry and medicine

Computer Science 111

*May be included in the nine major courses required for graduation and may be needed for ACS certification.

An Area of Concentration and High School Teaching licensure in this discipline is awarded by the Teacher Education Program. For licensure information please see the *Indiana Teacher Licensing Requirements for Adolescent and Young Adult License* section and for information on this specific discipline see the *Content Area Course Requirements for Teaching at the Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure Level* section.

Course Descriptions**CHE 101 Survey of Chemistry**

A survey course designed for non-science concentrators which considers the historical and philosophical developments in chemistry, as well as the application of chemical principles to physical phenomena and social issues. Topics include the development of the atomic theory of matter, atomic structure, chemical bonding, thermodynamics, the chemistry of life (organic and biochemistry), and nuclear energy. Some elementary mathematics will be used. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. Partially fulfills the College laboratory science requirement, cannot be combined with CHE 111 to complete the laboratory science requirement. This course does not satisfy requirements for the chemistry major or minor.

Credits: 1

CHE 102 Topics in Chemistry

A study of topics of current interest in chemistry. Topics and prerequisites will vary and will be announced prior to registration. Does not count towards the chemistry major or minor; however students are advised that it will count towards the 11 course maximum. Does not count towards the laboratory science distribution requirement. One-half or one course credit, either or both semesters.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

CHE 111 General Chemistry

The introductory course for science concentrators. Topics include atomic theory, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, equilibrium, gas laws, states of matter, solutions, atomic structure, and acid/base chemistry. The laboratory, which emphasizes the basic principles discussed in lecture, includes significant synthetic and analytical work. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Credits: 1

CHE 211 Chemical Structure and Reactivity

This is the second course in chemistry for most science concentrators (chemistry majors and minors and pre-health students). Topics include detailed considerations of chemical thermodynamics, equilibrium and electrochemistry; the molecular orbital theory of chemical bonding; and main group and transition metal chemistry. The laboratory will feature experiments in calorimetry, electrochemistry, quantitative

analysis, descriptive inorganic chemistry and a multi-week inorganic synthesis project. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 111

Credits: 1

CHE 221 Organic Chemistry I

A study of the structure and reactions of simple organic compounds. Included as topics are molecular conformations, stereochemistry, and a discussion of some types of modern spectroscopic techniques. The laboratory work emphasizes techniques frequently used by the organic chemist, including distillation, crystallization, sublimation, chromatography and spectroscopy. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 111

Credits: 1

CHE 321 Organic Chemistry II

Characteristic reactions and syntheses of organic molecules will be covered in this course. Spectroscopic techniques not covered in Chemistry 221 will also be surveyed. Emphasis is placed on the utility of organic chemistry in today's world; class discussions and laboratory work will present many biologically interesting illustrations. Also included is an introduction to the use of the chemical literature. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 221.

Credits: 1

CHE 331 Advanced Analytical Chemistry

An integrated survey of the application of instrumental methods (chromatography, electrochemistry, and spectroscopy) to the analysis of chemical systems. Statistical methods of data analysis will also be covered. Extensive use is made of examples taken from the current literature. The laboratory emphasizes instrumental methods of separation and analysis. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 211.

Credits: 1

CHE 351 Physical Chemistry I

An introduction to quantum mechanics through the study of exactly soluble models of chemical significance is followed by a statistical mechanical development of chemical thermodynamics. Topics include the postulates of quantum mechanics, the Schrodinger equation, the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, equations of state, partition functions, laws of thermodynamics, and the thermodynamics of ideal and non-ideal solutions. The laboratory applies concepts studied in lecture and emphasizes laboratory report writing skills. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 211, Physics 112 or 113, Mathematics 112.

Credits: 1

CHE 361 Biochemistry

Basic chemical concepts such as intermolecular forces, equilibria, energetics, and reaction mechanisms will be used to study biological systems. The class will be divided into three major foci: biomolecular structures, metabolism, and information transfer. The laboratory will familiarize students with common biochemical techniques and will integrate current areas of biochemical research. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 321, 211, or with permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1

CHE 421 Advanced Topics in Organic Chemistry

Topics covered vary from year to year. Examples of recent topics include: advanced synthesis, medicinal chemistry, and physical organic chemistry. This course is offered in either semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 321.

