Welcome to the

**Applied Physics: Acoustics Major**

in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences

**College Advisement Center**
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Email: science.math.advisement@byu.edu
Phone: 801-422-2674
Office: N-181 ESC

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Office: N-284 ESC
See physics.byu.edu/undergraduate/advising

Faculty Advisor – until you have a faculty research mentor, you must meet annually to discuss career and academic options with the faculty advisor assigned to you based on the last two digits of your BYU ID:

- 00-24: David Allred, allred@byu.edu (801) 422-3489, N-265 ESC
- 25-49: Grant Hart, grant_hart@byu.edu (801) 422-6162, N-357 ESC
- 50-74: David Neilsen, david.neilsen@byu.edu, (801) 422-6078, N-147 ESC
- 75-99: Jean-Francois Van Huele, vanhuele@byu.edu, (801) 422-4481, N-235 ESC

Deadlines to meet with Faculty Advisors each year (based on the last digit of your student number):

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**Internship Coordinator – David Allred**
Email: allred@byu.edu
Phone: 801-422-3489
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**University Career Services – Anna Kennington**
Website: careers.byu.edu (Handshake--see flyer in packet)
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Phone: 801-422-5944
Office: C-106 BNSN

STEM Alliance--Connect with STEM employers, mentors, and clubs: www.stem.byu.edu

**Clubs**
Acoustical Society of America – Contact: Micah Shepherd (shep@physics.byu.edu), visit www.acoustics.byu.edu/asa-student-chapter for more information

BYU Astronomical Society – Contact: Benjamin Boizelle (boizellb@byu.edu), visit www.physics.byu.edu/clubs/astrosoc/home for more information

Society of Physics Students – Contact: Benjamin Frandsen (benfrandsen@byu.edu), visit www.sps.byu.edu/sps-home for more information
**Things to Know**

**Resources for Graduation Planning**

- Flow Charts and Major Academic Plans (MAPs) can be found here: [https://science.byu.edu/advisement/explore-majors-and-minors](https://science.byu.edu/advisement/explore-majors-and-minors).
- Academic advisors in N-181 ESC will help you understand course sequencing and help you plan classes to efficiently fill requirements. They can also help you with study skills and initial career exploration as well as connecting you with correct resources.
- Plan and register from your plan on MyMAP. Your academic advisor can help you understand how to best utilize this resource.
- Evaluate your current program. Periodically major programs are updated. An academic advisor would be happy to review the differences between the programs with you to help you determine what would be best for you.
- Consider meeting with a faculty advisor in your department. Contact info is found on the first page of this packet.

**Tutoring Resources and Research**

- Volunteer peer tutors are available through Y Serve if you need help with a class. Also, if you excel in a subject, consider serving your fellow students by becoming a tutor. Find out more here: [https://tutoring.byu.edu/](https://tutoring.byu.edu/).
- Many departments provide TA Tutorial Labs and research opportunities. Check your department for details:
  - Chemistry and Biochemistry: C-100 BNSN, 801-422-3667, [https://www.chem.byu.edu/](https://www.chem.byu.edu/)
  - Computer Science: 3361 TMCB, 801-422-3027, csoffice@cs.byu.edu
  - Geological Sciences: S-389 ESC, 801-422-3918, geology@byu.edu
  - Mathematics: 275 TMCB, 801-422-2061, office@mathematics.byu.edu
  - Mathematics Education: 167 TMCB, 801-422-1735, office@mathed.byu.edu
  - Physics and Astronomy: N-283 ESC, 801-422-4361, physics_office@byu.edu
  - Statistics: 2152 WVB, 801-422-4505, statsec@stat.byu.edu

**Prepare Early for a Career**

- Check out Careers & Experiential Learning in 1134 WSC and at [https://ucs.byu.edu/](https://ucs.byu.edu/).
- Consider doing an internship.
  - Attend the STEM and Career Fairs held in fall and winter semesters.
  - Talk to your department about internship opportunities.
  - Use LinkedIn and Handshake (see flyer in this packet) to connect with alumni and apply for jobs/internships. BYU Connect is another great resource for networking ([connect.byu.edu](https://connect.byu.edu)).
  - Talk with the college Career Director who can help you search for internships as well as assist you with many other career related strategies (see first page of this packet).
- Consider taking StDev 317 (Career Strategies) your junior year.
- Consider taking either Chem 502, CS 502, Geol 502, Math 502, PHSCS 502, or STAT 502 (1-credit Job Search Class). Class is held for 1 hour each week.
BS in Applied Physics: Acoustics (694834) MAP Sheet
Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Astronomy
For students entering the degree program during the 2023-2024 curricular year.

