The minor expands upon a student’s understanding of both astronomy beyond the introductory level and of fundamental principles and further develops analytical skills. The minor is an attractive option for students majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

**Admissions & Policies**

**Policies**

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

**Requirements**

**Minor Requirements**

Total credits: 18 - 21

Students should refer to the Admissions & Policies tab for specific policies related to this program.

The minor requires completion of all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

**Core Courses**

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**Sequence One:**

- PHYS 243 & PHYS 245 & PHYS 160 & PHYS 260
- ASTR 111 & ASTR 112 & ASTR 113 & ASTR 114

**Sequence Two:**

- PHYS 160 & PHYS 260 & PHYS 262 & PHYS 308

**Astronomy Electives**

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- ASTR 210 Introduction to Astrophysics
- ASTR 301 Astrobiology
- ASTR 302 Foundations of Cosmological Thought (Mason Core)
- ASTR 328 Stars
- ASTR 402 RS: Methods of Observational Astronomy (Mason Core)
- ASTR 403 Planetary Science
- ASTR 404 Galaxies and Cosmology
- PHYS 428 Relativity
- ASTR 480 The Interstellar Medium

Total Credits: 6-7