Physics

Applicable to students admitted in 2019-20

Students admitted to the Physics Major Programme through the Broad-based admission scheme may apply to specialize in the Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics no sooner than their third year of attendance if they have obtained a GPA of 3.3 or above in all PHYS courses (excluding PHYS courses at 1000 level). Students admitted to the Theoretical Physics Programme are placed in the *Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics* automatically, declaration is not required. The minimum units required for the Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics is 72.

Major Programme Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 71 units (72 units for Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics) of courses as follows:

1. Faculty Package: Units

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Group D: PHYS1111 or 1113

Group C: MATH1010

A course from the following

Group B: CHEM1070 or 1072 or 1280

Group E: STAT1011 or 1012

Group A: LSCI1000 or 1001 or 1002

- 2. Required Courses[a]:
- Physics courses (a) PHYS1122, 1712, 2041, 2051[b], 2510, 2520, 2711, 2722, 3011, 3021, 3022, 3031 (or 4031)[c][d], 3041, 3710, 4610[e], 4801[f]
- (b) Mathematics and Chemistry courses

3 or 6[g]

24 or 21[g]

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- One course from MATH2010, 2530 (i)
- One course from CHEM1070, 1072[g]
- 3. **Elective Courses:**

24 or 21 units[g] of the following courses: CSCI3320. ESSC3010, 4520, MATH3290. 4030, PHYS2061[b][h] or equivalent, PHYS2401, 3023, 3031[c], 3051, 3061, 3403, 3410[h], 3420, 3630, 3730, 3810, 4011, 4021, 4031[c], 4041, 4050, 4051, 4061, 4420, 4430, 4440, 4450, 4460, 4470, 4480, 4490, 4491, 4492, 4620[e], 4630, 4710, 4711, 4712, 4802[f], 4811, 4812, and all PHYS and MSEG courses at 5000 level[i]. Students may seek approval from the Department to substitute up to 6 units of elective courses with relevant courses at the appropriate (typically 3000 or 4000) level offered by other programmes.

> 71 **Total:**

Streams:

Students may declare at most two of the following streams by taking the stream-specific courses.

Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics

(a)	Required Courses:	10
,	PHYS2061[b][h], 3051, 4620[e], 4802	
(b)	Elective Courses (of which at least two courses from	15 or 12[g]
	MATH4030, PHYS4011, 4021[j], 4041[j], 4460):	
	MATH3290, 4030, PHYS3031[c], 4011, 4021[j], 4031[c],	
	4041[j], 4050[j], 4051, 4061, 4420, 4430, 4460, 4470	
Astro	ophysics and Particle Physics Stream	
(a)	Required Courses:	12
	PHYS2401, 4430, 4460, 4470	
Com	putational and Data Physics Stream	
(a)	Required Courses:	9
	PHYS2061[b][h], 3061, 4061	
(b)	Elective Courses:	3
	One course from CSCI3320, ELEG5491, PHYS5520, 5610	
Quar	ntum Science and Technology Stream	
(a)	Required Courses:	9
	PHYS4021[j], 4031[c], 4050[j]	
(b)	Elective Courses:	6
	Two courses from PHYS3023, 4440, 4450 (or 5320), 5510 (or	
	5430), 5550 (or 5590).	

In addition to fulfilling the above Major Programme Requirement, students meeting the criteria as specified by the Faculty can take the following stream offered by the Faculty:

Units

Science, Technology And Research Stream

Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 units of courses as follows:

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1.	Required Courses:	
(a)	One Faculty Package Course:	3
	Choose from the two remaining groups of the Faculty	
	Package that have not been used to fulfill the Major	
	Programme Requirement	
(b)	Research Courses:	6
	STAR2000, 3000, 4000[k]	
(c)	Seminar Courses:	3
	STAR2050, 3050, 4050	
2.	Experiential Learning:	
	At least 4 consecutive weeks of outside Hong Kong exposure[1]	
	Total:	12

Explanatory Notes:

- 1. PHYS and MSEG courses at 2000 and above level will be included in the calculation of Major GPA for honours classification.
- 2. Students may choose to declare one, or up to two streams, including the Science, Technology And Research Stream.
- [a] Upon written approval of the Department, students who have failed a required course in the final year of attendance may be allowed to take a substitute course at the same level as prescribed by the Department.

[b] Students can be exempted from taking PHYS courses by taking its closely related course, as listed below to fulfill the requirement. Units earned can be counted towards the Major Programme.

