Student Success Map for PHYSICS BA

	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year
Create Classroom Success	 Meet with your Academic Advisor to review major requirements Select your special emphasis area Begin sequence of Math courses Tour the CORD to locate the Writing Center and tutoring 	☐ Talk to a professor about your career plans, a research project, and/or grad school ☐ Check with your advisor on your progress ☐ Take College Physics I & II and Intro to Modern Physics	☐ Meet with your Academic Advisor to confirm you are ready to graduate ☐ Take Physics Senior Seminar and advanced Physics courses
Find Campus Belonging	☐ Attend HillFest in September ☐ Join an RSO like SPACE Hogs or the Society of Physics Students and/or read the "One Community, One Book" selection ☐ Attend the spring Physics dept. picnic	☐ Increase your involvement in an RSO☐ Be part of the Physics Haunted Lab	☐ Mentor a first-year student ☐ Take on a leadership role in an RSO
Make Local & Global Connections	☐ Find a service project on GivePulse ☐ Explore Study Abroad opportunities	 ☐ Study Abroad ☐ Volunteer for a STEM night at a local school through an RSO ☐ Explore career options through internships ☐ Attend INBRE 	☐ Meet with your Physics faculty advisor to discuss career options
Build Career Ready Skills	☐ Take the Career Readiness Inventory ☐ Find a student mentor ☐ Explore the STEM education minor, certificate, or licensure program	☐ Complete the Career Launch program ☐ Explore the PACE microcertificate and/or UA Career Ready Badge	☐ Take the Career Readiness Inventory & First Destination Survey ☐ Check-out on-campus jobs
Prep for Post- Graduation	☐ Talk to a Career Coach about on-campus and/or summer jobs ☐ Create LinkedIn & Handshake profiles ☐ Make an affordability plan with a financial aid counselor	 □ Do an internship (visit with a Career Coach or take ARSC 10401: Internship Readiness for help applying) □ Complete a Challenge Card assessment □ Attend the All Careers Fair 	☐ Conduct 3 career conversations ☐ Meet with a Career Coach and/or faculty member for assistance applying for grad programs or jobs

Career Info for PHYSICS BA

What are the UofA Career-Ready Skills?

- Career and self-development
- Communication
- · Critical thinking
- Perspective awareness
- Leadership experience
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technology

What skills does this major develop?

- High level math skills
- Gather and analyze data
- Communicate complex ideas
- Evaluate ideas
- Inform, explain, and instruct
- Maintain records
- Prepare technical reports
- See relationships between among factors

What graduate programs do majors often go into?

- Teaching
- Operations Analytics
- Business Administration
- Medicine
- Law
- Optometry
- Multi-disciplinary Programs

What careers do majors often go into?

How do I start to plan my career?

Your special emphasis area will open up a variety of opportunities. Here are a few ideas:

- Science Teacher
- Science Journalism
- Technical Writer
- Lawyer, Technology Speciality
- Medical Doctor
- Scientific Sales
- Scientific Photographer
- Optometrist
- Software Designer
- Technology Entrepreneur
- Technology Consultant
- Work in government, nonprofits, education, media, law, healthcare, corporate, tech or other industries.
- Write your own story!

☐ Complete the SparkPath Challenge Card activity online and then discuss your results with a career coach or career peer mentor. Talk about why it is important to you, how it relates to you and your previous experiences.

☐ What organizations are working on it?

☐ Which of these organizations appeal to me? What role would I like to have with them?

☐ What are my skills and how will I use them to work on this challenge?

☐ What skills, knowledge and experience do I need to develop to contribute more to the challenge?

☐ What is my plan to learn these things? Who can I connect with at the UofA for help?



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