ENGINEERING PHYSICS
UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Engineering Physics (EPHYS)

Completion of the undergraduate program in Engineering Physics leads to the conferral of the Bachelor of Science in Engineering. The subplan “Engineering Physics” appears on the transcript and on the diploma.

Mission of the Undergraduate Program in Engineering Physics

The mission of the undergraduate program in Engineering Physics is to provide students with a strong foundation in physics and mathematics, together with engineering and problem-solving skills. All majors take high-level math and physics courses as well as engineering courses. This background prepares them to tackle complex problems in multidisciplinary areas that are at the forefront of 21st-century technology such as aerospace physics, biophysics, computational science, quantum science & engineering, materials science, nanotechnology, electromechanical systems, renewable energy, and any other engineering field that requires a solid background in physics. Because the program emphasizes science, mathematics, and engineering, students are well prepared to pursue graduate work in engineering, physics, or applied physics.

Requirements

Mathematics

Select one of the following sequences:

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<td>MATH 51 &amp; MATH 52</td>
<td>Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, and Modern Applications</td>
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<td>or CME 102</td>
<td>Ordinary Differential Equations with Linear Algebra</td>
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Science

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Technology in Society

One course required; must be on the School of Engineering Approved List, Fig 4-3 in the UGHB, the year it is taken. See Basic Requirement 4.

Engineering Fundamentals

Two courses minimum (CS 106A or AX or X recommended) | 6-10 |

Engineering Physics Depth (core)

Advanced Mathematics:

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Quantum Mechanics

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Electronics Lab

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Writing in the Major (WIM)

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Numerical Methods

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Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism

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Electrical Engineering

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Physics

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Chemistry

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### Engineering Physics Undergraduate Major

**EE 222 & EE 223**  
Applied Quantum Mechanics I and Applied Quantum Mechanics II

**PHYSICS 130 & PHYSICS 131**  
Quantum Mechanics I and Quantum Mechanics II

**Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics**

**PHYSICS 170 & PHYSICS 171**  
Thermodynamics, Kinetic Theory, and Statistical Mechanics I and Thermodynamics, Kinetic Theory, and Statistical Mechanics II  
3-8 units

or **ME 346A**  
Introduction to Statistical Mechanics

**Design Course**

Select one of the following:  
3-4 units

- **AA 236A**  
Spacecraft Design
- **CS 108**  
Object-Oriented Systems Design
- **EE 234**  
Photonic Laboratory
- **ME 80**  
Mechanics of Materials
- **ME 161**  
Dynamic Systems, Vibrations and Control
- **PHYSICS 108**  
Advanced Physics Laboratory Project

**Specialty Tracks**

See Undergraduate Engineering Handbook for important details.  
Select three courses from one specialty area:  
9-12 units

- **Aerospace Physics**
  - **AA 203**  
Optimal and Learning-based Control
  - **AA 244A**  
Introduction to Plasma Physics and Engineering
  - **AA 251**  
Introduction to the Space Environment
  - **AA 279A**  
Space Mechanics
  - **ME 161**  
Dynamic Systems, Vibrations and Control

- **Biophysics**
  - **APPPHYS 205**  
Introduction to Biophysics
  - **BIO 132**  
Advanced Imaging Lab in Biophysics
  - **BIOE 42**  
Physical Biology
  - **BIOE 44**  
Fundamentals for Engineering Biology Lab
  - **BIOE 101**  
Systems Biology
  - **BIOE 103**  
Systems Physiology and Design
  - **BIOE 123**  
Biomedical System Prototyping Lab
  - **BIOE 211**  
Biophysics of Multi-cellular Systems and Amorphous Computing
  - **BIOE 214**  
Representations and Algorithms for Computational Molecular Biology

- **Computational Science**
  - **CME 212**  
Advanced Software Development for Scientists and Engineers
  - **CME 215A**  
Advanced Computational Fluid Dynamics
  - **CME 215B**  
Advanced Computational Fluid Dynamics
  - Any CME course with course number greater than 300 and less than 390
  - **CS 103**  
Mathematical Foundations of Computing
  - **CS 154**  
Introduction to Automata and Complexity Theory
  - **CS 161**  
Design and Analysis of Algorithms
  - **CS 205L**  
Continuous Mathematical Methods with an Emphasis on Machine Learning
  - **CS 221**  
Artificial intelligence: Principles and Techniques
  - **CS 228**  
Probabilistic Graphical Models: Principles and Techniques
  - **CS 229**  
Machine Learning
  - **STATS 202**  
Data Mining and Analysis

