## **Program of Physics for International Students (2019)**

#### I. Introduction

Physics is one of the oldest disciplines of natural science based on experiments, which involves the studies of motions of objects ranging from subatomic to cosmic levels, and the exploring of interactions and transformations of substances. It keeps developing as human explores the Nature. Until the 17th century, the Newtonian mechanics had been established, and the laws of motion of various objects including celestial bodies were well understood. In the late 19th century, physics became a systematic and rigorous discipline that contains mechanics, thermodynamics, electromagnetism, optics, etc., known as classic physics nowadays. The modern physics was developed at the beginning of the 20th century with the establishment of relativity and quantum mechanics. Significant breakthroughs in exploring the fundamental structure of the universe were made that greatly facilitated the development of technology and pushed forward the frontier of human cognition. However, the exploration of nature is far from complete. Many fundamental problems were still not being solved, such as the motion law of celestial objects in cosmic level, a more fundamental structure of elementary particles, and the physics laws of complex and strongly correlated macroscopic materials.

Physics is closely related to many other natural science disciplines. It has been a driving force to various of subjects including mathematics, chemistry, biology, geology, materials science, and information science. In addition, physics also makes great contributions to the revolutions of new technology arising from the theoretical breakthroughs, including nuclear energy, semiconductor, superconductor, laser, aerospace industry, etc. In short, physics plays a very important role in our economy and daily life. Progresses in areas such as fusion energy, novel semiconductor materials, high temperature superconductivity, nanomaterials and quantum information are expected in the foreseeable future, and these progresses will lead to the developments of many other new areas of science and technology.

Physics Department at Southern University of Science and Technology, was established in 2011. It is one of the five earliest departments in SUSTech. At present, its research fields include quantum transport and regulation, surface physics, materials physics, computational physics, condensed matter theory, quantum information and quantum computation, high energy physics and astrophysics (in planning), etc.

#### **II. Objectives and Learning Outcomes**

### (1) Training objectives

The major provides systematic physics training for students, making them ready for advanced study and frontier research in physics and interdisciplinary disciplines in the future, as well as R&D, production, teaching and management in industrial departments, scientific research institutes and educational departments.

#### (2) Training requirements

Graduates should meet the requirements of the Ministry of Education on the ideological and political theory and moral education of undergraduates, have certain humanistic literacy and social science knowledge, and meet the following professional training requirements:

- 1. Solid Mathematical Foundation
- 2. Systematically and comprehensively grasping the basic theories of Physics
- 3. Familiar with physics experiment methods and skills
- 4. Understanding the frontiers and developments of physics or related majors
- 5. Abundant knowledge of physics and flexible application of physical theory
- 6. Scientific Spirit, Innovative Awareness and Preliminary Scientific Research Ability
- 7. Basic knowledge background of related science and Engineering Majors
- 8. Basic computer programming, application and numerical computing capabilities
- 9. Ability to consult English documents, write papers and communicate academically
- 10. Good oral skills and teamwork spirit

### **III. Study Length and Graduation Requirements**

Study length: Four years

Degree conferred: Bachelor of Science degree

The minimum credit requirement for graduation: 133 credits (not including English courses);

Category	Module	Minimum Credit Requirement		
General Education (GE)	Science	31		
Required Courses	Physical Education	4		
(51 credits)	Chinese Languages & Culture	16		
0 151 ( (05) 51 (	Humanities	4		
General Education (GE) Elective	Social Sciences	4		
Courses (10 gradita)	Arts	2		
(10 credits)	Science	0		
	Major Foundational Courses	26		
Major Course	Major Core Courses	19		
Major Course	Major Elective Courses	17		
(72 credits)	Research Projects, Internship and Undergraduate Thesis /Projects	10		
Total (not including English cour	Total (not including English courses)			

### IV. Discipline

**Physics** 

### **V. Main Courses**

General Physics B (I) and (II), Modern Optics, Atomic Physic, Mathematical Methods in Physics, Analytical Mechanics, Electrodynamics I and II, Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics I, Statistical Mechanics II, Introduction to Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Mechanics II, Introduction to Solid State Physics, Introduction to Computational Physics.

