

Physics is one of the most fundamental and all-inclusive of the sciences. It is an attempt to understand the foundations of our universe through the study of the phenomena of motion, force, energy, sound, electricity, magnetism, thermodynamics, heat, light, and quantum mechanics. Physics students use advanced mathematics to solve challenging experimental or theoretical problems, so they often major in mathematics as well. The ability to analyze a problem and find the best possible solution is vital to success in many fields. As a result, physics graduates often work in such seemingly non-related areas as medicine, law, biology, business, or military science, as well as in engineering, mathematics, computer science, or industry.

## > Degree Amenities



Physics is housed in the Physical and in Environmental Sciences building with access to modern computers and equipment including an advanced physics ultrasound laboratory. A 14-inch telescope and several other telescopes are located at the ECU observatory on campus. Small classes and ready access to caring professors help students succeed. With the McNair Scholars Program, the NASA Space grant and the L.S. AMP Program, students are able to earn money and valuable experience doing research.

# > Scholarships for Physics Majors

The Physics department makes scholarships and other financial aid available to qualified students through the following programs:

- Brown Mackin Scholarship
- 1950s Science Fund
- Shelby Jane Bays Memorial Scholarship
- Carlock Scholarship
- Stringfield Scholarship

- Physics Department Scholarship
- Bulman Scholarship
- Higginbotham Scholarship
- Doug Williams Memorial Scholarship
- Briles Scholarship

## ECU awarded 5% of the total number of Native American Physics BS Degrees. - American Institute of Physics 2011-13 Report

East Central University 1100 E. 14th St. Ada, Oklahoma 74820 www.ecok.edu/Physics 580-559-5394

Campus Tours: ecok.edu/take-a-tour Begin at ECU Admin, 102 580-559-5628 admissions@ecok.edu



Astronomer Computer Programmer Consultant Doctor Engineer Entrepreneur Geophysicist Golf Coach Graphic Artist Lawyer Mathematician Medical Physicist Military Fighter Pilot NASA Subcontractor Physicist Power Plant Operator Professor Science Teacher Scientist ...and so much more!



Show Me the Money!

Graduates with a physics degree typically earn between \$42,000 and \$61,000 for entry level jobs. As a college graduate, you can earn an average of 75% more than those with only a high school degree, per *The Chicago Tribune!* (NACE 2018 Salary Report)



# Department of Physics

## > DEGREE OPTIONS



### Department of Physics

Dean: Dr. Ken Andrews, College of Health and Sciences Chair: Dr. Dwight Myers Degree: Bachelor of Science Concentrations/Programs: 4 Minor: 1 Faculty: 3 full-time & 1 part-time Organizations: 2 Scholarships: 10 Location: 248 P&ES Building

#### ECU at a Glance

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3,500+ Undergraduate Majors: 70+ Student to Faculty Ratio: 18 to 1 Average Class Size: 22 Faculty with PhDs: 65% States Represented: 28 Countries Represented: 30+ Year Founded: 1909 Campus Size: 140 Acres Area Location: Ada, Oklahoma



Mascot: Roary the Tiger School Colors: Orange & Black Student Organizations: 60+ Athletics: NCAA Division II Men's: Football Cross Country

Men's: Football Baseball Basketball Women's: Basketball Volleyball

Softball

Track & field Soccer Cross Country

Track & field

## Physics

The Bachelor of Science in Physics prepares students for employment in a wide range of fields or for graduate school in physics or related areas including engineering, medicine, mathematics and astronomy.

## Physics Teacher Certification

The Bachelor of Science in Physics with a concentration in Teacher Certification provides the physics content and pedagogy through education courses for licensure and a career in secondary science education. Graduates may



also be ready to pass certification exams in mathematics, biology, physical science and chemistry.

## Medical Physics

The purpose of this degree is to best prepare students for entry into a masters program in medical physics. There are CAMPEP accredited institutions in the U.S. and Canada. The University of



Oklahoma Health Science Center grants masters of science in medical physics. The BS degree option in medical physics was designed to allow the student to have the courses necessary to attend any of the accredited schools. Some students attend in biophysics MS programs. ECU has the only Bachelor of Science in Medical Physics program in Oklahoma.

## Pre-Engineering Program

The Pre-Engineering program is managed by the physics department. This is a 2 or 3 year program which gives students the fundamentals of physics, chemistry, math, etc. that are needed to prepare a student to transfer to a university that offers an engineering degree. Some



students also transfer to an engineering technology program. Many students complete a physics degree at ECU and then transfer to an engineering school to obtain a master's degree.

#### We educate and empower students to understand and transform our world.

East Central University, in compliance with Title VI and Title VI and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), Executive Order 11246 (as amended), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, and other federal and state laws, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, admissions, employment, financial aid, and education services. This publication is printed and issued by East Central University as authorized by Title 70 OS 1981, Section 393. 500 copies have been prepared and distributed at a cost of \$200,00. Copies have been deposited with the Publications Clearinghouse of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in compliance with Section 3114 of Title 65 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Q918