Student Success Map for PHYSICS BS

	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year
Create Classroom Success	 Meet with your Academic Advisor to review major requirements Select your special emphasis area Take: Calculus I & II, University Physics I & II 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 ☐ Continue Physics and Math courses and take additional sciences ☐ Propose participation in a research experience project	☐ 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 ☐ Attend Physics Department Colloquia to learn about career options 	 ☐ Mentor a first-year student ☐ Take on a leadership role in an RSO ☐ Present REU project at a Physics Department Colloquium
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 summer research (REU) and internships with government agencies ☐ Attend INBRE	☐ Attend a regional professional conference (CU*iP, APS, etc.)
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 □ Build coding skills 	☐ 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 □ Complete a summer REU 	☐ 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 BS

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?

- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Medical School
- Astronomy or Astrophysics
- Optometry School
- Biophysics
- Law School
- Nuclear Physics
- Computational Physics

What careers do majors often go into?

How do I start to plan my career?

Your concentration will open up a variety of opportunities. Here are a few general ideas:

- Physicist
- Researcher
- Data Scientist
- High School Science Teacher
- Lawyer, Technology Specialty
- Medical Doctor
- Nuclear Medicine Physician
- Optometrist
- Scientific Programmer Analyst
- Technology Entrepreneur
- Technology Consultant
- Work in research, 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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