Credits: 1/2

CHE 431 Advanced Laboratory

A laboratory-oriented presentation of various advanced concepts in chemical instrumentation. Experiments dealing with basic analog and digital electronics will stress measurement techniques and the construction and testing of simple, yet useful, circuits. The use of laboratory computers will be considered, with emphasis on data collection (interfacing) and manipulation. These topics are then integrated into discussion and experiments dealing with instrumental analysis (electrochemistry, spectroscopy). Individual projects will involve the construction/characterization of analytical instruments. One discussion and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 331 or permission of instructor.

Credits: 1/2

CHE 441 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry

A survey of the periodic table emphasizing the applications of modern structural principles, kinetics, and thermodynamics to inorganic systems. Descriptive treatment of selected elements and families included. Three lectures each week. The laboratory experiments emphasize the synthesis and characterization of air-sensitive compounds. Three lectures and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: Chemistry 211 and 351.

Credits: 1

CHE 451 Physical Chemistry II

An advanced study of quantum mechanics beyond 351, including molecular structure, group theory, molecular spectroscopy and advanced concepts in chemical bonding. It is very important that students who are interested in attending graduate school in chemistry or biochemistry take this course. Laboratory experiments reflect topics discussed in lecture. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 351.

Credits: 1/2

CHE 452 Advanced Physical Chemistry

This course offers further study of special topics in physical chemistry beyond the topics covered in Chemistry 351 and 451. Examples of recent topics include chemical kinetics, molecular spectroscopy, computational quantum mechanics, and lasers in spectroscopy and chemistry. Laboratory experiments reflect topics discussed in lecture. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Chemistry 451 or permission of instructor.

Credits: 1/2

CHE 461 Advanced Topics in Biochemistry

Topics vary from year to year. Examples of recent topics include: the chemistry of cancer, determining structures of biomolecules, the RNA world, and the mechanisms of enzyme action. This course is offered either semester.

Credits: 1/2

CHE 471 Special Topics in Chemistry

Focused study of topics of current chemical interest for advanced students; topics vary from year to year and are announced prior to registration for each semester. This course is offered both semesters. One-half or one course credit, either or both semesters.

Prerequisites: Vary with each individual topic; watch for course announcement prior to pre-registration.

Credits: 1/2

CHE 487 Special Problems

Individual laboratory or library research projects under the supervision of individual faculty on selected problems for qualified students. Students must have prior consent of faculty member to enroll in this course. One-half or one course credit, either or both semesters.

Credits: 1/2

CHE 488 Special Problems

Individual laboratory or library research projects under the supervision of individual faculty on selected problems for qualified students. Students must have prior consent of faculty member to enroll in this course. One-half or one course credit, either or both semesters.

Credits: 1/2

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Faculty: R. Foote (chair), D. Limmer, D. Maharry+, E. Poffald, P. Thompson, W. Turner, C. Westphal

+ *Sabbatical leave, half time each semester*

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science has as its goals:

- To give all students who take mathematics courses a sense of the nature of mathematics and its place in society;
- To give our majors and minors an understanding of mathematics and computer science, their nature, and uses, to prepare students to become effective users of mathematics and computer science in their careers;
- To prepare future high school teachers of mathematics;
- To give our students interested in continuing to graduate study in mathematics, statistics, or computer science an adequate preparation to succeed in that study.

Mathematics

Mathematics majors may opt for either the Pure Mathematics Major or the Computational Mathematics Major. There is a great deal of overlap between these two choices.

