

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Departmental Honors in Physics

- Eligibility: all senior majors in Physics with a 3.5 grade-point average in upper division mathematics and physics courses are eligible for the honors program in physics.
- In addition to completing all courses required for the major, students must complete one of the following two honors options:
 - **Research-based:** students must complete two 4-unit terms of Physics 199.
 - **Course-based:** students must take 4 units of Physics 197 – an in-depth individual study of a physics topic of interest to the student under the guidance of a faculty member and resulting in a written report – and are also required to take Math 115A and two courses selected from Math 120A, Math 120B, Physics 221A, or Physics 221B.
- To receive honors and highest honors at graduation, the grade point average must remain at or above 3.5 and 3.75, respectively.

Departmental Honors in Astrophysics

- Eligibility: all senior majors in Astrophysics with a 3.5 grade-point average in upper division astronomy, physics and math courses are eligible for the honors program in astrophysics.
- In addition to completing all courses required for the major, students must complete two 4-unit terms of Astronomy 199.
- To receive honors and highest honors at graduation, the grade point average must remain at or above 3.5 and 3.75, respectively.

Departmental Honors in Biophysics

- Eligibility: all senior majors in Biophysics with a 3.5 grade-point average in the upper division courses that are part of the major requirements are eligible for the honors program in Biophysics.
- In addition to completing all courses required for the major, students must complete two 4-unit terms of Physics 199.
- To receive honors and highest honors at graduation, the grade point average must remain at or above 3.5 and 3.75, respectively.