CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Physics Studies, A.A.
Northwestern Connecticut Community College
Catalog Year 2021-22

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These requirements are effective if you declared the Transfer Ticket: CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Physics Studies. A.A. major for the 2017/18 through 2021/22 academic years.

With this degree you will be able to transfer to the following majors. Follow this link for important information about when and how to apply for transfer to a State University or Charter Oak State College.

At Central Connecticut State University: Physics, B.S.
At Southern Connecticut State University: Physics, B.S. Physics, B.A.

Here is the recommended course of study for the CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Physics Studies, A.A. If you are studying part time, simply follow the order of the courses listed here. Note that not all courses will be available every semester. You will notice that in many instances you will be able to choose the specific course you will take from within a category. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

**First Semester:**
- ENG 101 Composition: 3 credits
- MAT 254 Calculus I: 4 credits
- CHE 121 General Chemistry I: 4 credits
- Unrestricted Elective*#: 3-4 credits
  
  *If you have not taken Physics in high school, you should use this elective to take PHY 110 Introductory Physics

**Second Semester:**
- CHE 122 General Chemistry II: 4 credits
- MAT 256 Calculus II: 4 credits
- PHY 221 Calculus-Based Physics I: 4 credits
- Choose one Historical Knowledge and Understanding course: 3 credits

**Third Semester:**
- MAT 268 Calculus III: Multivariable: 4 credits
- PHY 222 Calculus-Based Physics II: 4 credits
- Choose one Social Phenomena I course: 3 credits
- Choose one Aesthetic Dimensions course: 3 credits
- Choose one Continued Learning and Information Literacy course: 3 credits

Begin the transfer application process in your third semester or the semester before you plan to graduate.

FAFSA becomes available October 1.

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During your last semester at NCCC, apply for graduation by the dates found here.

Fourth Semester:
- Choose one Written Communication II course: 3 credits
- Choose one Social Phenomena II course: 3 credits
- MAT 286 Differential Equations: 4 credits
- Choose one Additional General Education II – Global Knowledge course: 3 credits
- Choose one Additional General Education I – Creativity course: 3 credits

Here is another way to look at the degree, by requirements

General Education Requirements: 39 credits

Unless a course is specifically designated, such as ENG 101 Composition for Written Communication I, you will have a choice about which course you take. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

Written Communication I: 3 credits
- ENG 101 Composition

Written Communication II (select one): 3 credits
- CHE 121 General Chemistry I

Scientific Reasoning: 4 credits
- CHE 122 General Chemistry II

Scientific Knowledge and Understanding (select one): 4 credits
- CHE 122 General Chemistry II

Quantitative Reasoning (select one): 4 credits
- MAT 254 Calculus I

Historical Knowledge and Understanding (select one): 3 credits
- MAT 254 Calculus II

Social Phenomena I (select one): 3 credits
- MAT 268 Calculus III: Multivariable

Aesthetic Dimensions (select one): 3 credits
- PHY 221 Calculus-Based Physics I

Continued Learning and Information Literacy (select one): 3 credits
- PHY 222 Calculus-Based Physics II

Social Phenomena II (select one): 3 credits
- MAT 286 Differential Equations

Additional General Education I – Creativity (select one): 3 credits
- PHY 221 Calculus-Based Physics I

Additional General Education II – Global Knowledge (select one): 3 credits
- PHY 222 Calculus-Based Physics II

Major Program Requirements: 20 credits
- MAT 254 Calculus II: 4 credits
- MAT 268 Calculus III: Multivariable: 4 credits
- MAT 286 Differential Equations: 4 credits
- PHY 221 Calculus-Based Physics I: 4 credits
- PHY 222 Calculus-Based Physics II: 4 credits

Unrestricted Electives:* 3 credits

*If you have not taken Physics in high school, you should use this elective to take PHY 110 Introductory Physics.

You are free to choose any courses at or above 100-level to complete unrestricted electives, although you may need to use some of these credits to take a math course that prepares you for the required level of math in your program. You should also consider using unrestricted electives to begin work on completing a minor. Central Connecticut State University will require that you complete a minor by earning at least 18 credits in one area outside your major field; you must complete at least 9 of those minor credits at Central. You can also complete other General Education requirements for Central, Southern and Western Connecticut State Universities and Charter Oak State College—but not Eastern Connecticut State University. Your advisor will help you to determine which courses to select.

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Physics Studies, A.A. Credit Total: 62 credits

In order to graduate and be guaranteed admission to a State University or to Charter Oak State College, you must earn an overall 2.0 grade point average.

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