PHYS courses		Closely related courses	
PHYS2051	Quantitative Methods for Basic Physics	MATH2020	Advanced Calculus II
PHYS2061	Basic Computational Physics	MATH3230	Numerical Analysis

- [c] Students who have taken both PHYS3031 and 4031 can use one of the courses to fulfill the Elective Courses requirement.
- [d] Students who are under the Quantum Science and Technology Stream should take PHYS4031.
- [e] Upon approval of the Department, students who declare second major in Earth System Science may be allowed to use ESSC4810 and/or ESSC4820 to fulfill the requirement of PHYS4610 and/or PHYS4620.
- [f] Students, who are not under the Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics, have not taken PHYS4801 may seek approval from the Department to substitute PHYS4801 with PHYS4802. Students may also take both courses. In this case, PHYS4802 will be used to fulfill the Elective Courses requirement.
- [g] The units 6 and 21 (for non-Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics) or 12 (for Enrichment Stream in Theoretical Physics) apply to students not taking CHEM1070/1072 to fulfill the Faculty Package requirement of the Physics Programme. Students should note that CHEM1070/1072 is a required course.
- [h] Students may seek approval from the Department to substitute PHYS2061 with CSCI2800/1510/1520/1110/1120 and to substitute PHYS3410 with ELEG2202.
- [i] PHYS and MSEG courses at 5000 level are offered by the Division of Physics and Division of Materials Science and Engineering respectively for postgraduate programmes.
- [j] Students may seek approval from the Department to substitute PHYS4021 with PHYS5410, PHYS4041 with PHYS5420, and PHYS4050 with PHYS5430.
- [k] Students may select research-oriented course(s), as approved by the Major Programme, to substitute up to four units for fulfillment of Research Courses requirement.
- [1] Students must complete any exchange/research/internship programme(s) offered by the University, Colleges, the Faculty of Science or Major Programme, as approved by the Major Programme, to fulfill the Experiential Learning requirement. Students are responsible for the extra costs incurred in the exchange/research/internship programme(s).

In view of the fact that students admitted through the Broad-based admission scheme have more diverse academic backgrounds under the new senior secondary education system, two course patterns are recommended for students with different HKDSE preparations. Course pattern A is suitable for students who have a better physics and mathematics preparation, e.g. those taken Physics as a single elective subject or done well in Combined Science with a physics component and an elective module in mathematics in HKDSE, whereas course pattern B is for students who prefer to take preparatory courses in physics and/or mathematics in the first semester of studies so as to be better prepared before taking the physics major courses.

Physics		
	Recommended Course Pattern A	Units

Major Elective(s). Electives	9-12
Major Elective(s): Electives	9-12
Major Required: PHYS4802 (if not taken either PHYS4801 or 4802)	0-1
	6-9
,	6.0
Major Required: PHYS4031 (if not taken PHYS3031 in the Third Year),	3-7
1 st term	
Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	0-3
Year)	
/:	
	8-3
	0.2
3	3-6
Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2 nd term)	6-7
1 st term	
Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3-6
Major Required: PHYS2520, 2722, 3011	5
2 nd term	
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	0-3
2 nd term	
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	Faculty Package: 3rd Faculty Package course (if not taken CHEM1070 or 1072 in the 1st term) Major Required: MATH2010 or 2530, PHYS1122, 1712 Major Elective(s): 1st term Major Required: PHYS2041, 2051, 2510, 2711 Major Elective(s): 2nd term Major Required: PHYS2520, 2722, 3011 Major Elective(s): Elective(s) 1st term Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2nd term) Major Elective(s): Elective(s) 2nd term Major Required: PHYS3022, 3031 (if not taking PHYS4031 in the Fourth Year), 3710 (if not taken in the 1st term), 4802 (if not taking either PHYS4801 or 4802 in the Fourth Year) Major Elective(s): Elective(s) 1st term Major Required: PHYS4031 (if not taken PHYS3031 in the Third Year), 4610, 4801 (if not taken PHYS4802 and not taking PHYS4802 in the 2nd term) Major Elective(s): Elective(s) 2nd term Major Required: PHYS4802 (if not taken either PHYS4801 or 4802)

Physics		
	Recommended Course Pattern B	Units
First Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Faculty Package: CHEM1070 or 1072 or 3rd Faculty Package course	3-0
	Major Required:	
	Major Elective(s):	
	Others: Remedial physics and/or mathematics courses (e.g. PHYS1002	0-3
	as a preparatory course in physics); such remedial courses are	
	not counted towards the physics major requirement	
	2 nd term	
	Faculty Package: PHYS1111 or 1113, MATH1010, CHEM1070 or 1072	6-9
	(if not taken in the 1 st term) or 3rd Faculty Package	
	course	
	Major Required: PHYS1712	1
	Major Elective(s):	
Second Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS2041, 2051, 2510, 2711	9
	Major Elective(s):	

