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A strong understanding of physics forms the backbone of a solid engineering education, and the dual degree program addresses this need. While at UNK you will earn a BA in Physics while also gaining a strong background in engineering. Students will take the recommended general courses in physics, chemistry and math before transferring to UNL or any ABET-accredited engineering school. A student can then specialize in a wide variety of engineering fields such as civil, electrical, mechanical, chemical or other intensive areas.

Essential Skills in Engineering:
- Problem solving
- Brainstorming
- Analytical thinking
- Modeling and prototyping
- Optimization
- Communication

Engineering Habits of Mind:
Habits of mind are traits or ways of thinking that affect how a person looks at the world or reacts to a challenge.
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- Conscientiousness
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Did you know?...

Modern technology is physics-based.

Any technology using electricity, magnetism, mechanics, heat, light, sound or optics comes from physics.
Society of Physics Students
The Society of Physics Students is a professional association open to anyone interested in physics. Within SPS is the national physics honor society, Sigma Pi Sigma, for members who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.
- Biweekly meetings
- Community-building events
- Physics conferences
- SPS/Sigma Pi Sigma banquet
- School science fair judging
- High school senior recruiting days
- Movie nights in the UNK planetarium

Scholarships:
- Liehs UNK Scholarship
- Beckmann Scholarship
- Morse Memorial Scholarship
- Nielsen Memorial Scholarship
- Royal Engineered Composites Scholarship

F.Y.I – For your information
High school students thinking about studying physics in college should take as many advanced classes as possible in science and math. This will provide a foundation for college coursework.

UNK physics graduates find employment in industrial settings and government labs, or on college campuses, as well as in other science and technology fields. Unconventional settings include newspapers and magazines, and in government or business – any place where problem-solving and analytical skills are great assets.

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE UNK EXPERIENCE

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The schedule is a guideline. Consult with your academic adviser.

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For more information, visit http://engineering.unl.edu/