

## 2+2 Articulation Agreement for Carroll Community College and Towson University

**Associate's Degree:** A.S. in Physical Sciences, Physics Concentration

**Bachelor's Degree:** B.S. in Physics, Astrophysics Concentration

**Effective Term:** Spring 2020

### Choosing the Right Physics Pathway

The following information will guide students in selecting the best 2+2 pathway for their career and education goals:

Students intending to pursue graduate studies in physics or astrophysics should follow the pathway for either the General Physics or Astrophysics concentration. The pathway for the Applied Physics concentration is recommended for students who plan to pursue fundamental or applied research and development in industrial or government laboratories. The Computational Physics Concentration is designed to provide students with strong scientific, technical and computational skills necessary for employment in a STEM profession; it is not recommended if students wish to pursue graduate studies in physics.

### Section 1: Course Completion Plan for Carroll Community College

This section outlines the courses to take for the Carroll Community College general education and program requirements in order to complete both Carroll Community College and TU degrees within a total of 4 years and 120 credits. The following tables do not include any nontransferable or prerequisite coursework outside of the curriculum.

**Table 1: General Education Courses Applied to TU Core Curriculum**

Carroll CC Requirement	Carroll CC Course to Take	Credit	Towson University Equivalent Course
English Composition	ENGL 101 College Writing	3	ENGL 102 Writing for a Liberal Education
Mathematics	MATH 135 Calculus of a Single Variable I	4	MATH 273 Calculus I
Arts & Humanities	Any Arts & Humanities course	3	Equivalency will vary by course.
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Social & Behavioral Sciences	Any Social & Behavioral Sciences course	3	Equivalency will vary by course.
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Biological & Physical Sciences	CHEM 105 Principles of General Chemistry I	4	CHEM 131 & 131 L General Chemistry I Lecture & Lab
Biological & Physical Sciences	PHYS 111 Physics I for Scientists & Engineers	4	PHYS 241 General Physics I Calculus Based
General Education Elective	PHYS 212 Physics II for Scientists & Engineers	4	PHYS 242 General Physics II Calculus Based
English Literature	ENGL 102 Writing About Literature	3	ENGL TLL English Elective

**Total general education applied to the TU Core Curriculum: 34 credits**

Completing the courses in Table 1 will satisfy the general education program at Carroll CC. Upon transferring to TU, students will receive a core package that satisfies most of the TU Core Curriculum without the need for course-by-course placement in specific Core Curriculum requirements. Students will only need to complete two Core Curriculum requirements at TU: Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9) and Ethical Perspectives (Core 14). If an ethics course is taken as one of the Arts & Humanities requirements at Carroll CC, students will complete a different requirement than Core 14.

**Table 2: Program Requirements and Electives Applied to TU Degree**

Carroll CC Requirement	Carroll CC Course to Take	Credit	Towson University Equivalent Course
Concentration Requirement	MATH 136 Calculus of a Single Variable II	4	MATH 274 Calculus II
Concentration Requirement	MATH 205 Multivariable Calculus	4	MATH 275 Calculus III
Concentration Requirement	MATH 215 Differential Equations	4	MATH T74 Differential Equations
Concentration Requirement	CHEM 106 Principles of General Chemistry II	4	CHEM 132 & 132L General Chemistry II Lecture & Lab
Concentration Requirement	PHYS 213 Physics III for Scientists & Engineers	4	PHYS 243 General Physics III
Program Elective	MATH 210 Linear Algebra	4	MATH 265 Elementary Linear Algebra
Program Elective	Any elective course	2	Equivalency will vary by course.

**Total program requirements applied to the TU degree: 26 credits**

**Total transferred to TU: 60 credits**

Students may transfer a maximum of 64 credits. If students do not adhere to the courses outlined above, they are not guaranteed completion of the bachelor's degree in 2 years. Refer to section 2 for specific course details and transfer planning information.

## Section 2: Carroll Community College Course Selection Details

This section explains any specific course selections made in section 1 and provides transfer planning guidance specific to this degree plan. Through this plan, students will complete all non-physics courses required for the TU Physics major at Carroll CC. If students do not complete any or all of the courses outlined in this agreement, they will be required to complete outstanding requirements at TU.