Requirements for the Pure Mathematics Major:

1. Calculus I (111) or Calculus I with Pre-Calculus Review (110), Calculus II (112), Linear Algebra (223), Abstract Algebra (331)
2. Real Analysis (333) or Topology (341)
3. Electives (excluding Mathematics 003, 010, 106, 107, 108, 178, and 217) to reach the Department's 9-credit minimum

Requirements for the Computational Mathematics Major:

1. Calculus I (111) or Calculus I with Pre-Calculus Review (110), Calculus II (112), Linear Algebra (223), and Abstract Algebra (331)
2. Differential Equations (224)
3. Numerical Methods (337) or Topics in Computational Mathematics (338)
4. One additional course from 219, 226, 314, 337, and 338
5. Electives (excluding Mathematics 003, 010, 106, 107, 108, 178 and 217) to reach the Department's 9-credit minimum

Incoming freshmen interested in pursuing mathematics at Wabash College will typically take Math 111 or Math 112 in the fall (depending on placement) and Math 112 or Math 223 in the spring. Course choices in the fall of the sophomore year will usually depend on the direction the student sees himself headed. Students should plan on taking Math 331 in the spring of their sophomore year. It is a good idea for all mathematics students to discuss their plans with one of the mathematics professors.

Requirements for the Minor: Five or more course credits, including Mathematics 110 or 111, 112, 223, excluding Mathematics 003, 010, 106, 107, 108 and 178. Mathematics 003 or 010 should not be used in an area concentration.

An Area of Concentration and High School Teaching licensure in this discipline is awarded by the Teacher Education Program. For licensure information please see the *Indiana Teacher Licensing Requirements for Adolescent and Young Adult License* section and for information on this specific discipline see the *Content Area Course Requirements for Teaching at the Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure Level* section.

Computer Science

No major is offered.

Requirements for the minor: The requirements for a minor in computer science are five courses in computer science and one course in mathematics. The computer science courses must be: Computer Science 111 and 112 and three other Computer Science courses. The mathematics course must be Mathematics 108 or 219.

Course Descriptions

MAT 010 Pre-calculus with an Introduction to Calculus I

This course is intended solely for those students who wish to take calculus, but whose preparation makes a slower-paced course in calculus advisable. Topics covered include a review of algebra (solving equations and inequalities, simplification of algebraic expressions), properties of polynomials and rational functions, limits, continuity, an introduction to derivatives via polynomials and rational functions, and applications of the derivative. Mathematics 010 can not be used for any distribution credit. (For students who desire a distribution credit in mathematics but do not wish to take calculus, Mathematics 106, 107, and 108 are recommended.) This course is fall semester.

Prerequisite: Admission by department placement only.

Credits: 1

MAT 106 Topics in Contemporary Mathematics

A reflective examination of basic mathematical ideas. Through participation and discovery, students will consider an articulation of mathematics that focuses on patterns, abstraction, and inquiry. Topics will vary, but could include logic, Euclidean geometry, algorithms, etc. This course does not count towards the major or minor in mathematics.

No prerequisite.

Credits: 1

MAT 107 Statistics: Concepts and Controversies

Introductory—The course introduces statistics as a liberal arts discipline. It focuses on statistical ideas and their relevance to public policy and to the sciences, from medicine to sociology. The emphasis is on statistical reasoning, rather than statistical theory. The course covers reliable data generation, data summarization, and the classical approach to drawing conclusions from data (statistical inference). This course does not count towards the major or minor in mathematics. This course is offered irregularly.

Credits: 1

MAT 108 Introduction to Discrete Structures

Introductory—An introduction to discrete mathematics for students not planning to major in mathematics. Topics include sets and logic, proof methods, counting arguments, recurrence relations, graphs, and trees. This course may be used to meet the mathematics requirement for the computer science minor. However, it does not count toward the mathematics major or minor. Students may not present both

mathematics 108 and 219 for credit toward graduation. This course is offered in the fall semester. This course does not count toward the major or minor in mathematics.

Credits: 1

MAT 110 Calculus I with Pre-calculus Review

Introductory—This course is intended solely for those students who took and passed Mathematics 010 and desire to complete a course in calculus. Successful completion of this course is equivalent to completion of Mathematics 111. Topics covered include an introduction to integration via polynomials and rational functions, applications of the integral, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and introduction to exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric functions, and the application of the derivative and integral to these families of functions. The focus is on understanding basic concepts and gaining basic computational skills. This course counts as a distribution credit in mathematics. Credit cannot be given for both Mathematics 110 and Mathematics 111. This course is offered in the spring semester

Prerequisite: Mathematics 010

Credits: 1

MAT 111 Calculus I

Introductory—Basic calculus of one variable from an intuitive point of view. Topics include limits, continuity, derivatives and integrals of the elementary functions, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and applications. The focus is on understanding basic concepts and gaining basic computational skills.