- **Electromechanical System Design**
  - **ME 104**  
Mechanical Systems Design (formerly ME 112)
  - **ME 210**  
Introduction to Mechatronics
  - **ME 346A**  
Introduction to Mechatronics

- **Materials Science**
  - Any MATSCI courses numbered 151 to 199 (except 159Q) or PHYSICS 172

- **Renewable Energy**
  - **CEE 176B**  
100% Clean, Renewable Energy and Storage for Everything
  - **EE 153**  
Power Electronics
  - **EE 155**  
Green Electronics
  - **EE 293B**  
Fundamentals of Energy Processes
  - **MATSCI 156**  
Solar Cells, Fuel Cells, and Batteries: Materials for the Energy Solution
  - **MATSCI 302**  
Solar Cells
  - **MATSCI 316**  
Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology
  - **ME 260**  
Fuel Cell Science and Technology
  - **EE 169**  
Introduction to Bioimaging
  - **EE 219**  
Medical Imaging Systems I

Total Units: 93-119

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1. PHYSICS 67 Introduction to Laboratory Physics (2 units), recommended in place of PHYSICS 44 Electricity and Magnetism Lab.
2. The Engineering Fundamental courses are to be selected from the Basic Requirements 3 list. Fundamentals courses acceptable for the core program may also be used to satisfy the fundamentals requirement as long as 45 unduplicated units of Engineering are taken.
3. Although not required, PHYSICS 59 (https://explorecourses.stanford.edu/search?view=catalog&filter-coursestatus-Active=on&page=0&catalog=&academicYear=&q=physics59&collapse=) (Frontiers in Physics Research, 1 unit) and PHYSICS 91SI (https://explorecourses.stanford.edu/search?view=catalog&filter-coursestatus-Active=on&page=0&catalog=&academicYear=&q=physics91si&collapse=) (Practical Computing for Scientists, 2 units) are highly recommended.
A course may only be counted towards one requirement; it may not be double-counted. All courses taken for the major must be taken for a letter grade if that option is offered by the instructor. Minimum Combined GPA for all courses in Engineering Fundamentals and Depth is 2.0.

For additional information and sample programs see the Handbook for Undergraduate Engineering Programs (UGHB) (http://ughb.stanford.edu).

**Honors Program**

The School of Engineering offers a program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Engineering: Engineering Physics with Honors.

**Honors Criteria**

1. Minimum overall GPA of 3.5.
2. Independent research conducted at an advanced level with a faculty research adviser and documented in an honors thesis. The honors candidate must identify a faculty member who will serve as his or her honors research adviser and a second reader who will be asked to read the thesis and give feedback before endorsing the thesis. One of the two must be a member of the Academic Council and in the School of Engineering.

**Application:** The deadline to apply is November 1 in Autumn Quarter of the senior year. The application documents should be submitted to the Student Services Officer. Applications are reviewed by a subcommittee of the faculty advisers for Engineering Physics majors. Applicants and thesis advisers receive written notification when the application is approved. An application consists of three items:

1. One-page description of the research topic
2. The Honors Application form is available on Engineering Physics (https://ughb.stanford.edu/majors-minors/major-programs/engineering-physics-program) page of the Undergraduate handbook. It must be signed by honors thesis adviser.
3. Unofficial Stanford transcript

**Requirements and Timeline for Honors in Engineering Physics:**

1. Declare the honors program in Axess (ENGR-BSH, Subplan: Engineering Physics)
2. Obtain application form from the student services officer.
3. Apply to honors program by November 1 in the Autumn Quarter of the senior year.
4. Maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.5.
5. Optional: Under direction of the thesis adviser, students may enroll for research units in ENGR 199W Writing of Original Research for Engineers or in departmental courses such as AA 190 Directed Research and Writing in Aero/Astro or ME 191H Honors Research.
6. Submit a completed thesis draft to the research adviser and second reader by April 15.
7. Present the thesis work in an oral presentation or poster session in an appropriate forum (e.g., an event that showcases undergraduate research and is organized by the department of the adviser, the school of the adviser, or the University).
8. Incorporate feedback, which the adviser and second reader should provide by April 30, and obtain final endorsement signatures from the thesis adviser and second reader by May 15.
9. Submit a pdf of the thesis, including the signature page signed by both readers, to the student services officer by May 15. Students are sent email instructions on how to archive a permanent electronic copy in Terman Engineering library.