	2 nd term	
	Major Required: MATH2010 or 2530, PHYS1122, 2520, 2722, 3011	8-11
	1 7 1	0-11
	(or one elective course)	
	Major Elective(s):	
Third Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2 nd term)	6-7
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3-6
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS3011 (if not taken), 3022, 3031 (if not taking	11-3
	PHYS4031 in the Fourth Year), 3710 (if not taken in	
	the 1 st term), 4802 (if not taking either PHYS4801 or	
	4802 in the Fourth Year)	
	/	2.6
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	2-6
Fourth Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS4031 (if not taken PHYS3031 in the Third Year),	3-7
	4610, 4801 (if not taken PHYS4802 and not taking	
	PHYS4802 in the 2 nd term)	
	Major Elective(s): Electives	9
	2 nd term	,
		0.1
	Major Required: PHYS4802 (if not taken either PHYS4801 or 4802)	0-1
	Major Elective(s): Electives	10
	Total (including Faculty Package):	71

Physics (Enrichm	ent Stream in Theoretical Physics)	
	Recommended Course Pattern	Units
First Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Faculty Package: PHYS1111 or 1113, MATH1010, CHEM1070 or 1072	9
	or 3rd Faculty Package course	
	Major Required: PHYS2520	1
	Major Elective(s):	
	2 nd term	
	Faculty Package: 3rd Faculty Package course (if not taken CHEM1070	0-3
	or 1072 in the 1 st term)	
	Major Required: MATH2010 or 2530, PHYS1122, 1712	7
	Major Elective(s):	
Second Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS2041, 2051, 2061, 2510, 2711	12
	Major Elective(s):	
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS2722, 3011, 3051	7
	Major Elective(s):	
Third Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2 nd term)	6-7
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3-6
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS3022, 3031 (if not taking PHYS4031 in the	7-3
	Fourth Year), 3710 (if not taken in the 1 st term)	
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3-6
Fourth Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS4031 (if not taken PHYS3031 in the Third Year),	4-7
	4610, 4801	
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	6-9

Major Required: PHYS4620, 4802 Major Elective(s): Electives	4 3-9
Total (including Faculty Package):	72

Physics (Astroph	nysics and Particle Physics Stream)	
	Recommended Course Pattern	Units
First Year of Attendance	1 st term Faculty Package: PHYS1111 or 1113, MATH1010, CHEM1070 or 1072 or 3rd Faculty Package course Major Required: Major Elective(s):	9
	2 nd term Faculty Package: 3rd Faculty Package course (if not taken CHEM1070 or 1072 in the 1 st term) Major Required: MATH2010 or 2530, PHYS1122, 1712 Major Elective(s):	0-3 7
Second Year of Attendance	1 st term Major Required: PHYS2041, 2051, 2510, 2711 Major Elective(s):	9
	2 nd term Major Required: PHYS2401, 2520, 2722, 3011 Major Elective(s):	8
Third Year of Attendance	1st term Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2 nd term) Major Elective(s): Elective(s) 2 nd term Major Required: PHYS3022, 3031 (if not taking PHYS4031 in the	6-7 3-6 8-3
	Fourth Year), 3710 (if not taken in the 1 st term), 4802 (if not taking either PHYS4801 or 4802 in the Fourth Year) Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	6
Fourth Year of Attendance	1 st term Major Required: PHYS4031 (if not taken PHYS3031 in the Third Year), 4610, 4801 (if not taken PHYS4802 and not taking PHYS4802 in the 2 nd term)	3-7
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s) 2 nd term	3-6
	Major Required: PHYS4430, 4460, 4470, 4802 (if not taken either PHYS4801 or 4802) Major Elective(s):	9-10
	Total (including Faculty Package):	71

Physics (Computational and Data Physics Stream)		
	Recommended Course Pattern	Units
First Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Faculty Package: PHYS1111 or 1113, MATH1010, CHEM1070 or 1072	9
	or 3rd Faculty Package course	
	Major Required:	
	Major Elective(s):	