## **VI. Practice-Based Courses**

See Table 3.

# VII. Pre-requisites for Major Declaration

Major Declaration Time	Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisite
	PHY103B	General Physics B (I)	
	PHY105B	General Physics B (II)	PHY103B
Declare major at the end of First Year	MA101B	Calculus I A	
	MA102B	Calculus II A	MA101B
	MA107A	Linear Algebra A	
	PHY203-15	Mathematical Methods in Physics	MA102B, PHY105B, MA107A
	PHY205-15	Analytical Mechanics	PHY105B
Declare major at the	PHY207-15	Electrodynamics I	PHY203-15
Declare major at the end of Second Year	PHY204	Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics I	PHY105B
	PHY206-15	Introduction to Quantum Mechanics	PHY203-15, PHY205-15
	PHY210	Atomic Physics	PHY105B
	PHY201-15	Physics Laboratory II	PHY103B
	PHY202	Physics Laboratory III	PHY103B

Annotation 1: PHY103B " General Physics B (I)" and PHY105B " General Physics B (II)" can be replaced by PHY103A " General Physics A (I)" and PHY105A " General Physics A (II)" respectively.

Annotation 2: MA101B " Calculus I A " and MA102B " Calculus II A " can be replaced by MA101a " Mathematical Analysis I " and MA102a " Mathematical Analysis II " respectively, and the revision of " Mathematical Analysis III" still needs to be completed after entering the Physics major.

## **VIII. Requirements for GE Required Courses**

### (I) Science Module

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	Language Instruction	Prerequisite	Dept
MA101B	Calculus I A	4		4	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	MATH
MA102B	Calculus II A	4		4	Spr/Fall	B/E	MA101B	MATH
MA107A	Linear Algebra A	4		4	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	MATH
PHY103B	General Physics B (I)	4		4	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	PHY
PHY105B	General Physics B (II)	4		4	Spr/Fall	B/E	PHY103B	PHY
CH101B	General Chemistry B	3		3	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	CHEM
BIO102B	Introduction to Life Science	3		3	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	BIO
CS102B	Introduction to Computer Programming B	3	1	4	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	CSE
PHY104B	Experiments of Fundamental Physics	2	2	4	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	PHY
	Total	31	3	34				

Annotation 1: The B-level course of General Physics can be replaced by the A-level course of General Physics.

Annotation 2: The A-level course of Calculus can be replaced by Mathematical Analysis (I-III).

Annotation 3: Other general courses of computer, chemistry and biology can also be replaced by higher-level courses. Among them, it is suggested to take Introduction to Computer Programming A for subsequent major elective courses. The credit increase of general courses caused by curriculum replacement cannot replace the credits of Major Required Courses and Elective Courses. Students majoring in physics still need to complete the minimum requirements of compulsory and optional courses in accordance with the regulations.

# (II) Physical Education

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	Language Instruction	Prerequisite	Dept	
GE131	Physical Education I	1		2	1/Fall	С	NA		
GE132	Physical Education II	1		2	1/Spr	С	NA	PE	
GE231	Physical Education III	1		2	2/Fall	С	NA	Center	
GE232	Physical Education IV	1		2	2/Spr	С	NA		
	Total	4		8					

### (III) Chinese Languages & Culture

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Hours/week	Term	Language Instruction	Prerequisite	Dept
CLE008	Elementary Chinese I	2	4	1/Fall	В	NA	
CLE009	Elementary Chinese II	2	4	1/Spr	В	CLE008	
CLE027	Intermediate Chinese I	2	4	2/Fall	В	CLE009	CLE
CLE028	Intermediate Chinese II	2	4	2/Spr	В	CLE027	CLE
CLE031	Advanced Chinese I	2	4	3/Fall	В	CLE028	
CLE032	Advanced Chinese II	2	4	3/Spr	В	CLE031	
CLE033	Chinese Culture	2	2	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	CLE/
CLE034	Chinese History	2	2	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	HUM/ SSC
	Total	16	28				

## (IV) English Language

All students are required to undertake the English Placement Test before selecting courses, based on which students will be assigned to 3 levels to be ready for the courses with English as the instruction language.

