



Bachelor in Physics

Programme mnemonic

BA-PHYS

Studies level

Bachelor

Learning language

french

Schedule

office hours

Studies category / subcategory

Sciences and technics / Sciences

Campus

Plaine and Solbosch

ULB is the only complete university located in the capital of Europe. Almost one third of the students are foreigners and this very valuable multi cultural environment favours its international relationships.

The ULB Physics Department has several research groups of international reputation having obtained scientific awards, some being very prestigious. It also hosts the worldwide known International Solvay Institutes for Physics and Chemistry.

In the 1st year each student may be chaperoned by older students and is entitled to individual guidance in physics, chemistry and mathematics. Each student has access to online exercises on the "Virtual University".

Facilities at your disposal:

- > general physics laboratories and leading-edge research laboratories.
- > the ULB physics "Experimentarium" : a museum of experiments and also an interactive, constantly evolving, laboratory.
- > study rooms.
- > computer rooms.
- > libraries.
- > online courses and practicals on the « Virtual University ».

Programme objectives

Physicists explore the world and build new knowledge from experimental observations and reasoning. To reach that goal they need to become **experts in mathematics and in computer science** but they also need to develop their **creativity and innovative capacity**. It is then that they become capable of establishing new methods and new tools to solve present and future problems rigorously and efficiently.

A degree in physics and the skills gained should render the students well versed in areas ranging from **medicine to finance** through **pure and applied sciences**.

Physics is a fascinating field, but one that will require determination and the ability to work autonomously.

Programme's added value

Physicists are trained to solve new and complex problems. Right from the first year they have to face experimental and theoretical situations. In addition to the many exercises and laboratory works (~50%), they develop projects during the "Printemps des Sciences" (Bloc 2) and under the supervision of a faculty researcher from one of the teams in the Physics Department (Bloc 3). A visit of the European laboratory of particle physics, CERN, in Geneva, is organized in Bloc 3.

Teaching methods

From the first year, various teaching methods are used: lectures, practicals (exercises and laboratory), interactive seminars, homework and personal work. Practical work represents about 50% of the time.

Succeed in your studies

Choose

The information and guidance counsellors at the InfOR-études [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>] service will help you choose your studies throughout the year.

Succeed

Take part in preparatory courses [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>] or get help to succeed [<https://www.ulb.be/en/studies-info-desk-1>], before or during your studies.

Get help



Apply for financial aid, look for accommodation or a student job, get support [<https://www.ulb.be/fr/aides-services-et-accompagnement/aid-services-and-support-1>] for your specific needs.

International/Openness

Exchange agreements, from 6 months to one year, with other universities in Belgium and abroad have been set up for students from bloc 3 onwards (optional). Courses taken in partner universities are officially recognized by ULB at the end of the BA.

Job opportunities

If you go on to do a Master in Physics, you have the option of working in the following areas:

- > Pure research (physics, biophysics, geophysics, astrophysics).
- > Applied research (physics, nuclear medicine, image reconstruction, materials science, meteorology, telecommunications, energy production).
- > Research and Development (various sectors of engineering, computer science, actuaries).

- > Teaching (physics, mathematics, computer science).
- > Consultancy.

Due to their analytical problem solving skills, physicists with a master's degree are very much in demand.

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At ULB, an emphasis is put on understanding the scientific method and students are well prepared for careers in both pure and applied research. Teaching follows the most recent research results.

During the three first years (BA), students receive the necessary basic education in mathematics (32%), physics (51%) and chemistry (6%). This is complemented by English (3%), computer science (5%) and some optional subjects (3%), aiming to either broaden the students' scientific culture or to increase their knowledge of English. An ability to take initiative is very important and will be exercised both when it comes to your individual work or to placement within a research team in the physics department, per your choice.

The various topics covered are:

- > Classical and 20th century physics
- > Quantum mechanics
- > Statistical and non-linear physics
- > Astronomy and astrophysics
- > Fundamental interactions and materials physics

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Cours obligatoires

CHIM-F101	Chimie générale Laurence RONGY (Coordinator), François RENIERS and Thierry VISART DE BOCARME ⓘ 10 credits [lecture: 72h, tutorial classes: 36h, practical work: 12h, project: 24h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨 French
MATH-F101	Calcul différentiel et intégral I Bruno PREMOSELLI (Coordinator) and Mélanie BERTELSON ⓘ 15 credits [lecture: 90h, tutorial classes: 90h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨 French
MATH-F121	Géométrie analytique et calcul matriciel Joost VERCRUYSSSE (Coordinator) and Anna Vanden Wyngaerd ⓘ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h] 📅 first term 🗨 French
MATH-F122	Algèbre linéaire Joost VERCRUYSSSE (Coordinator) and Samuel FIORINI ⓘ 10 credits [lecture: 54h, tutorial classes: 54h] 📅 academic year 🗨 French
PHYS-F110	Physique générale I et II Pascal VANLAER (Coordinator), Michele SFERRAZZA and Sophie VAN ECK ⓘ 20 credits [lecture: 96h, tutorial classes: 102h, practical work: 42h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨 French