	2 nd term	
	Faculty Package: 3rd Faculty Package course (if not taken CHEM1070 or 1072 in the 1st term)	0-3
	Major Required: MATH2010 or 2530, PHYS1122, 1712 Major Elective(s):	7
Second Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS2041, 2051, 2061, 2510, 2711 Major Elective(s):	12
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS2520, 2722, 3011	5
	Major Elective(s):	
Third Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2 nd term)	6-7
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3-6
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS3022, 3031 (if not taking PHYS4031 in the Fourth Year), 3061, 3710 (if not taken in the 1 st term), 4802 (if not taking either PHYS4801 or 4802 in the Fourth Year)	11-6
	Major Elective(s):	
Fourth Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS4031 (if not taken PHYS3031 in the Third Year), 4061, 4610, 4801 (if not taken PHYS4802 and not taking PHYS4802 in the 2 nd term)	6-10
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS4802 (if not taken either PHYS4801 or 4802)	0-1
	Major Elective(s): Electives	9
	Total (including Faculty Package):	71

Physics (Quantum Science and Technology Stream)		
	Recommended Course Pattern	Units
First Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Faculty Package: PHYS1111 or 1113, MATH1010, CHEM1070 or 1072	9
	or 3rd Faculty Package course	
	Major Required:	
	Major Elective(s):	
	2 nd term	
	Faculty Package: 3rd Faculty Package course (if not taken CHEM1070	0-3
	or 1072 in the 1 st term)	
	Major Required: MATH2010 or 2530, PHYS1122, 1712	7
	Major Elective(s):	
Second Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS2041, 2051, 2510, 2711	9
	Major Elective(s):	
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS2520, 2722, 3011	5
	Major Elective(s):	
Third Year of	1 st term	
Attendance	Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2 nd term), 4031	9-10
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3-6

	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS3022, 3710 (if not taken in the 1st term), 4802 (if	3-5
	not taking either PHYS4801 or 4802 in the Fourth	
	Year)	
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	6
Fourth Year	1 st term	
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS4021, 4050, 4610, 4801 (if not taken PHYS4802 and not taking PHYS4802 in the 2 nd term)	9-10
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	3-6
	2 nd term	
	Major Required: PHYS4802 (if not taken either PHYS4801 or 4802)	0-1
	Major Elective(s): Electives	6
	Total (including Faculty Package):	71

Physics — Scien	nce, Technology And Research Stream	
	Recommended Course Pattern	Units
First Year of Attendance		
	2 nd term Faculty Package: 3rd Faculty Package course (if not taken CHEM1070 or 1072 in the 1 st term)	0-3
	4th Faculty Package course Major Required: MATH2010 or 2530, PHYS1122, 1712 Major Elective(s): Summer session	3 7
Second Year	STARS: STAR2050 1st term	1
of Attendance	Major Required: PHYS2041, 2051, 2510, 2711 Major Elective(s): STARS: STAR2000	9 1
	2 nd term Major Required: PHYS2520, 2722, 3011 Major Elective(s): Elective(s) STARS: STAR3050	5 3-6 1
Third Year of Attendance	1 st term Major Required: PHYS3021, 3041, 3710 (if not taking in the 2 nd term) Major Elective(s): Elective(s) STARS: STAR3000	6-7 3-6 2
	2 nd term Major Required: PHYS3022, 3031 (if not taking PHYS4031 in the Fourth Year), 3710 (if not taken in the 1 st term), 4802 (if not taking either PHYS4801 or 4802 in the Fourth Year)	8-3
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s) STARS: STAR4050	6 1
Fourth Year of Attendance	1 st term Major Required: PHYS4031 (if not taken PHYS3031 in the Third Year), 4610, 4801 (if not taken PHYS4802 and not taking PHYS4802 in the 2 nd term)	3-7
	Major Elective(s): Elective(s)	6-9

Total (including Faculty Package):	80
Major Elective(s): PHYS4620 [@] and other Electives	6-9
Major Required: PHYS4802 (if not taken either PHYS4801 or 4802)	0-1
2 nd term	

[@] Students may take PHYS4620 as a substitute for STAR4000.

