HONOURS BSC IN PHYSICS / BASC IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Physics

Why is our world the way it is? How can we understand and explain what we observe around us, from the smallest sub-atomic particles to the largest galaxies? How can we apply this understanding to manipulate our world? Studying physics gives insight into the fundamental laws of nature.

But an education in physics gives so much more. The rigorous training our students receive in analyzing and understanding complex problems is valuable in many future careers. While many of our graduates have established careers in universities and in the high tech sector as research and development scientists, others have used their physics degrees as a springboard to careers in finance, administration, medicine, management or education. The range of career opportunities is perhaps wider than for any other students with a science education.

Physicists have revolutionized the way we live our lives, with groundbreaking discoveries and new technologies, transferable to other fields such as biology or finance. Our professors and graduates are an important part of this chain. Many of our professors have also been recognized for their teaching and are seen as world-class researchers in their fields of expertise.

The research conducted by the professors in the Department of Physics is concentrated in several sub-specialties, including the physics of biological and complex systems, condensed matter physics, photonics and the physics of geomaterials. Depending upon your choice of program, you have the opportunity to take courses and participate in research projects in these specialized areas.

In addition to the Honours BSc in Physics, we offer three other Honours BSc programs. The first is in physics-mathematics, which provides enriched mathematics training within a physics program. The second is the option in photonics, which gives students a solid training in physics and a more applied and industry-related training in photonics. The third is the option in biological physics, which teaches students to apply a rigorous education in physics to various areas of life sciences. We also offer a Major in Physics that can form the core of an Honours BSc when combined with a major or a minor in another discipline in the Faculty of Science, or in another faculty. Finally, starting in fall 2016, we will offer a five-year integrated program in physics (BSc) and electrical engineering (BASC), jointly with the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (SEECS). This unique program will offer a full education in physics and electrical engineering. Graduates will be sought after by industry and academia, as they will have the capacity to develop technology from a basic physics idea to the final product.

The Department of Physics also has strong graduate programs, leading to an MSc or PhD. They give students the opportunity to work on cutting edge science in a research group led by one or more department professors.

Electrical Engineering

Electrical engineering is at the heart of today’s exciting advances in technology. With five technical specializations—communications, systems, electronics, microwave and photonic, and power and sustainable energy—our curriculum will enable you to influence how the world communities communicate, generate sustainable energy and heal diseases. As an electrical engineer, you will work with other engineers or scientists on emerging technologies.

The option of Engineering Management will prepare you with necessary skills to pursue entrepreneurial activities and start your own technology-related business. The double degree program—BSc in Electrical Engineering and BSc in Computing Technology—will put you at the intersection of the two areas that propel the waves of technological development.

This program is offered in English and in French. Some advanced course are only offered in English.

Program Requirements

The extended French stream is available with this program.

Co-operative education is available with this program.

Compulsory First-Year Courses:

- CHM 1311 Principles of Chemistry 3 Units
- GNG 1103 Engineering Design 3 Units
- GNG 1106 Fundamentals of Engineering Computation 3 Units
- ITI 1100 Digital Systems I 3 Units
- MAT 1320 Calculus I 3 Units
- MAT 1322 Calculus II 3 Units
- MAT 1341 Introduction to Linear Algebra 3 Units
- PHY 1121 Fundamentals of Physics I 3 Units
- PHY 1122 Fundamentals of Physics II 3 Units

Compulsory Second-Year Courses:

- CEG 2136 Computer Architecture I 3 Units
- ELG 2136 Electronics I 3 Units
- ELG 2137 Circuit Theory II 3 Units
- ELG 2138 Circuit Theory I 3 Units
- ENG 1112 Technical Report Writing 3 Units
- GNG 2101 Introduction to Product Development and Management for Engineers and Computer Scientists 3 Units
- MAT 2322 Calculus III for Engineers 3 Units
- MAT 2384 Ordinary Differential Equations and Numerical Methods 3 Units
- PHY 2311 Waves and Optics 3 Units
- PHY 2323 Electricity and Magnetism 3 Units
- PHY 2333 Mechanics 3 Units
- PHY 2361 Modern Physics 3 Units