Prerequisite: Departmental placement examination.

Credits: 1

MAT 112 Calculus II

Introductory—A continuation of Mathematics 111. Numerical and symbolic techniques of integration, applications of integration, an introduction to partial derivatives and multiple integrals, sequences and series, and Taylor's Theorem.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 110 or 111, departmental placement examination, AP examination, or permission of the department.

Credits: 1

MAT 217 Introduction to Statistics

Intermediate—A first course in statistics that covers techniques for summarizing data probability, random variables, confidence intervals, and the classical approach to the testing of hypotheses, including z-tests on means and proportions for one and two groups, t-tests on means for one and two groups, F-tests on means for several groups, chi square goodness-of-fit tests, and some other nonparametric tests. A mathematical treatment is given for all the distributions involved in these standard tests. This course counts towards the mathematics minor and is particularly appropriate for students majoring in the natural or social sciences. It does not count towards the mathematics major. This course is irregularly offered.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 110 or 111 or equivalent.

Credits: 1

MAT 219 Combinatorics

Intermediate—This course is an introduction to combinatorial reasoning. Topics include graphs, circuits in graphs, graph coloring, trees, counting principles, generating functions, and recurrence relations. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 223 or consent of instructor. Students may not present both Mathematics 108 and Mathematics 219 for credit towards graduation.

Credits: 1

MAT 221 Foundations of Geometry

Intermediate—A development of Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometries from a modern viewpoint. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 112 or permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 222 Theory of Numbers

Intermediate—A study of elementary number theory. Topics include divisibility, congruences, properties of prime numbers, number theoretic functions, diophantine equations, and additional selected topics. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 112 or consent of the instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 223 Elementary Linear Algebra

Intermediate—An introduction to linear mathematics. Linear systems of equations, matrices, determinants, vector spaces, bases and dimension, function spaces, linear transformations, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, inner products, and applications. An important aspect of the course is to introduce the student to abstract thinking and proofs.

Prerequisites: Mathematics 112, departmental placement examination, AP examination, or permission of the department.

Credits: 1

MAT 224 Elementary Differential Equations

Intermediate—Introduction to ordinary differential equations. Special solution techniques and some theory for first-order and linear equations including integrating factors, constant coefficients, undetermined coefficients, variation of parameters, power series solutions, Laplace transforms, and systems of differential equations, applications. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: Mathematics 112 and 223.

Credits: 1

MAT 225 Multivariable Calculus

Intermediate—Calculus in higher dimensions. Limits, continuity, differentiability, directional derivatives, constrained and unconstrained optimization, geometry of curves, multiple integrals, general coordinate systems, path and surface integrals, vector calculus, theorems of Green and Stokes, applications. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: Mathematics 112 and 223.

Credits: 1

MAT 226 Operations Research

Intermediate—Linear and nonlinear optimization, linear programming, integer programming, duality, combinatorics, the simplex method and related algorithms, game theory, Markov chains, queuing theory. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2008-2009 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 223 or consent of the instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 227 Probability and Statistics I

Intermediate—General theory and application of probability and statistics, including probability for finite sample spaces, discrete and continuous distributions, marginal and conditional distributions, mathematical expectation, variance, moment-generating functions, functions of random variables, the Central Limit Theorem, sampling distributions, the methods of estimation and their application, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation. This course is irregularly offered.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 112.

Credits: 1

MAT 228 Probability and Statistics II

Intermediate—General theory and application of probability and statistics, including probability for finite sample spaces, discrete and continuous distributions, marginal and conditional distributions, mathematical expectation, variance, moment-generating functions, functions of random variables, the Central Limit Theorem, sampling distributions, the methods of estimation and their application, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation. This course is irregularly offered.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 227.

