**Physics Major: Foundation**  
(August 2017)

For students enrolling in Math 110, 114, or above in the fall of the first year

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See *Physics Major: Options* for required and suggested coursework in Years 3 and 4

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* Students are strongly encouraged to take this course by the end of their sophomore year.

† Two-credit course

‡ These courses may be taken in either order.

(...) One of the courses given in parentheses should be taken.

* Recommended, but not required for the Major.

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1. Students who wish to take courses without the prerequisites must petition the Physics Department.

2. If language proficiency is met with fewer courses than shown, additional electives may be chosen.
Physics Major: Options
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Note: All Options require Senior Seminar: Physics 490 and 491 (two credits each)

Physics: Physics 310, 315†, 316†, 320, 330, 340, 350; one Selective*

Year 3: Physics 310
       Physics 320
       Physics 315†
       Physics 350
       Physics 490†

Year 4: Physics 315†
       Physics 330
       Physics 320
       Physics 340
       Physics 350

Mathematics: Physics 310, 320, 350; one Selective; 8 units in both Physics and Math/CS above 300

Year 3: Physics 310
       (Physics 320/Math-CS)
Year 4: (Math-CS/Physics 320)
       Physics 315†
       Physics 350
       Physics 490†

Chemistry: Physics 310, 320; 330 or 350; 340 or Chem 305; Chemistry 120 or 130; 220, 221, and 240

Year 3: Physics 310
       Chem I
       (Physics 320)
Year 4: Chem III
       Physics 490†
       (Physics 320)
       (Physics 350/Physics 330)*

Geology: Physics 310; 320 or 330; one Selective*; Geo 105, 225, 235; 245 or one 300-level Geo course

Year 3: Physics 310
       [Physics 320]
       Geology 105
       [Physics 320]
Year 4: [Physics 320]
       Physics 490†
       Geology 225
       [Geology 245]

Education: Physics 320, three Selectives*; Ed 201, 205, one 300-level Education course

Year 3: Physics 320
       Ed 201
Year 4: [Ed 314†]
       Physics 490†
       [Physics Selective*]

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*A “Physics Selective” is a course from the 260/360 series, or any 300-level physics course not otherwise required for the Option.
†A two-credit course.
‡Recommended courses for the eight Physics units above 300 required for the Math Option.
★Physics 350 is only offered in the fall; Physics 330 is only offered in the spring.
#Strongly recommended course, but not required for the Option.
(...) Only one of the courses given in parentheses is required for the Option.
(...) Course sequences listed in curly brackets may be taken in either junior or senior year.
[...] A course listed in square brackets may be taken at any time.
### Combined Plan (3-2 Program)
#### Physical Sequence

(August 2017)

**Note:** Prospective 3-2 students must place into Math 110, 114 or above

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**Notes:**
1. Econ 101 is required to qualify for Columbia’s guaranteed admission.
2. Students are encouraged to take Math 341: Ordinary Differential Equations.
3. Students considering Electrical or Biomedical Engineering should take Physics 262: Electronics.

*All interested students are urged to meet with the 3-2 Liaison Officer before the end of sophomore year.*

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* A course from the 260/360 series, or any 300-level physics course not otherwise required for the 3-2 Program.
† Two-credit course
‡ Students should complete both these courses by the end of sophomore year.
§ These courses may be taken in either order.
(...) One of the courses given in parentheses should be taken.
(...) Courses in curly brackets are not actually required of 3-2 students, but are strongly recommended since they allow for an easy transition into the physics major should the student decide not to continue in the 3-2 program.