**PHYSICS (COURSE 8)**

Department of Physics (https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/science/physics/#undergraduatetext)

**Bachelor of Science in Physics (Focused Option)**

**General Institute Requirements (GIRs)**
The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

**Summary of Subject Requirements**

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**Physical Education Requirement**

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

**Departmental Program**

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

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Two subjects in the Department of Physics in addition to those listed above, including at least one of the following: $^3$

- 8.07 Electromagnetism II
- 8.08 Statistical Physics II
- 8.09 Classical Mechanics III

Units in Major: 174

Unrestricted Electives: 48

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs: (36)

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree: 186

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

1. 18.032 Differential Equations is also an acceptable option.

2. A thesis of 12 units is required. Not more than 30 units of thesis credit may be included in the minimum units beyond the General Institute Requirements required for the SB degree.

3. Subject descriptions identify subjects that cannot be used for this purpose.

**Bachelor of Science in Physics (Flexible Option)**

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**Departmental Program**

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3. Subject descriptions identify subjects that cannot be used for this purpose.
Required Subjects | Units
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18.03 Differential Equations | 12
8.03 Physics III | 12
8.04 Quantum Physics I | 12
8.044 Statistical Physics I | 12
8.21 Physics of Energy | 6-12
or 8.223 Classical Mechanics II
Select one of the following: | 9-12
8.05 Quantum Physics II
8.20 Introduction to Special Relativity
8.033 Relativity
Select one of the following experimental experiences, subject to the approval of the department:
8.13 Experimental Physics I (CI-M)
A laboratory subject of similar intensity in another department
An experimental research project or senior thesis
An experimentally oriented summer externship
Restricted Electives
At least one subject in the Department of Physics in addition to those listed above | 12
Three subjects forming one intellectually coherent unit in some area, not necessarily physics, subject to the approval of the department | 36
Units in Major | 129-138
Unrestricted Electives | 66-87
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs | (24-36)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree | 180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

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3. Subject descriptions identify subjects that cannot be used for this purpose.

Communication-Intensive Subjects in the Major

To satisfy the requirement that students take two CI-M subjects, students must select two of the following:

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8.06 Quantum Physics III | 12
8.13 Experimental Physics I | 18
8.14 Experimental Physics II | 18
8.226 Forty-three Orders of Magnitude | 12
12.410[J] Observational Techniques of Optical Astronomy | 15