Credits: 1

MAT 314 Modeling with Differential Equations

Advanced—A course to develop the basic skills of formulation, simplification, and analysis of mathematical models for describing and predicting phenomena in the natural and social sciences, with special emphasis in modeling with differential equations. Topics may be taken from fields such as physics, chemistry, biology, psychology, economics, and political science. This course is offered in the fall semester, 2008-2009 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 224.

Credits: 1

MAT 323 Topics in Linear Algebra

An in-depth study of some of the topics covered in Mathematics 223, including the theory of vector spaces, linear transformations, and Euclidean spaces, together with some additional topics, which may include isomorphisms, duality, canonical forms, and applications of linear algebra. This course is irregularly offered.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 223 or consent of the instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 324 Topics in Differential Equations

Advanced—A second course in differential equations, offering study of special topics in more depth or beyond those covered in Mathematics 224. Topics may include existence and uniqueness theory, stability theory, Green's functions, dynamical systems, partial differential equations, and applications of differential equations. This course is offered in the fall semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 224 or consent of the instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 331 Abstract Algebra I

Advanced—A first course in higher abstract mathematics. Emphasis is placed on writing proofs. Topics include groups, rings, fields, and modules. This course is offered in the spring semester. *Prerequisite: Mathematics 223 or consent of the instructor.*

Credits: 1

MAT 332 Abstract Algebra II

Advanced—A first course in higher abstract mathematics. Emphasis is placed on writing proofs. Topics include groups, rings, fields, and modules. This course is irregularly offered.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 331.

Credits: 1

MAT 333 Introduction to Functions of a Real Variable I

Advanced—A first course in the foundations of modern analysis. Topics include set theory, the real numbers, the topology of Cartesian spaces, convergence, continuous functions, sequences of continuous functions, the Stone-Weierstrass approximation theorem, differentiation, integration, and infinite series. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 223.

Credits: 1

MAT 334 Introduction to Functions of a Real Variable II

Advanced—A first course in the foundations of modern analysis. Topics include set theory, the real numbers, the topology of Cartesian spaces, convergence, continuous functions, sequences of continuous functions, the Stone-Weierstrass approximation theorem, differentiation, integration, and infinite series. This course is irregularly offered.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 333.

Credits: 1

MAT 337 Introduction to Numerical Analysis (CSC 337)

Advanced—This course will address topics such as numerical solution of non-linear equations in one variable, interpolation, approximation, differentiation, integration, difference equations, differential equations and their applications, boundary value problems, linear systems, matrices, and optimization. This course is offered in the fall semester, 2008-2009 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 338 Topics in Computational Mathematics (CSC 338)

Advanced—A course to develop mathematical and computational techniques in areas of mathematics or interdisciplinary study in which computation plays a central and essential role. Topics vary by semester but may include computational geometry, computer algebra, scientific computing, and symbolic computation. This course is offered in the fall semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 111.

Credits: 1

MAT 341 Topology

Advanced—A study of elementary topology. Topics discussed will include topologies, separation axioms, connectedness, compactness, continuity, and metric spaces. This course is irregularly offered.
Prerequisite: Mathematics 223 or consent of the instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 344 Complex Analysis

Advanced—Analytic functions, mapping of elementary functions, integrals, residue theory, conformal mapping. This course is irregularly offered.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 223 or consent of the instructor.

Credits: 1

MAT 377 Special Topics in Mathematics

This course is designed for the treatment of material outside the regular offerings of the department. For a given semester the course content and other particulars will be announced before advance registration for that semester. Offered irregularly. Level varies, will be announced with course description the semester it is offered.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

MAT 387 Independent Study

Directed reading and research on special topics for qualified students. May be repeated for credit. Level varies (intermediate or advanced), determined in consultation with instructor.

Prerequisite: Permission of the department.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

MAT 388 Independent Study

Directed reading and research on special topics for qualified students. May be repeated for credit. Level varies (intermediate or advanced), determined in consultation with instructor.

