

Theoretical Physics

University of Edinburgh

Venues

King's Buildings Campus

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Year 1

You will study compulsory courses in physics and mathematics.

Physics 1A is innovative in its use of technology and offers an interactive learning experience. Physics 1B introduces you to the fundamentals of quantum physics.

You will normally study Mathematics for Physics 1 and 2 which include mathematical and problem solving skills in the context of algebra and calculus, with increasing emphasis on physical applications. If you have an interest in more formal mathematics, these courses can be replaced by courses from the School of Mathematics.

You will be able to choose two further subjects from other academic areas.

Year 2

You will study modern physics and physics of fields and matter. Supporting mathematics courses will cover algebra, calculus, dynamics and vector calculus and you will be introduced to practical physics, including programming, data analysis and experimental techniques. Students will have the freedom to choose one or two courses from other academic areas.

Students entering the programme in Year 2 will take additional introductory courses in classical physics and mathematics.

Year 3

You will study thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, electromagnetism, optics and quantum mechanics.

We offer a supporting mathematics course covering Fourier analysis, probability and statistics, a computing course on numerical algorithms, and an introductory course to research methods.

Year 4

In this year there are compulsory courses covering relativity, nuclear and particle physics, and condensed matter physics. Students also take a number of specialist courses from a list available.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

BSc Hons

UCAS Code

F302

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Science and Engineering

Department

Physics and Astronomy

Entry Requirements

2024 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at AAAA (by end of S5 preferred) including Maths at A and Physics plus English at National 5. Advanced Higher Maths is recommended.

Direct entry to year 2 is possible with 3 Advanced Highers at AAA including Maths and Physics.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at AABB (by end of S6) including Maths at A and Physics plus English at National 5. Advanced Higher Maths is recommended. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting S4-S6.

SCQF Level

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