Important Web Pages

Official rules and regulations: From home page of METU → Student Affairs → Academic Rules & Regulations
University catalog: [https://catalog.metu.edu.tr/](https://catalog.metu.edu.tr/)
Courses offered by the physics dept. and exam dates: [http://www.physics.metu.edu.tr/Education/Courses](http://www.physics.metu.edu.tr/Education/Courses)

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**Letter Grades**

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<th>Letter</th>
<th>Points</th>
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<tr>
<td>AA</td>
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<td>Passing grades</td>
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<td>BA</td>
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<td>BB</td>
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<td>CB</td>
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<td>Minimal passing grades</td>
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<td>DC</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>S</td>
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<td>Satisfactory (passing)</td>
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<td>U</td>
<td></td>
<td>Unsatisfactory (failing)</td>
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<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td></td>
<td>Incomplete; there is something that you need to do before getting one of the grades above</td>
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<tr>
<td>W</td>
<td></td>
<td>Withdrawn; you officially withdrew from the course.</td>
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**Courses and Grades**

- **To graduate**, your CGPA should be at least 2.00 and you should not have a failing grade. Normal duration of physics program is 4 years. You should graduate within the maximum duration of 7 years.

- If your CGPA $\geq 3.00$ at the end of first year, you may apply to a **double-major** program. If CGPA $\geq 2.50$, you can apply to a **minor** program. Check the **academic calendar** for the application period for these programs.

- Normal **course load** per semester for physics program is 5 courses with credit. The course load can be increased by 1 or 2 if CGPA exceeds 2.00 and 2.50, respectively. The minimum possible load is 3.

- For some courses, to be able to enter the final exam, you need to complete some requirements (attendance, exams, etc.). If you do not complete these, you get NA (Not Attendant).

- For most courses with a final exam, if your letter grade is FF, FD or U, then you can take the **resit exam** (büütüne). If your letter grade is NA then you cannot enter the resit exam. The resit exam result will replace the final exam and your letter grade will get updated.

- **Repeating** courses:
  - All failed courses must be repeated (or replaced).
  - You can repeat a passed course only within the next 3 semesters.
  - There is no time restriction for repeating failed courses.

- If you are on probation, then you can enroll only to courses that you have taken before (excluding those with W grade), until you manage to increase your CGPA above 2.00. Also
  - the “3 semester rule” does not apply to you for courses with DC and DD grades;
  - you can replace an elective course with another one that you haven’t taken before.

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**Standing**

**GPA**: Grade Point Average
Weighted average of letter grade points for one semester.

**CGPA**: Cumulative Grade Point Average
Weighted average of letter grade points for all courses you have taken since the first semester.

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<th>CGPA ≥ 2.0</th>
<th>GPA ≥ 3.5</th>
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<td>... and GPA ≥ 3.5</td>
<td>Honor</td>
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<td>... for two succeeding semesters</td>
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*If at least 3 courses are taken and all have passing letter grade...
Physics Program (New Curriculum)

The requirements for B.S. degree in physics include 29 must courses (111 credits) and 10 elective courses. Four of these elective courses (restricted electives) must be taken from special packages called “concentrations” which are organized around typical fields of physics.

Prerequisite Chart for Must Courses

Most courses have prerequisites. To be able to take the course, you should have received a passing grade from all prerequisite courses. For the physics program, the prerequisite chain is shown below. Note that, if you fail any courses in upper parts of a chain, all the courses down the chain are delayed. You can see that the following first year courses are very critical for this reason: MATH 117, MATH 118, PHYS 109 and PHYS 110.