# B.S., Physics

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 credits

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

## General University Requirements

Complete the general university requirements. ([http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors](http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors))

## General Education Requirements

Complete the general education requirements. ([http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/general-education-requirements](http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/general-education-requirements))

As part of the general education requirements, complete:

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<td>MATH F251X</td>
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## B.S. Degree Requirements

Complete the B.S. degree requirements. ([http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/summary-of-bachelors-degree-reqs/#bachelorofsciencetext](http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/summary-of-bachelors-degree-reqs/#bachelorofsciencetext))

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## Program Requirements

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<td>Classical Physics I: Particle Mechanics</td>
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## Concentrations

Complete one from the following concentrations: 31-40

- Physics
- Applied Physics
- Atmospheric Physics
- Computational Physics
- Technical Management

## Total Credits

71-80

¹ Fulfills the baccalaureate capstone requirement. The capstone project can be done either as individual undergraduate research with a faculty member (PHYS F488) or as an independent study with a faculty member within any F300 or F400-level physics course (PHYS F497) or as participation in the international University Physics Competition. Credits required to fulfill the capstone experience do not count towards credits required to complete the concentration.

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## Concentrations

### PHYSICS

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<td>PHYS F351</td>
<td>Thermal Physics</td>
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<td>Physics Laboratory</td>
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<td>PHYS F421</td>
<td>Quantum Mechanics</td>
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Select 6 credits from the following:

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<td>Advanced Topics in Physics I: Nuclear and Particle Physics</td>
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<td>Advanced Topics in Physics II: Planetary Atmospheres</td>
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**Total Credits** 31

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APPLIED PHYSICS

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2. The credits must be in a chosen subject area and approved before the beginning of the student’s final semester by the head of the physics department.

ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS

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<td>ATM F401 Introduction to Atmospheric Sciences</td>
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2. The credits must be in a chosen subject area and approved before the beginning of the student’s final semester by the head of the physics department.

COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS

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<td>CS F201 Computer Science I</td>
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TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

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<td>STAT F200X Elementary Probability and Statistics</td>
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<td>Physics credits at the F300 level or above</td>
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<td>BA F325 Financial Management</td>
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<td>BA F330 The Legal Environment of Business</td>
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1. Recommended courses include MATH F314, MATH F421 and MATH F422.
2. Students must take ACCT F261X, MATH F253X and PHYS F220 before taking these courses; or have permission of the MBA director. The School of Management agrees that such students will be allowed to register for these courses.
3. Students can be required to earn a B grade or higher if applying for the MBA program.

Note: Other courses suggested to fulfill minimum credit requirements: ES F201 and ES F307.

Note: Must exclude PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X from core curriculum natural science requirement.

Requirements for physics teachers (grades 7-12)

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

Program Requirements

Complete all the requirements of the B.S. degree

All prospective physics teachers must complete the following:

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<td>PHYS F211X General Physics I</td>
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<td>PHIL F481 Philosophy of Science</td>
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Note: We strongly recommend that prospective secondary science teachers seek advising from the UAF School of Education early in your undergraduate degree program, so that you can be appropriately advised of the State of Alaska requirements for teacher licensure. Apply for admission to the UAF School of Education’s postbaccalaureate teacher preparation program, a one-year intensive program, during your senior year.