Prerequisite: Permission of the department.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

MAT 400 Seminar

Advanced — Topics in the history and foundations of mathematics, the special emphasis varying from year to year. Every student will be expected to write a term paper.

Admission in other cases is by permission of the department chair.

Credits: 1/2

CSC 101 Introduction to Computer Science

An introduction to the field of computer science as the study of algorithmic process. Students will study the history of the field as well as issues currently confronting the computer science community including ethical issues raised by a rapidly changing technology. Students will learn fundamental concepts of computer science such as computer architecture, data representation, and the issues of computability. Students will engage in hands-on algorithm-building activities and some basic programming exercises. This course is offered in the fall semester. Distribution in Natural Science and Mathematics or Quantitative Skills.

Prerequisite: None.

Credits: 1

CSC 111 Introduction to Programming

An introduction to programming in a higher-level, general-purpose language (currently Java). Programming topics include primitive data types, simple data types such as arrays, program constructs such as conditionals, loops and procedures, in an object-oriented context. Applications are chosen from areas such as graphics, simulation, and file processing. Offered in the spring semester. Distribution in Natural Science and Mathematics or Quantitative skills. (Note: Computer Science 111 does not count as a laboratory science.)

Prerequisite: Computer Science 101 or equivalent programming background.

Credits: 1

CSC 112 Advanced Programming

A variety of topics that are important in developing large-scale software. Object oriented programming in a language such as C++. Dynamic data structures such as lists, queues, and stacks. An introduction to a rigorous analysis of the efficiency of an algorithm. Advanced algorithms such as Quicksort, mergesort, and the use of hash tables. An introduction to using the Unix operating system and Unix tools for software development such as Make. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 111 or equivalent programming background.

Credits: 1

CSC 211 Introduction to Data Structure

An introduction to more advanced abstract data types such as lists, sets, trees, including balanced trees, and graphs. Algorithms for traversing, searching, determining connectivity, and so forth. An in-depth study of, and analysis of, the algorithms used to implement these structures. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 112.

Credits: 1

CSC 271 Special Topics in Computer

This course is designed for the treatment of material outside the regular offerings of the department. For a given semester the course content and other particulars will be announced before registration for that semester. Offered irregularly. Credits: 1/2

CSC 311 Introduction to Machine Organization

A study of the various layers at which a machine can be studied, including higher-level languages, assembly language, machine language, and digital circuits. Data representation. A comparison of RISC and CISC architectures. Some programming in a representative assembly language. Issues of cross-language programming. This course is offered irregularly.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 112.

Credits: 1

CSC 321 Programming Languages

A study of the paradigms of programming languages, including procedural languages such as Pascal or 'C', object-oriented languages such as C++ or Smalltalk, functional languages such as ML or Scheme, logic-oriented languages such as Prolog, and concurrency such as in Ada. Consideration of how concepts are implemented, such as modules, parameter passing, function evaluation, data types and type checking, memory management, exception handling, and threads. This course is offered irregularly.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 112.

Credits: 1

CSC 331 Analysis of Algorithms

Advanced topics and problems in analyzing algorithms. Algorithms involving structures such as sequences, sets, and graphs, and topics such as geometric and numeric algorithms. An introduction to the question of $P=NP$ and NP-Complete problems. Parallel algorithms. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 112 and Mathematics 108 or 219.

Credits: 1

CSC 337 Introduction to Numerical Analysis (MAT 337)

Advanced—This course will address topics such as numerical solution of non-linear equations in one variable, interpolation, approximation, differentiation, integration, difference equations, differential equations and their applications, boundary value problems, linear systems, matrices, and optimization. This course is offered in the fall semester, 2008-2009 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Credits: 1

CSC 338 Topics in Computational Mathematics (MAT 338)

A course to develop mathematical and computational techniques in areas of mathematics or interdisciplinary study in which computation plays a central and essential role. Topics vary by semester but may include computational geometry, computer algebra, scientific computing, and symbolic computation. This course is offered in the fall semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years. Advanced.

Prerequisite: Computer Science 111.