SUSTech English III, English for Academic Purposes are required for Level A.

SUTech English II, SUSTech English III, English for Academic Purposes for Level B.

SUSTech English I, SUSTech English II, SUSTech English III, English for Academic for Level C.

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Hours/week	Instruction Language	Prerequisite	Dept
CLE021	SUSTech English I	4	4	Е	NA	
CLE022	SUSTech English II	4	4	Е	CLE021	CLE
CLE023	SUSTech English III	4	4	Е	CLE022	CLE
CLE030	English for Academic Purposes	2	2	Е	CLE023	

# **IX Requirements for GE Elective Courses**

(I) Students are required to complete 4 credits for the Humanities Module and Social Sciences Module respectively, and 2 credits for the Music and Art Module. (Information about the available courses and the instruction language will be announced before the course selection session)

## X. Major Course Arrangement

**Table 1: Major Required Course (Foundational and Core Courses)** 

Course Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	take the course Advised term to	Instruction language	Prerequisite	Dept.
	PHY203-15	Mathematical Methods in Physics①	4		4	Fall	2/Fall	В	MA102B, PHY105B, MA107A	PHY
	PHY205-15	Analytical Mechanics	3		3	Fall	2/Fall	С	PHY105B	PHY
Majo	PHY207-15	Electrodynamics I	3		3	Fall	2/Fall	С	PHY203-15	PHY
r Fou	PHY201-15	Physics Laboratory II	2	2	4	Fall	2/Fall	В	PHY103B	PHY
ndati	PHY202	Physics Laboratory III	2	2	4	Spr	2/Spr	В	PHY103B	PHY
Major Foundational Courses	PHY204	Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics I	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	В	PHY105B	PHY
ourses	PHY206-15	Introduction to Quantum Mechanics	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	С	PHY203-15, PHY205-15	PHY
	PHY208	Electrodynamics II	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	С	PHY207-15	PHY
	PHY210	Atomic Physics	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	Е	PHY105B	PHY
		Total	26	4	30					
	PHY301	Physics Laboratory IV	3	3	6	Fall	3/Fall	В	PHY103B	PHY
	PHY305	Quantum Mechanics II	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	С	PHY206-15	PHY
Maj	PHY303	Statistical Mechanics II	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	В	PHY204	PHY
or Co	PHY307	Modern Optics	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	В	PHY105B	PHY
Major Core Courses	PHY321-15	Introduction to Solid State Physics	4		4	Fall	3/Fall	В	PHY206-15	PHY
rses	PHY336	Introduction to Computational Physics	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	С	CS102B, PHY204, PHY321-15	PHY
		Total	19	3	15					
	PHY480	Research Projects②	2	2	4					PHY
Practice-based Courses	PHY490	Undergraduate Thesis/Projects	8	8	16				_	PHY
based ses	Total		10	10	20					
	Total		55	17	65					

Annotation①: students can exempt from "Mathematical Methods in Physics" if they get credits of both "Partial Differential Equations" (MA303) and "Complex Analysis" (MA202). The actual credit of two courses is included into the total Major Required Course, and it is no longer calculated by the Major Elective Course.

Annotation②: Students can start their Research Project at terms after the first academic year. The minimum credit hours of the project are 64.

