



Fall 1	Credits	Success Marker
MATH 229	4	· Grade of B- or better
CHEM 210	3	
CHEM 212	1	
ENGL 103	3	
COMS 100	3	
PHYS 101 (optional)	1	
Total hours	14-15	

Notes/Comments:

Fall 2	Credits	Success Marker
PHYS 273	4	· Grade of B- or better
MATH 232	4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
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Total hours	14	

Notes/Comments:

Fall 3	Credits	Success Marker
PHYS 300	3	· Grade of C or better
PHYS 320	3	
PHYS 375	4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	16	

Notes/Comments:

Fall 4	Credits	Success Marker
PHYS 460	3	· Apply for graduation (2/1 for May, 6/15 for August, or 9/1 for December)
PHYS 470 and/or PHYS 485 and/or Elective	6	
PHYS 430	4	
PHYS 480 and/or Elective	3	
Total hours	16	

Notes/Comments:

Spring 1	Credits	Success Marker
PHYS 253	4	· Grade of B- or better
MATH 230	4	
CHEM 211	3	
CHEM 213	1	
ENGL 203	3	
Total hours	15	

Notes/Comments:

Spring 2	Credits	Success Marker
PHYS 283	3	· Grade of B- or better
PHYS 284	1	
MATH 336	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	16	

Notes/Comments:

Spring 3	Credits	Success Marker
PHYS 370	3	· Grade of C or better
PHYS 374	3	
PHYS 383	3	
Elective	3	
Elective (300/400 level)	3	
Total hours	15	

Notes/Comments:

Spring 4	Credits	Success Marker
PHYS 461 and/or Elective	3	
PHYS 400 and/or Elective	3	
PHYS 463 and/or Elective	3	
PHYS 434 and/or Elective	3	
PHYS 498 (1) and Elective (3) OR PHYS 499H (3)	3-4	
Total hours	15-16	

Notes/Comments: Students must complete 120 hours to graduate.

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU. Professional Physics majors must take three of PHYS 400, PHYS 410, PHYS 434, PHYS 461, PHYS 463, PHYS 470, PHYS 474, PHYS 477, and PHYS 485. Courses should be selected in consultation with a faculty advisor from the Department of Physics. Transfer students, students who have taken PHYS 210 and PHYS 211 or the equivalent, and students who do not place into MATH 229, should consult a faculty advisors from the Department of Physics.