Astronomy, B.A.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Before the third semester begins: math through calculus I-II and physics I-II.

Before the fifth semester begins: physics III-IV and at least one more course in the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: three more courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: five more courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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<td>Introductory Astronomy I: Basic Astrophysics and Planetary Astronomy a</td>
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<td>Calculus I a, b</td>
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Primary Year Fall

Spring

ASTR:1772 | Introductory Astronomy II: Stellar, Galactic, and Extragalactic Astronomy | 4 |
MATH:1860 | Calculus II | 4 |

Second Year

Fall

MATH:2700 | Introduction to Linear Algebra c | 4 |
PHYS:2703 | Physics III | 4 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course d | 4 - 5 |
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences e | 3 |

Spring

MATH:2850 | Calculus III c | 4 |
PHYS:2704 | Physics IV | 3 - 4 |
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues e | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course | 4 - 5 |

Third Year

Fall

ASTR:3771 | Introduction to Astrophysics I f | 3 |
PHYS:3756 | Intermediate Laboratory | 3 |
PHYS:3811 | Electricity and Magnetism I | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course d | 4 - 5 |
Elective course g | 1 - 3 |

Spring

ASTR:3772 | Introduction to Astrophysics II f | 3 |
PHYS:3710 | Intermediate Mechanics | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts e | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course d | 4 - 5 |

Fourth Year

Fall

GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion e | 3 |
PHYS:3730 | Statistical Physics | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives e | 3 |
Elective course g | 3 |
Elective course g | 3 |

Spring

ASTR:4850 | Astronomical Laboratory f | 3 |
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture e | 3 |
Elective course g | 3 |
Elective course g | 3 |
Elective course g | 3 |

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Total Hours | 118-127 |

a Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
b Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
While this course is not a major requirement, it is strongly recommended and a prerequisite for many physics and astronomy courses in the department.

Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

Typically this course is offered every other year. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.

Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.