

## Academic Map: Physics, Biological Physics

**Department:** Physics and Astronomy      **Degree:** BS  
**Program/Major:** Physics  
**Track/Emphasis:** Biological Physics  
**Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No)** No

### Important program information in the online *Undergraduate Bulletin*:

**UCA Core Requirements:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/uca-core/>  
**LD UCA Core Check Sheet:** <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>  
**UD UCA Core Course List:** <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>  
**Degree Requirements:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/>  
**Program Description:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/colleges-departments-programs/college-of-natural-sciences-and-mathematics/department-of-physics-and-astronomy/>  
**Course Descriptions:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/courses/>

**This degree program requires a total of 120 semester credit hours, including at least 40 upper-division credit hours.**

Comparable courses in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) are cross-referenced in the ACTS column of each semester block below; a [core link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) (<https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* UCA Lower-Division Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](#) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* ACTS page (<https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/>) for additional information and a UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

**Scholarship recipients:** Please be aware of eligibility criteria for your scholarship(s). In particular, pay attention to (1) the enrollment requirements each semester for disbursement of your scholarship(s) and (2) the number of hours and GPA required each semester and/or year for renewal of your scholarship(s). Some Academic Maps may suggest enrollment in fewer hours than required for disbursement of your scholarship(s). In such cases, work with your academic advisor to adjust your schedule to meet requirements most efficiently. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (501) 450-3140 with any questions regarding enrollment/renewal requirements of your scholarship(s). For online information resources, see endnote <sup>1</sup>.

### Year 1

#### Fall – Semester 1 (credit hours: 15)<sup>2</sup>

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PHYS	1441	University Physics 1	4	<a href="#">PHYS2034</a>
MATH	1496	Calculus I	4	<a href="#">MATH2405</a>
BIOL	1440	Principles of Biology I	4	<a href="#">BIOL1014</a>
WRTG	1310	Introduction to College Writing	3	<a href="#">ENGL1013</a>

#### Spring – Semester 2 (credit hours: 15)<sup>2</sup>

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PHYS	1442	University Physics 2	4	<a href="#">PHYS2044</a>
MATH	1497	Calculus II	4	<a href="#">MATH2505</a>
BIOL	1441	Principles of Biology II	4	
WRTG ENGL	1320 1320	Academic Writing and Research or Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or Other approved alternative (LD UCA Core: Research/Writing) <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">ENGL1023</a> <a href="#">ENGL1023</a> <a href="#">core link</a>

**Year 2****Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PHYS	2443	University Physics 3	4	
MATH	2471	Calculus III	4	<a href="#">MATH2603</a>
CHEM	1450	College Chemistry I	4	<a href="#">CHEM1414</a>
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>

**Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 17)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
CHEM	1451	College Chemistry II	4	<a href="#">CHEM1424</a>
BIOL	2490	Genetics	4	
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
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**Year 3****Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PHYS	3210	Experiments in Physics 1	2	
CHEM	2401	Organic Chemistry I	4	
WRTG	3310	Technical Writing (UD UCA Core: C)	3	
MATH	4371	Introduction to Probability (UD UCA Core: R)	3	
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>

**Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PHYS	3220	Experiments in Physics 2	2	
PHYS	3343	Thermal Physics	3	
CHEM	3411	Organic Chemistry II	4	
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core <sup>3</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>

**Year 4****Fall – Semester 7 (Credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PHYS	4111	Senior Capstone 1	1	
BIOL	34XX	Upper Division Biology Elective	4	
		General Elective Course <sup>4</sup> (UD UCA Core: D)	3	
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		General Elective Course <sup>4</sup>	3	
		General Elective Course <sup>4</sup>	1	

**Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: 13)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PHYS	4211	Senior Capstone 2 (UD UCA Core: Z)	2	
PHYS	3345	Optics	3	
BIOL	44XX	Upper Division Biology Elective	4	
		General Elective Course <sup>4</sup> (UD UCA Core I)	3	
		General Elective Course <sup>4</sup>	1	

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SIGNED – DEPARTMENT CHAIR

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DATE

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SIGNED – COLLEGE DEAN

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DATE

**To be completed by the advisor when an Eight-Semester plan is accepted by the student:**

If applicable, has student selected a minor? Type “x” as appropriate. \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes

If “yes,” specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> See online information resources for UCA scholarships at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/> and for state scholarships at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/>.

<sup>2</sup> Prior to completion of 30 semester hours, a student must complete a UCA Core course designated as a First-Year Seminar (FYS) in Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living.

<sup>3</sup> See appropriate choices, alternatives, or substitutions under “UCA Core” in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*.

The student will also need to complete major, minor, or general elective courses designated as fulfilling the upper-division and capstone requirements of the UCA Core. See the annotations in this Academic Map, the *Undergraduate Bulletin*, and your academic advisor for courses that fulfill these requirements.

<sup>4</sup> General elective courses must be selected so that a minimum of 40 hours of credit is earned at the 3000 level or above.