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Cours obligatoires

- INFO-F207 **Informatique** | Sébastien CLESSE (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h]  first term  French
- LANG-F201 **Anglais scientifique I** | Alexander CORNFORD (Coordinator), David Albert BEST and Hugh MURPHY
5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h]  second term  English
- MATH-F201 **Calcul différentiel et intégral II** | Antoine GLORIA (Coordinator) and Guillaume DUJARDIN
10 credits [lecture: 60h, tutorial classes: 60h]  first and second terms  French
- MATH-F204 **Mécanique analytique** | Frank FERRARI (Coordinator) and Glenn BARNICH
10 credits [lecture: 60h, tutorial classes: 60h]  first and second terms  French
- PHYS-F201 **Thermodynamique** | Nicolas CHAMEL (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 36h, tutorial classes: 24h]  second term  French
- PHYS-F202 **Relativité, électromagnétisme et optique ondulatoire** | Petr TINIAKOV (Coordinator)
10 credits [lecture: 72h, tutorial classes: 48h]  first and second terms  French
- PHYS-F203 **Introduction à la mécanique quantique** | Serge MASSAR (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 30h, tutorial classes: 30h]  second term  French
- PHYS-F210 **Laboratoires, statistique appliquée à la physique expérimentale et projet** | Ioana Codrina MARIS (Coordinator), Juan Antonio AGUILAR SANCHEZ, Stéphane CLEMMEN, Sébastien CLESSE and Thomas Van himbeek
10 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 24h, practical work: 72h, project: 72h]  academic year  French

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Cours obligatoires

- MATH-F314 **Mathématiques pour la physique** | Riccardo ARGURIO (Coordinator), Denis BONHEURE, Clément Cerovecki and Bernard KNAEPEN
 ⌚ 10 credits [lecture: 66h, tutorial classes: 54h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- PHYS-F302 **Mécanique quantique** | Frank FERRARI (Coordinator) and Sébastien CLESSE
 ⌚ 10 credits [lecture: 66h, tutorial classes: 54h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French
- PHYS-F303 **Physique statistique** | Pierre GASPARD (Coordinator) and Bortolo Matteo MOGNETTI
 ⌚ 10 credits [lecture: 60h, tutorial classes: 60h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French
- PHYS-F304 **Spectrophysique et Astrophysique** | Sophie VAN ECK (Coordinator) and Pierre-François COHEUR
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 44h, tutorial classes: 16h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- PHYS-F305 **Physique des particules et Physique Nucleaire** | Laurent FAVART (Coordinator) and Pierre DESCOUVEMONT
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 42h, tutorial classes: 18h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French
- PHYS-F308 **Soft Matter and Solid State Physics** | Patricia Maria LOSADA PEREZ (Coordinator) and Simone NAPOLITANO
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 40h, tutorial classes: 20h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ English
- PHYS-F311 **Laboratoires et Stage de recherche** | Barbara CLERBAUX (Coordinator), Juan Antonio AGUILAR SANCHEZ, Gilles DE LENTDECKER, Patricia Maria LOSADA PEREZ, Ioana Codrina MARIS, Simone NAPOLITANO and Simona TOSCANO
 ⌚ 10 credits [practical work: 72h, field trips: 24h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French

Cours optionnels

One course chosen from the following

- BIOL-F102 (optional) **Biologie générale** | Patrick MARDULYN (Coordinator) and Etienne MEYLAN
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 48h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- ENVI-F1001 (optional) **Sciences de la Terre, Environnement et Société** | Pierre REGNIER (Coordinator), Jean-Michel DECROLY and Frank PATTYN
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 48h] 📅 first and second terms 🗨️ French
- ETHI-F201 (optional) **Sciences, éthique, histoire et société** | Grégoire Wallenborn (Coordinator) and Eric MURAILLE
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 48h] 📅 second term 🗨️ French
- ETHI-F301 (optional) **Science et Société : analyse de controverses scientifiques** | Patrick MARDULYN (Coordinator) and Grégoire Wallenborn
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, project: 70h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- LANG-F301 (optional) **Anglais scientifique II** | Hugh MURPHY (Coordinator), David Albert BEST and Alexander CORNFORD
 ⌚ 5 credits [tutorial classes: 48h] 📅 first term 🗨️ English
- PHYS-F105 (optional) **La structure de l'univers** | Alain JORISSEN (Coordinator) and Rodrigo ALVAREZ
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 48h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French
- PHYS-F314 (optional) **Electronique** | Gilles DE LENTDECKER (Coordinator), Juan Antonio AGUILAR SANCHEZ and Yifan YANG
 ⌚ 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 6h, practical work: 30h] 📅 first term 🗨️ French

PHYS-H302
(optional)

Eléments d'optique physique | Marc HAELTERMAN (Coordinator)

🕒 5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h, practical work: 24h] 📅 second term 🗣️ French

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(optional)

Cours extérieurs au programme

🕒 5 credits 📅 academic year 🗣️ French

