First-Year Fall Semester Schedule: Physics

The liberal arts curriculum of Georgetown College strikes a balance between structure and freedom. The structure is contained in the core requirements which will be the focus of your academic efforts during your first and sophomore years. However, there is a great deal of freedom within those requirements. As you fulfill your requirements, you will be introduced to new ways of perceiving the world, to methods and disciplines that will enrich your analytic and critical abilities, and to areas of study you may not have encountered before.

In your first semester in the College, you will select a schedule of four or five courses. As a Physics major pursuing a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree, two of your fall courses will fulfill major requirements. For the remaining two or three courses you will choose courses from among the following areas:

- Writing
- Humanities: Arts, Literatures, and Cultures
- History
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Social Science
- Foreign Language
- Courses Engaging Diversity
- Free Electives

Obviously, you cannot take a course in all of these areas in the first semester. In subsequent semesters you will be able to choose new areas of exploration and build on subjects you have enjoyed in the first semester.

In making your selections, please read carefully the other information and resources found at college.georgetown.edu/guide-to-prereg. As you plan, please note that students in the College are not permitted to take more than one course per department per semester until the junior year.

Your first semester schedule should look like this:

| COURSE 1: | PHYS 151 (Mechanics)* |
| COURSE 2: | MATH 035 (Calculus I) or the next appropriate math course if you have AP credit for Calculus I |
| COURSE 3: | core requirement (ex: Foreign Language) |
| COURSE 4: | core requirement (ex: Writing) |
| COURSE 5: | core requirement or elective (ex: Philosophy or Theology) |
You have already been enrolled in PHYS 151. You do not need to reenter this course while preregistering. You will need to preregister for a section of MATH 035 or the next appropriate math course.

Although we hope you create your preregistration schedule deliberately and thoughtfully, please note that you may not receive a seat in every course you select. Not to worry. You will have the opportunity to adjust or complete your course schedule during registration in late August. Remember that preregistration is the first of several steps in constructing a final schedule.

*If you received a 5 on a Physics C exam (Mechanics and/or Electricity and Magnetism), you should consult with Professor Rhonda Dzakpasu, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Physics, at Rhonda.Dzakpasu@georgetown.edu for appropriate placement in PHYS 151 (Mechanics) or PHYS 153 (Relativity and Quantum Physics). If it is determined that you will take PHYS 153 in lieu of PHYS 151, please email Dean Chiarolanzio at (chiarolt@georgetown.edu) so we can delete PHYS 151 from your schedule and replace it with PHYS 153.