

## UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: Physics Minor Program

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**Specifics (see instructions):**

### Physics Minor Program

#### Current Description:

To obtain a minor in physics, a student must complete at least 22 credits, including PHYS 121, 122, 224, and four upper-division lecture or laboratory courses (12 credits) chosen by the student with the consent of the physics advisor. If PHYS 122L is included among the courses, the requirements can be satisfied with only 21 total credits. Students interested in the physics minor should contact the department for details.

#### Proposed Description:

To obtain a minor in physics, a student must complete PHYS 121, 122, 224, and four upper-division (300+) lecture or laboratory courses chosen by the student with the consent of the physics advisor. PHYS 122L may be chosen as a substitute for one upper-division course.. Students interested in the physics minor should contact the department for details.

**Rationale (see instructions):**

These changes are primarily textual and avoid the confusion of whether or not PHYS122L is an upper-level course. We have also chosen not to specify the number of credits required since eligible courses vary from 2 to 4 credits and thus the minor can be satisfied with anywhere from 22 to 24 credits.