University Core and Graduation Requirements

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| **Graduation Requirements:** | | |
| Minimum residence hours required | 30.0 | |
| Minimum hours needed to graduate | 120.0 | |

Note: Students are encouraged to complete an average of 15 credit hours each semester or 30 credit hours each year, which could include spring and/or summer terms. Taking fewer credits substantially increases the cost and the number of semesters to graduate.
Requirement 1 - Complete 18 Courses

C S 111 - Intro to Computer Science 3.0
MATH 113 - Calculus 2 4.0
PHSCS 121 - Intro to Newtonian Mechanics 3.0
PHSCS 123 - Intro to Waves, Optics, Thermo 3.0
PHSCS 191 - Intro Phscs Careers & Rsrch 1 0.5
PHSCS 220 - Intro Electricity & Magnetism 3.0
PHSCS 222 - Modern Physics 3.0
PHSCS 225 - Intro to Experimental Physics 2.0
PHSCS 230 - Computational Physics Lab 1 1.0
PHSCS 240 - Design, Fabricatn, Sci Apparatus 2.0
PHSCS 245 - Experiments in Contemp Phscs 2.0
PHSCS 291 - Intro Phscs Careers & Rsrch 2 0.5
PHSCS 318 - Intro Math Physics 3.0
PHSCS 321 - Mechanics 3.0
PHSCS 330 - Computational Physics Lab 2 1.0
PHSCS 430 - Computational Physics Lab 3 1.0
PHSCS 441 - Electricity & Magnetism 3.0
PHSCS 461 - Introduction to Acoustics 3.0

Requirement 2 — Complete 1 Course

PHSCS 442 - Electrodynamics 3.0
PHSCS 471 - Principles of Optics 3.0
PHCS 561 - Fundamentals of Acoustics 3.0

Requirement 3 — Obtain confirmation from your advisement center that you have completed the following:

After gaining department advisor’s approval of courses selected to define an option, complete an additional 9 hours of electives (cannot include any courses already taken above). These 9 hours must consist of a coherent set of upper-division courses with an identified educational goal. Six hours must be upper division (300-level or above); three hours must be 200-level or above.

Requirement 4 — Complete 1 of 2 Options

Option 4.1 — Complete 2 Courses
MATH 302 - Math for Engr 1 4.0
MATH 303 - Math for Engineering 2 4.0

Option 4.2 — Complete 4 Courses
MATH 213 - Elementary Linear Algebra 2.0
MATH 215 - Computational Linear Algebra 1.0
MATH 314 - Calculus of Several Variables 3.0
MATH 334 - Ordinary Differential Equation 3.0

Requirement 5 — Complete 2 hours

Complete a capstone project or senior thesis including the following:

A. Choose a research mentor within the acoustics research group as early as possible. It is best to start as a freshman or sophomore. Interdisciplinary acoustics-related work in other departments or in internships is possible.

Option 5.1 — Complete up to 2 hours

B. Complete 2 hours of one of the following:

PHSCS 492R - Capstone in Applied Phscs - You may take up to 2.0 credit hours 2.0
PHSCS 498R - Senior Thesis - You may take up to 2.0 credit hours 0.5v

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
The Applied Physics: Acoustics degree is an excellent degree for those who may continue study in acoustics as a scientist, engineer, or consultant after the BS working in national or government labs (Los Alamos, Sandia, NASA, Air Force Research Lab, Army Research Lab, Navel Undersea Warfare Center), government contractors (Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Penn State Applied Research Lab, Univ. of Texas Applied Research Labs), acoustical product companies (Amazon, Apple, Bose, JBL, Meta, Motorola), acoustical consulting (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, MD Acoustics, Spectrum Engineers), or companies concerned with noise or vibration (Caterpillar, Ford). Interestingly, the places listed in parentheses are locations where graduates from BYU in acoustics have gone to work. Those who graduate may go to work right after their BS or they may go on to graduate school.

THE DISCIPLINE:
Acoustics is defined as the science that deals with the production, control, transmission, reception, and effects of sound (as defined by Merriam-Webster). While acoustics does include the study of musical instruments and architectural spaces, it also covers a vast range of topics, including: noise control, SONAR for submarine navigation, ultrasounds for medical imaging, thermoacoustic refrigeration, seismology, bioacoustics, and electroacoustic communication.
BYU
Applied Physics: Acoustics BS
Requirements / Prerequisites
2023-2024 Academic Year

Major (62-64 Hours)
2. Complete one of the following: PHSCS 442, or PHSCS 471, PHSCS 561.
3. After gaining an acoustics advisor’s approval of courses selected to define an option, complete an additional nine hours of acoustics-related electives (cannot include any courses already taken above). These nine hours must consist of a coherent set of upper-division courses with an identified acoustics-related educational goal. Six hours must be upper division (300 or above); three hours must be 200-level or above.
6. Complete two credits from either PHSCS 492R or PHSCS 498R.
7. Take the Physics Major Field Test your last semester.