Credits: 1

CSC 341 Introduction to Automata, Computability, and Formal Languages

An introduction to theoretical computer science. Finite state machines and regular expressions. Context-free languages and push-down automata. Turing machines, effective computability, and the Halting Problem.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 111 and Mathematics 108 or 219.

Credits: 1

CSC 387 Independent Study

Directed study on special topics for qualified students. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1/2

CSC 388 Independent Study

Directed study on special topics for qualified students. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1/2

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Faculty: D. Krause (chair), J. Brown, M. Madsen, E. Sayre

Physics is the study of the fundamental laws that govern our universe. Our curriculum is designed to give our students a solid foundation for understanding these laws and how they were uncovered. The language that best expresses these laws is mathematical so there are a significant number of mathematics courses, which serve as prerequisites for our courses. However, since physics describes the real world, our curriculum also incorporates a significant laboratory component to ensure our students will learn how to interrogate Nature and understand the answers it gives. Only by balancing theoretical concepts with experimental reality can one reach a more complete understanding of the world.

Our physics majors and minors will master valuable analysis and problem-solving skills, which can be applied to a wide variety of situations beyond physics. By integrating these skills with their liberal arts experiences, our students are prepared for a vast spectrum of careers. Recent graduates have gone on to work in physics research, engineering, computer programming, teaching, environmental studies, law, business, and other fields.

For Senior Comprehensives, majors must pass an exam which requires them to demonstrate a coherent understanding of all the major areas of physics covered in the required courses, including computational and laboratory methods, and the ability to apply this understanding to solve specific problems.

Requirements for a Major: Nine course credits in physics. These must include Physics 111, 113, 114, 210, 310, 314, 315, 381 (taken two consecutive semesters during a single year), and one additional physics course credit (excluding Physics 101, Physics 105, and Physics 112 which do not count toward the major). (Note: A student who takes Physics 112 and decides to major in physics may seek permission from the department chair to replace Physics 114 with Physics 112.) Students accepted to a 3-2 engineering program may substitute Chemistry 111 for the one elective physics course. Those planning to go on to graduate school in physics should also plan to take Physics 230 and 316.

In addition, mathematics courses that are prerequisites or co-requisites for physics courses are Mathematics 111 (or 110), 112, 223, 224, and 225. Although not required, Computer Science 111 is also highly recommended, and Mathematics 324 and 344 are useful.

Since physics is a hierarchical subject, it is important to take Physics 111 and 113 during the freshman year if one wishes to major in physics. Below is a possible schedule of how one might fulfill all the necessary requirements:

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Freshman	Physics 111 Mathematics 111	Physics 113 Mathematics 112

Sophomore	Physics 114 Mathematics 223	Physics 210 Mathematics 224
Junior	Physics 310 Physics 381 Mathematics 225	Physics 314
Senior	Physics 315	Physics 220, 230, or 316

Requirements for a Minor: Five courses in physics (excluding Physics 101 and Physics 105), one of which must include Physics 210 with appropriate prerequisites (Any exceptions must receive prior approval from the department chair). Mathematics prerequisites (or co-requisites) are Mathematics 111 (or 110) and 112.

An Area of Concentration and High School Teaching licensure in this discipline is awarded by the Teacher Education Program. For licensure information please see the *Indiana Teacher Licensing Requirements for Adolescent and Young Adult License* section and for information on this specific discipline see the *Content Area Course Requirements for Teaching at the Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure Level* section.

Course Descriptions

PHY 101 Astronomy: Fundamentals and Frontiers

An introductory course intended for the non-science liberal arts student. Historical and philosophical ideas will be stressed as well as the experimental concepts and methods used in astronomy. A good working knowledge of algebra, plane geometry, and trigonometry is required. Satisfies half of the laboratory science requirement. Three class periods and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Credits: 1

PHY 105: Adventures in Physics

A one-semester course for the non-science liberal-arts student what investigates the world from the viewpoint of a physicist. Topics will vary and will be announced prior to registration. Partially fulfills the college laboratory science requirement, but does not count toward a physics major or minor. Three class periods and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester 2009-2010.