**Table 2: Major Elective Courses** 

_	Table 2. Wajor Liective Courses												
Course Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	take the course Advised term to	Instruction	Prerequisite	Dept.			
	MA109	Advanced Linear Algebra	4		4	Spr	1/Spr	В	MA107A	MATH			
	MA212	Probability and Statistics	3		3	Fall/Spr	2/Fall	В	MA102B	MATH			
Mat	MA202	Complex Analysis	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	В	MA203a, MA213	MATH			
Mathematics	MA201b	Ordinary Differential Equations B	4		4	Fall/Spr	2/Spr	В	MA102B	MATH			
ics	MA303	Partial Differential Equations	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	C/ E/ B	MA201a	MATH			
	MA305	Numerical Analysis	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	С	MA203a, MA213	MATH			
	CS205	C/C++ Program Design	3	1	4	Fall/Spr	2/Fall	Е		CSE			
ငွ	CS203B	Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis B	3	1	4	Fall	2/Fall	В	CS102A	CSE			
Computer	CS303B	Artificial Intelligence B	3	1	4	Fall	3/Fall	В	CS102B, CS203B, MA212	CSE			
	CS405	Machine Learning	3	1	4	Fall	4/Fall	В	MA107A, MA212	CSE			
	ME102	CAD and Engineering Drawing	3	1.5	4.5	Fall/Spr	1/Spr	С		ME			
Mechanical & Electronic	EE104	Fundamentals of Electric Circuits	2		2	Spr	1/Spr	В	MA102B, MA107A or MA107B	EE			
al & E	EE201-17	Analog Circuits	3		3	Fall	2/Fall	С	PHY105B, EE104	EE			
ectro	EE201-17L	Analog Circuits Laboratory	1	1	2	Fall	2/Fall	С	EE201-17	EE			
onic	EE202-17	Digital Circuits	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	С	PHY105B	EE			
	EE202-17L	Digital Circuits Laboratory	1	1	2	Spr	2/Spr	С	EE202-17	EE			
	ESS314	Fundamentals of Plasma Physics	4		4	Fall	3/Fall	Е	PHY203-15	ESS			
	MAE303	Fluid Mechanics	4		4	Fall	3/Fall	Е	MA102B, PHY105B	MAE			
	MAE304	Elasticity	4		4	Spr	3/Spr	С	MAE203 MAE202	MAE			
	PHY445	Quantum Optics	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	В	PHY206-15	PHY			
Physic	PHY435	Advanced Quantum Mechanics	4		4	Fall	4/Fall	Е	PHY206-15	PHY			
Physical Theory	PHY437	Group Theory for Physicists	4		4	Fall	4/Fall	С	PHY206-15, MA107A	PHY			
уry	PHY443	Introduction to Quantum Field Theory	4		4	Fall	4/Fall	Е	PHY305, PHY205-15, MA107A	PHY			
	PHY441	Quantum Information	3		3	Fall	4/Fall	Е	PHY206-15	PHY			
	PHY431	Quantum Transport Theories	3		3	Spr	4/Spr	В	PHY321-15, PHY305	PHY			
	PHY439	General Relativity: from Black Holes to Cosmology	3		3	Spr	4/Spr	Е	MA107A, PHY205-15	PHY			

	PHY442	Quantum Computation	3		3	Spr	4/Spr	Е	PHY206-15	PHY
	PHY330	Solid Optoelectronics	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	Е	PHY206-15, PHY307	PHY
₽	PHY332-15	Surface Physics	4		4	Spr	3/Spr	В	PHY321-15	PHY
nysical	PHY324	Laser Fundamentals	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	С	PHY307, PHY210	PHY
Exper	PHY326-15	Semiconductor Physics and Devices	4		4	Spr	3/Spr	В	PHY321-15	PHY
imen	PHY328	Low Temperature Physics	3	1	4	Spr	3/Spr	В	PHY204	PHY
Physical Experiments and Applications	PHY423-15	Physics of Thin Films	3		3	Fall	4/Fall	Е	PHY321-15, PHY204	PHY
Applic	PHY425	Modern Techniques in Materials Characterization	3	1	4	Fall	4/Fall	В	PHY206-15	PHY
ations	PHY427	Introduction to Microelectronic Fabrication	2	1	3	Fall	4/Fall	Е	CH101B, PHY105B	PHY
	PHY429	Advanced Electron Microscopy	3	1	4	Fall	4/Fall	Е	PHY321-15	PHY
Ph.	PHYS001	Open Physics Laboratory I	1	1	8	Smr	1/Smr	В		PHY
ysics ( evelop	PHY221	Open Physics Laboratory II	1	1	2	Fall	2/Fall	В		PHY
compre	GE351	Scientific Literature and Writing	1		1	Fall	3/Fall	С		GE
Physics Comprehensive Development courses	PHYS002	Lectures on selected Frontiers in Physics	2		8	Smr	3/Smr	С	PHY105B	PHY
s ve	PHY433	Condensed Matter Physics Forum	3		3	Fall	4/Fall	В	PHY105B	PHY
₽	PHYS003	Numerical Algorithms in Physics	1		4	Smr	3/Smr	С	PHY321-15, MA305 or PHY336	PHY
Dynamic Course of Sum	PHYS004	Energy transfer in photosynthesis and molecular crystals	1		4	Smr	3/Smr	С		PHY
ourse c	PHYS005	Crystal Structures and Symmetry Groups	1		4	Smr	3/Smr	С		PHY
of Sur	PHYS006	Science and Society	1		4	Smr	3/Smr	С		PHY
mmer semester	PHYS007	Introduction to differential geometry	1		4	Smr	3/Smr	С	MA102B, MA107A, PHY208	PHY
ester	PHYS008	Frontier of Quantum Information Science	1		4	Smr	3/Smr	В	PHY206-15	PHY
	PHYS009	Semiconductor Quantum Technologies	1		4	Smr	3/Smr	В	PHY206-15, PHY321-15	PHY
		Total	127	13.5	176.5					
۸	tation 4. Objections		,							0. 0.1