### GENERAL EDUCATION

Students should be aware of the following information when completing their general education requirements:

- It is recommended that all students complete both a mathematics and English course within their first 12 credit hours.
- **General Education Mathematics:** MATH 135 satisfies a required course for the major at TU (MATH 273). Students who require pre-calculus may end up taking over 60 credits for the associate degree.
- **General Education Biological and Physical Science:** CHEM 105 satisfies the non-physics requirement for the Astrophysics concentration at TU (CHEM 131 & 131L). PHYS 111 satisfies required course for the major at TU (PHYS 241).
- **General Education Elective:** PHYS 212 satisfies a required course for the major at TU (PHYS 242).
- **ENGL 102** satisfies the English Composition and Diversity requirements at Carroll CC.
- Students should select courses that appeal to their personal or professional interests to satisfy **Arts and Humanities** and **Social & Behavioral Science** requirements. All courses that satisfy these general education categories at Carroll will transfer and apply to TU's Core Curriculum. Courses for which TU does not have a direct equivalency will be assigned a lower level elective in the same discipline (e.g. COMM TLL).

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The following courses will satisfy required courses in the major at TU:

- **Program Requirement:** MATH 136 satisfies a required course for the major at TU (MATH 274).
- **Program Requirement:** MATH 205 satisfies a non-physics requirement for the astrophysics concentration at TU (MATH 275). This course is only offered at Carroll in the fall term.
- **Program Requirement:** MATH 215 satisfies a non-physics requirement for the Astrophysics concentration at TU (MATH 374). This course is only offered at Carroll in the spring term and transfers to TU as MATH T74, a lower-level equivalent of MATH 374.
- **Program Requirement:** CHEM 106 satisfies a non-physics requirement for the Astrophysics concentration at TU (CHEM 132 & 132L).
- **Program Requirement:** PHYS 213 satisfies a required course for the major at TU (PHYS 243).

## **PROGRAM ELECTIVES**

Students must note the following information about their program electives:

- **MATH 210** is recommended preparation for upper-level courses in the major at TU.
- Students may wish to take a foreign language as preparation for graduate study. Elementary and intermediate classes in French, German and Spanish are available at Carroll CC and will transfer to TU with direct equivalencies.

## **LOWER-LEVEL EQUIVALENTS OF UPPER-LEVEL COURSES**

A course number beginning with T indicates that a course transfers as a lower-level equivalent of an upper-level TU course. MATH T74 will satisfy a major requirement but will not count toward the TU degree requirement for 32 upper-level units.

### **Section 3: Degree Requirements to Be Completed at TU**

This section outlines the degree requirements for students transferring into the Astrophysics concentration of the Physics major. Refer to section 4 for university-wide degree requirements.

#### **CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 6 UNITS**

Core 9 Advanced Writing Seminar

Core 14 Ethical Issues and Perspectives

#### **REQUIRED PHYSICS COURSES FOR ALL PHYSICS MAJORS: 22 UNITS**

PHYS 185 Introductory Honors Seminar in Physics (1 unit)

PHYS 270 Computers in Physics (4 units)

PHYS 307 Introductory Mathematical Physics (3 units)

PHYS 311 Modern Physics I (3 units)

PHYS 341 Intermediate Physics Laboratory I (3 units)

PHYS 351 Mechanics (4 units)

PHYS 354 Electricity & Magnetism (4 units)

#### **ASTROPHYSICS CONCENTRATION – ADDITIONAL PHYSICS & ASTROPHYSICS COURSES: 22 UNITS**

ASTR 261 Introduction to Astrophysics (4 units)

ASTR 303 Astrophysical Techniques (3 units)

ASTR 331 Stellar Astrophysics (3 units)

ASTR 385 Astrophysics Seminar (1 unit)

ASTR 432 Galaxies and Cosmology (3 units)

PHYS 312 Modern Physics II (3 units)

PHYS 486 Physics Seminar II (1 unit)

Upper Level PHYS or ASTR electives (6 units)

#### **GENERAL ELECTIVES: 10 UNITS**

The total number of electives required is determined by subtracting the total units completed for the major and Core Curriculum from 120 units. General elective units can be satisfied by additional major electives or courses for personal interest.

## Section 4: Additional Requirements for TU Degree Completion

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- A C (2.0) or higher is required in all major courses and prerequisites.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required.
- 32 units of the bachelor's degree must be completed at the upper level (courses numbered 300 or above).

### Degree Completion Summary

<b>TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR B.S. DEGREE</b>	<b>120 UNITS</b>
<b>Carroll Community College A.S. Degree in Physical Sciences – Physics Concentration</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Completion of Core Curriculum at TU</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Physics Major – Astrophysics Concentration Coursework at TU</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>General Electives Taken at TU</b>	<b>10</b>