

DU Physics and Astronomy Requirements  
for Distinction in the Major (updated August 2010)

A graduating BS student may be awarded distinction in the Physics major if he or she meets the following requirements:

1. Overall PHYS and MATH GPA of at least 3.25
2. Twelve credit hours of any reasonable combination of the following:
  - PHYS 3991 *Independent Study* and/or PHYS 3995 *Independent Research* as part of senior thesis work
  - PHYS 4750 *Seminar in Physics* (undergraduates are eligible to enroll in this course with instructor approval)
  - other physics courses at the 3000+ level beyond the BS requirements
3. A senior thesis report that approximates a journal-submission quality document
4. A poster or other presentation of senior thesis work at DU's Undergraduate Symposium (held annually in early May)
5. Community service or public outreach experience (can include SPS participation)

Individualized distinction options can be proposed for approval by the Undergraduate Committee.