

2-YEAR DEGREE:

PHYSICAL SCIENCES



Why choose Physical Science?

- Delve into introductory physics and chemistry to understand the fundamental principles governing the universe.
- Prepare for academic majors requiring a strong foundation in physical sciences.
- Benefit from a curriculum designed to facilitate articulation and transfer agreements with four-year STEM programs at UH Manoa, UH Hilo, and other institutions.



Career Opportunities

Graduates can pursue careers in:

- Physicist: \$122,850/year
- Astronomer: \$114,590/year
- Research Technician: \$40,092/year

An Associate of Science in Natural Sciences (ASNS) with a focus on physical sciences provides a solid foundation for further studies and entry-level positions in these fields.



**KAPI'OLANI
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN NATURAL SCIENCE – PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Effective Fall 2026

60 credits minimum and 2.0 grade point ratio (GPR) or higher for all courses applicable toward the degree

I. GENERAL EDUCATION (22-23 Credits)	COURSE	CR	GR
Foundations Written Communication (FW): (1 course) ENG 100 or ESL 100			
Foundations Quantitative Reasoning (FQ): (1 course) MATH 241 (formerly MATH 205)			
Foundations Global & Multicultural Perspectives (FG): (2 courses, each course selected from a different group) Group A (FGA): ANTH 151; ART 175; HIST 151; REL 149/WS 149 Group B (FGB): ANTH 152; ART 176; GEO 102 (previously GEOG 102); HIST 152; SSCI 102 Group C (FGC): GEO 151 (previously GEOG 151); MUS 107; REL 150			
Diversification Arts, Humanities, & Literatures (DA, DH, DL): (1 course) Arts (DA): ART 101, 104, 105, 106J, 107, 107D, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 123, 156, 189, 202, 207, 213, 214, 223, 225, 243, 244, 245, 253, 269 (any alpha); DNCE 121, 122, 131, 132, 150, 212, 213; HWST 222; IS 161; MUS 108, 114, 121B, 121C, 121D, 121Z, 122B, 122Z, 170, 183, 201, 206, 229, 231C, 253; SP 151, 233, 251; THEA 101, 221, 222 Humanities (DH): AMST 201; ART 270, 280, 290; ASAN 201, 202; ASL 290; CHNS 290; HAW 290; HIST 231, 232, 241, 242, 281, 282, 284, 288; HUM 269 (any alpha), 295 (any alpha); HWST 100, 107, 110, 207, 216, 257, 281, 281L, 282, 282L, 285; IS 109; JPN 131, 290; KOR 290; LING 102, 150; MUS 106, 170, 290; PHIL 100, 101, 103, 213, 250; REL 151, 215, 222; SLT 202 (any alpha) Literatures (DL): EALL 261, 262, 269 (any alpha), 271, 272; ENG 270 (any alpha), 271 (any alpha), 272 (any alpha), 273 (any alpha); HAW 261, 262; HWST 270; LLEA 239; SPAN 250			
Diversification Biological Sciences (DB): (1 course) BIOL 101, 124, 130, 171, 172, 265, 275; BOT 101, 130, 201; ESS 100; FSHE 185; MICR 130, 230; PHYL 141, 142, 160; PSY 230; ZOOL 200			
Diversification Social Sciences (DS): (1 course) ANTH 200, 210; ASAN 100; BOT 105; COM 201; ECON 120, 130, 131; ED 284, 289; ES 101; HDFS 230; HWST 255; LING 150; PACS 108; POLS 110, 120, 130, 207; PSY 100, 170, 202, 212, 225, 240, 250, 260, 270; SLT 102, 103; SOC 100, 214, 218, 231, 251, 257; SP 181; SW 200			
II. CHEMISTRY COURSES (8 Credits)	COURSE	CR	GR
CHEM 161 (General Chemistry I) Prereq(s): "C" or higher in MATH 103. Recommended: MATH 135. CHEM 161L (General Chemistry I Lab) Prereq(s): "C" or higher in MATH 103 and credit or concurrent enrollment in CHEM 161. CHEM 162 (General Chemistry II) Prereq(s): "C" or higher in CHEM 161 and "C" or higher in MATH 103. Recommended: MATH 135. CHEM 162L (General Chemistry II Lab) Prereq(s): See KapCC Catalog for prerequisites and recommended preparation.			
III. PHYSICAL SCIENCES (13 CREDITS)	COURSE	CR	GR
PHYS 170 (General Physics I) Prereq(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in MATH 242. See KapCC Catalog for recommended prep. PHYS 170L (General Physics Lab I) Prereq(s): "C" or higher or concurrent enrollment in PHYS 170. PHYS 272 (General Physics II) Prereq(s): MATH 242; and PHYS 170 and PHYS 170L. PHYS 272L (General Physics Lab II) Prereq(s): PHYS 170 and PHYS 170L and credit or concurrent enrollment in PHYS 272. MATH 242 (Calculus II) Prereq(s): "C" or higher in MATH 241 or "C" or higher in an equivalent course.			
IV. ELECTIVES (16-17 Credits) (** indicates strongly recommended for this concentration)	COURSE	CR	GR
ASTR 110; BIOC 141, 244; BIOL 101, 101L, 124, 124L, 130, 130L, 171, 171L, 172, 172L, 265, 265L, 275, 275L; BOT 101, 101L, 105, 130, 130L, 201, 201L; CHEM 100, 272**, 272L**, 273**, 273L**; CEE 270, 271; ECE 160**, 211, 260, 296; EARTH 101L, 103; FSHE 185; GEO 101; ICS 101, 110P**, 111, 141, 211, 212, 235**, 241; MATH 100, 111, 112, 115, 215, 243**, 244**, ME 213; MICR 130, 140L, 161, 230, 240; OCN 101, 201, 201L; OEST 101, 201; PHYL 141, 141L, 142, 142L, 160, 160L; PHYS 100, 151, 151L, 152, 152L, 274**, SCI 295 (alpha)**; ZOOL 200, 200L. Any 101, 102, 201, 202 course that fulfills the KapCC AA/HSL requirement. Any course on the KapCC AA/DA, AA/DH, AA/DL, AA/DS lists that has not already been used to fulfill General Education requirements. Note: CEE 270, 271 were previously offered as CE 270, 271 respectively; ECE 160, 211, 260, 296 were previously offered as EE 160, 211, 260, 296 respectively. EARTH 101L, 103 were previously offered as GG 101L, 103 respectively; GEO 101 was previously offered as GEOG 101; MICR 140L was previously offered as MICR 140.			

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Please refer to the current KapCC Catalog for residency, curriculum, and other graduation requirements.

Thinking about transfer to UH Mānoa? Consider Writing Intensive (WI) and/or Hawaiian, Asian & Pacific Issues (HAP) focus courses at KapCC.

Advising: Maida Kamber Center for Career Exploration, Transfer and Graduation ('Ilima 104, 808-734-9500, mkcinfo@hawaii.edu)

The STEM program offers tutoring, internship, and scholarship support. Visit <http://kccstem.com>.