Physics and Engineering Dual Degree

Want a degree in both physics and engineering? Want to do it all in five years? UW-Eau Claire has a dual degree program that allows students to receive a physics degree in conjunction with an engineering school degree. You’ll start by taking a number of courses in physics, chemistry and computer science, as well as math, English and general education. After successfully completing the course requirements and meeting the criteria, you can choose to transfer to either UW-Madison’s College of Engineering, the College of Science and Engineering in the Twin Cities, or UW-Milwaukee’s College of Engineering and Applied Science to begin the course work for an engineering degree.

Major

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Where you'll find our grads

- Graduate School, Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis,
- MQuality Engineer and World Wide Stop Ship Coordinator, IBM in Rochester, MN
- Industrial Engineer, Bechtel National, Frederick, MN
- Owner, Electronics Design/Consulting Firm, San Francisco, CA
- National Research Council Research Associate, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX
- Test Engineer at Medtronic, Minneapolis, MN
- Graduate School, Aerospace Engineering, Stanford University

Prepared for Success

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“The physics department is great! It has such a warm and welcoming environment. The professors are wonderful and go out of their way to help you understand what's being taught, as well as help secure research projects within the department. And the students promote such a positive attitude both in and out of the classroom!” — Marissa Zaleski

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Why UW-Eau Claire

Hands-On Experience

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Faculty Experts

At UW-Eau Claire you’ll find small classes taught by talented professors who know your name. You’ll work alongside faculty outside class, conducting research projects and sharing ideas!

Suggested Freshman Curriculum

- University Physics Calculus I and II
- University writing requirement — depending on placement exam.
- General Chemistry I and II Note: Students planning to transfer to UWMadison should consult with a dual degree adviser before signing up for a computer science course.

Program Options

Because the courses for the first two years of the dual degree program are the same as those for the Pre-Engineering program, students can wait until their junior year to make the decision to either pursue a dual degree in physics and engineering or transfer to an engineering school.