Credits: 1

PHY 111 General Physics I

An introduction to classical mechanics for physics and other science majors. Topics include Newton's laws of motion, conservation laws, and rotational dynamics. The lab will introduce data acquisition and analysis techniques. Three class periods and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 111 or 110 (or concurrent registration) or permission of instructor.

Credits: 1

PHY 112 General Physics II for Science Majors

Selected topics in wave physics, optics, and electromagnetism for students not planning to take additional courses in the department. Students intending to major or minor in physics must take Physics 113 instead of Physics 112. The lab will focus on general techniques used by physicists that are useful in all sciences. Three class periods and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the spring semester. (Note: A student who takes Physics 112 and decides to major or minor in physics may seek permission from the department chair to replace Physics 114 with Physics 112.)

Prerequisite: Physics 111.

Credits: 1

PHY 113 General Physics II for Physics Majors & Minors

An introduction to thermal physics and special relativity. Topics include the laws of thermodynamics, statistical nature of entropy, Lorentz transformations, equivalence of mass and energy. (While this course is required for a physics major or minor, it may be taken by an interested student who meets the prerequisites.) The lab will introduce the methodology of experimental design, numerical techniques for solving differential equations, and the writing of scientific papers using LaTeX software. Three class periods and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: Physics 111 and Mathematics 112 (or concurrent registration).

Credits: 1

PHY 114 General Physics III

This class introduces the fundamental concepts in electromagnetism, waves, and optics. The lab will build on the techniques learned in Physics 113 and will include intermediate experiment design, significant data analysis, and further techniques in preparing scientific papers for publication. An introduction to electro dynamics, optics, and wave physics. Three class periods and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: Physics 113 and Mathematics 112.

Credits: 1

PHY 210 Modern Physics

An introduction to quantum theory with applications to atomic, solid state, nuclear, and particle physics. Three class periods and one laboratory each week. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 (or Physics 112 with permission of the instructor) and Mathematics 223 (or concurrent registration or permission of the instructor).

Credits: 1

PHY 220 Electronics

Introduction to analog and digital electronics. Fundamentals of DC and AC circuits, transistors, and amplifiers will be covered. Includes 1 lab per week. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2010-2011, and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Physics 112 or 114 or permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1

PHY 230 Thermal Physics

Introduction to thermal and statistical physics. The laws of thermodynamics are studied from microscopic and macroscopic perspectives. Quantum statistical mechanics will be developed and applied to blackbody radiation, fermionic and bosonic systems. This course is offered in the spring semester, 2009-2010 and alternate years.

Prerequisite: Physics 210.

Credits: 1

PHY 277 Special Topics

Special interest course.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

PHY 278 Special Topics

Special interest course.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

PHY 287 Independent Study

Independent Study.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

PHY 288 Independent Study

Independent Study.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

Credits: 1 or 1/2

PHY 310 Classical Mechanics

Advanced topics in classical mechanics, including harmonic motion and Lagrangian mechanics. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 (or permission of instructor) and Mathematics 224.

Credits: 1

PHY 314 Electrodynamics

Advanced explorations in understanding and applying Maxwell's equations. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: Physics 114 and Mathematics 224 and 225.

Credits: 1

PHY 315 Quantum Mechanics

Introduction to quantum mechanics. Topics include Dirac notation, postulates of quantum mechanics, and applications to important physical systems. This course is offered in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: Physics 210 and Mathematics 223 and 224 or permission of the instructor.

Credits: 1

PHY 316 Advanced Topics in Quantum Mechanics

Applications of quantum mechanics, including the general theory of angular momentum, identical particle systems, perturbation theory, atom-photon interactions, and Bell's theorem. This course is offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: Physics 315.

Credits: 1

PHY 381 Advanced Laboratory

Students will participate in a broad range of experiments that cover major research areas in contemporary physics, including atomic, molecular, and optical physics, condensed matter physics, and nuclear and particle physics. At least one lab will be designed and built by the students. Advanced measurement and data analysis techniques will be used. All experiments will be planned, executed, and presented according to current professional standards. Should be taken in consecutive fall and spring semesters and may be taken multiple times.

Prerequisite: Physics 210.

Credits: 1/2