Minor Programme Title

Physics

Minor Programme Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 18 units of courses as follows:

Units

1. Elective Courses (at least 6 units of PHYS courses at 3000 or above level)[a]:

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PHYS1001[b] or 1002[b][c], 1111[b][c] or 1113[b][c], 1122, 2041[c], 2051[c], 2401, 3011, 3021, 3022, 3023, 3031, 3041, 3051, 3061, 3403, 3420, 3730, 4011, 4021, 4031, 4041, 4050, 4051, 4420, 4430, 4440, 4450, 4460, 4470

Total:

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Explanatory Notes:

- [a] Certain prerequisite/co-requisite conditions for PHYS courses may be waived for Minor students. Intending Minor students should consult the Department of Physics.
- [b] Students can only use PHYS1001 or 1002, PHYS1111 or 1113, but not both in the respective pair, to fulfill the requirements of this Minor Programme.
- [c] Students can take either the PHYS course, or its corresponding equivalent or closely related course (with a maximum of 6 units), as listed below to fulfill the requirement, but not both:

PHYS courses		Equivalent/closely related courses		
PHYS1002	General Physics	PHYS1003	General Physics for Engineers	
PHYS1111/	Introduction to	PHYS1110	Engineering Physics:	
1113	Mechanics, Fluids,		Mechanics and	
	and Waves (University		Thermodynamics	
	Physics I)/			
	Mechanics, Fluids and			
	Waves (University			
	Physics I)			
PHYS2041	University Physics III	ENGG1310 or	Engineering Physics:	
		ENGG2520 or	Electromagnetics, Optics and	
		ESTR1003 or	Modern Physics/	
		ESTR2006	Engineering Physics II	
PHYS2051	Quantitative Methods	MATH2020	Advanced Calculus II	
	for Basic Physics			

	Course List	
Course Code	Course Title	Unit(s)

PHYS1001	Essential Physics	3
PHYS1002	General Physics	3
PHYS1003	General Physics for Engineers	3
PHYS1110	Engineering Physics: Mechanics and Thermodynamics	3
PHYS1111	Introduction to Mechanics, Fluids, and Waves (University Physics I)	3
PHYS1113	Mechanics, Fluids and Waves (University Physics I)	3
PHYS1122	University Physics II – Introduction to Optics and Modern Physics	3
PHYS1712	Physics Laboratory I	1
PHYS2041	University Physics III – Introduction to Heat and Electromagnetism	3
PHYS2051	Quantitative Methods for Basic Physics	3
PHYS2061	Basic Computational Physics	3
PHYS2401	Introduction to Astronomy and Astrophysics	3
PHYS2510	Student Centred Learning I	1
PHYS2520	Student Centred Learning II	1
PHYS2711	Physics Laboratory II	2
PHYS2722	Physics Laboratory III	1
PHYS3011	Classical Mechanics I	3
PHYS3021	Quantum Mechanics I	3
PHYS3022	Applied Quantum Mechanics	3
PHYS3023	Introduction to Quantum Information Physics	3
PHYS3031	Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics	3
PHYS3041	Electromagnetic Theory I	3
PHYS3051	Methods in Theoretical Physics I	3
PHYS3061	Introduction to Computer Simulation of Physical Systems	3
PHYS3403	Introduction to Soft and Living Matter Physics	3
PHYS3410	Practical Electronics	3
PHYS3420	Topics in Contemporary Physics	3
PHYS3630	Other Physics Learning Experience I	1
PHYS3710	Short Experimental Project I	1
PHYS3730	Basic Instrumentation	3
PHYS3810	Short Theoretical Project I	1
PHYS4011	Classical Mechanics II	3
PHYS4021	Quantum Mechanics II	3
PHYS4031	Statistical Mechanics	3
PHYS4041	Electromagnetic Theory II	3
PHYS4050	Solid State Physics	3
PHYS4051	Methods in Theoretical Physics II	3
PHYS4061	Computational Physics	3
PHYS4420	Physics in Meteorology	3
PHYS4430	Astrophysics	3
PHYS4440	Topics in Nanoscience and Technology	3
PHYS4450	Optical Physics	3
PHYS4460	Relativity	3
PHYS4470	Nuclear and Particle Physics	3
PHYS4480	Special Topics I	3

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PHYS4490	Special Topics II	3
PHYS4491	Special Topics III	3
PHYS4492	Special Topics IV	3
PHYS4610	Senior Project I	3
PHYS4620	Senior Project II	3
PHYS4630	Other Physics Learning Experience	2
PHYS4710	Short Experimental Project II	1
PHYS4711	Short Experimental Project III	1
PHYS4712	Short Experimental Project IV	1
PHYS4801	Seminar I	1
PHYS4802	Seminar II	1
PHYS4811	Short Theoretical Project II	1
PHYS4812	Short Theoretical Project III	1
STAR2000	Undergraduate Research in Science I	1
STAR2050	Seminar I	1
STAR3000	Undergraduate Research in Science II	2
STAR3050	Seminar II	1
STAR4000	Undergraduate Research in Science III	3
STAR4050	Seminar III	1