Annotation 1: Students should report their schemes of major selective courses before the second week, the first term of the third academic year after confirming with their academic advisors. The minimum credit requirement of major elective course is 17.

Annotation 2: The courses whose course codes start with PHYS are summer semester courses. Dynamic course of summer semester may be changed depending on the situation.

Annotation 3: Major elective courses of specific semesters may be changed according to the situation. The number of major elective courses may increase with the development of curriculum construction.

Annotation 4: Students can study mathematics, computer, electronics, chemistry, materials and other courses according to the advice of academic advisors. The credits obtained can be applied for the credits certification of major elective courses in Physics.

**Table 3: Overview of Practice-Based Courses** 

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	take the course Advised term to	Instruction language	Prerequisite	Dept.
ME102	CAD and Engineering Drawing	3	1.5	4.5	Spr& Fall	1/Spr	С		ME
PHYS001	Open Physics Laboratory I	1	1	8	Smr	1/Smr	В		PHY
PHY201-15	Physics Laboratory II	2	2	4	Fall	2/Fall	В	PHY103B	PHY
PHY221	Open Physics Laboratory II	1	1	2	Fall	2/Fall	В		PHY
EE201-17L	Analog Circuits Laboratory	1	1	2	Fall	2/Fall	С	EE201-17	EE
EE202-17L	Digital Circuits Laboratory	1	1	2	Spr	2/Spr	С	EE202-17	EE
PHY202	Physics Laboratory III	2	2	4	Spr	2/Spr	В	PHY103B	PHY
PHY301	Physics Laboratory IV	3	3	6	Fall	3/Fall	В	PHY103B	PHY
PHY328	Low Temperature Physics Laboratory	3	1	4	Spr	3/Spr	В	PHY204	PHY
PHY425	Modern Techniques in Materials Characterization Laboratory	3	1	4	Fall	4/Fall	В	PHY206-15	PHY
PHY427	Introduction to Microelectronic fabrication Laboratory	2	1	3	Fall	4/Fall	E	CH101B, PHY105B	PHY
PHY429	Advanced Electron Microscopy Laboratory	3	1	4	Fall	4/Fall	Е	PHY321-15	PHY
PHY480	Research Projects①	2	2	4					PHY
PHY490	Undergraduate Thesis	8	8	16					PHY
	Total	35	26.5	67.5					

Annotation ①: Students can start their Research Projects at terms after the first academic year. The minimum credit hours of each project are 64.

**Table 4: Overview of Course Hours and Credits** 

Course Category	Total Course Hours	Total Credits	Credit Requirements	Percentage of the Total*
/General Education (GE) Required Courses (not including English courses)	864	51	51	38.4%
General Education (GE) Elective Courses		1	10	7.5%
Major Foundational Courses	480	26	26	19.5%
Major Core Courses	352	19	19	14.3%
Major Elective Courses	2248	127	17	12.8%
Research Projects, Internship and Undergraduate Thesis/Projects	320	10	10	7.5%
Total (not including English courses)	4264	233	133	1

<sup>\*</sup> Percentage of the total= Credit requirements of each line / Total credit requirements

# **Curriculum Structure of Physics**

