Physics Education

Department Information

- **Department Location:** Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Family Life, 4-H Center
- **Department Phone:** 701-231-7921
- **Credential Offered:** B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:** bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/physics-education/#planofstudytext

Major Requirements

**Major: Physics Education**

**Degree Type:** B.A. or B.S.

**Required Degree Credits to Graduate:** 122

**University Degree Requirements**

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
   a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
   b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/) section of this Bulletin.

**University General Education Requirements**

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* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.
† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.
A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext).

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Degree Requirements and Notes

- See School of Education (https://www.ndsu.edu/education/) for admission requirements.
- Courses taken P/F may not be used to satisfy any requirements.
- A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in all professional education courses.
- To be placed in student teaching, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required.
- To exit the program, a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework is required as well as completing the Praxis Subject test and the Principles of Learning and Teaching test.
- Adding Mathematics as an additional teacher licensure area can be accomplished with 6 additional credit hours. See your academic advisor for details.