Compulsory Third-Year Courses:

- CEG 3136 Computer Architecture II 3 Units
- ELG 3106 Electromagnetic Engineering 3 Units
- ELG 3125 Signal and System Analysis 3 Units
- ELG 3126 Random Signals and Systems 3 Units
- ELG 3136 Electronics II 3 Units
- ELG 3137 Fundamentals of Semiconductor Devices 3 Units
- ELG 3155 Introduction to Control Systems 3 Units
- ELG 3175 Introduction to Communication Systems 3 Units

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ELG 3316  Electric Machines and Power Systems  3 Units
3 course units of complementary studies electives  3 Units

Compulsory Fourth-Year Courses:

ELG 2911  Professional Practice in Information Technology and Engineering  3 Units
PHY 3341  Theoretical Physics  3 Units
PHY 3350  Thermodynamics  3 Units
PHY 3355  Statistical Thermodynamics  3 Units
PHY 3370  Introductory Quantum Mechanics  3 Units
ELG 4912  Electrical Engineering Design Project: Part I  3 Units
ELG 4913  Electrical Engineering Design Project: Part II  3 Units
3 course units from:

HIS 2129  Technology, Society and Environment Since 1800
PHI 2394  Scientific Thought and Social Values

6 course units in electrical engineering (ELG) or computer engineering (CEG) at the 4000 level to be selected from the list below according to the chosen option

3 optional course units in mathematics (MAT) at the 2000, 3000 or 4000 level, excluding MAT 2379  3 Units

Compulsory Fifth-Year Courses:

PHY 4006  Physics Research Project  6 Units
PHY 4370  Quantum Mechanics  3 Units
PHY 4382  Introduction to Solid State Physics  3 Units
12 course units in electrical engineering (ELG) or computer engineering (CEG) at the 4000 level to be selected from the list below according to the chosen option

6 optional course units in physics (PHY) at the 4000 or 5000 level  6 Units
3 course units of complementary studies elective  3 Units

One option from the following:

Option 1: Communications
ELG 4118  Wave Propagation and Antennas
ELG 4139  Electronics III
ELG 4156  Linear Systems
ELG 4176  Communication Systems
ELG 4177  Digital Signal Processing
ELG 4179  Wireless Communication Fundamentals

Option 2: Systems Engineering
CEG 4158  Computer Control in Robotics
ELG 4137  Principles and Applications of VLSI Design
ELG 4156  Linear Systems
ELG 4157  Modern Control Engineering
ELG 4159  Integrated Control Systems
ELG 4177  Digital Signal Processing

Option 3: Electronics
ELG 4115  Microwave Circuits
ELG 4117  Optoelectronics and Optical Components
ELG 4137  Principles and Applications of VLSI Design
ELG 4139  Electronics III
ELG 4176  Communication Systems
ELG 4177  Digital Signal Processing

Option 4: Microwave and Photonic Engineering

ELG 4115  Microwave Circuits
ELG 4117  Optoelectronics and Optical Components
ELG 4118  Wave Propagation and Antennas
ELG 4139  Electronics III
ELG 4178  Optical Communications and Networking
ELG 4179  Wireless Communication Fundamentals

Option 5: Power and Sustainable Energy
ELG 4125  Electric Power Transmission, Distribution and Utilization
ELG 4126  Sustainable Electrical Power Systems
ELG 4139  Electronics III
ELG 4157  Modern Control Engineering
ELG 4159  Integrated Control Systems
ELG 4179  Wireless Communication Fundamentals

Total:  159 Units

Note(s)

1 For a complete list of course units of complementary studies electives, consult the Faculty of Engineering's website.
2 One of these courses is recommended: (MAT 2141 or MAT 2342) or (MAT 2371 or MAT 2377).
3 Students in the Power and Sustainability Option must take PHY 4324, which may need to be taken in the winter of the fourth year.