Physics Minor
1. Complete the following 5 courses: Math 113, PHSCS 121, PHSCS 123, PHSCS 220, PHSCS 222.
2. Complete 4.0 hours from the following courses: PHSCS 127, PHSCS 137, PHSCS 167, PHSCS 225, PHSCS 230, PHSCS 240, PHSCS 310, PHSCS 311, PHSCS 318, PHSCS 321, PHSCS 330.

After gaining an acoustics advisor’s approval of courses selected to define an option, complete an additional nine hours of acoustics-related electives (cannot include any courses already taken above). These nine hours must consist of a coherent set of upper-division courses with an identified acoustics-related educational goal. Six hours must be upper division (300 or above); three hours must be 200-level or above. See examples of possible acoustics elective courses here (except PHCS 461): https://physics.byu.edu/undergraduate/appliedphysics.
BYU's own job board. Employers who want to hire BYU graduates or offer internships to current students post job openings to this website and students apply. Just like LinkedIn, employers can view student profiles and students can network as they apply for jobs and internships.

Login to handshake.byu.edu >>> BYU Net ID
*you do not need to create an account, just sign in with your BYU information

**HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF HANDSHAKE:**

1. **COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE**
   - Upload your resume and it will auto-fill in your profile
   - Completed profiles tailor your Handshake experience
   - Information from your transcript is already uploaded
   - Fill in the Summary/Bio section
   - Fill in your past jobs and experiences, including all the bullet points you use on your resume
   - Add a professional headshot and background photo
   Remember: every word in your profile will be searchable by students and employers

2. **APPLY FOR JOBS**
   - Search for job titles, employers, or skills
   - Apply for interesting jobs that meet your skill set

3. **RESEARCH COMPANIES**
   - Under the “Jobs” Tab there is an “Employers” Tab
   - Search for keywords or locations to find companies that are the right fit for you
   - Plan to attend their info sessions on BYU Campus, connect with them at Career Fairs, or set up informational interviews to learn more
   Remember: when looking at companies or jobs, Handshake will tell you what other BYU students have worked there. Use this resource to network and discover more information!

4. **EXPLORE FELLOW STUDENTS**
   - “Students” tab
   - Search for fellow BYU students to view their profiles and job positions (Facebook stalking... “networking”)

5. **ATTEND EVENTS**
   - The “Events” tab will be your key to attending info sessions, interviews, and Career Fairs
   - The “Calendar” tab under “Events” will show you what events are coming soon
   - Make sure to save events you are interested in or RSVP so you do not forget to attend
   - Spread the word to your friends on social media

6. **DOWNLOAD HANDSHAKE APP**
   - Search: “Handshake” not “Handshake Career Services”
   - Input your BYU e-mail address: netID@byu.edu (it will forward emails to the e-mail you have on file with BYU)
   - Handshake will send you a link via e-mail to enable your account in the app
   - Navigate the app to perform all the functions of the website that have been previously mentioned

7. **VISIT THE CAREER STUDIO**
   - Freshen up your resume, cover letter, or LinkedIn
   - Receive networking help
   - Practice interviewing with a mock interview
   - Meet with a full-time Career Counselor in your field

8. **GET A JOB, RING THE BELL**
   - Once you’re hired, stop by the Career Studio to ring our Victory Bell and get a picture for the Victory Board
Possible Careers  
with a Physics major  
(Not a comprehensive list)

Accelerator operator  
Acoustician  
Aerodynamicist*  
Astronomer*  
Biophysicist*  
Biotechnologist  
Business administration, esp. high-tech industry  
Business, self-employed  
Computer scientist (many types: financial software developer, hardware engineer, IT consultant, programmer, software engineer, systems analyst, web developer, etc.)  
Dentist*  
Engineer (many types: Aerospace, Chemical, Electrical, Electro-optic, Mechanical, Medical device, Nuclear, Optical/laser, Semiconductor device, Manufacturing, Design, Process, Quality Control, Research & Development, Systems, etc.)  
Financial analyst  
Geophysicist*  
Hazardous waste management specialist  
Health physicist*  
Lawyer (esp. patents)*  
Manager, esp. high-tech industry  
Materials scientist*  
Mathematician*  
Medical doctor*  
Medical physicist*  
Meteorologist  
Nanotechnology microscopist  
National security analyst  
Neurologist*  
Nuclear medicine technologist  
Nuclear pharmacist*  
Optical Scientist*  
Patent agent or lawyer*  
Physicist* (many types: Astrophysics, Atomic & Molecular, Biological, Condensed Matter, Nuclear, Optical & Photonic, Particle, Plasma & Fusion, etc.)  
Professor* (university, college, community college)  
Research lab assistant, research technician  
Sales, esp. high-tech industry  
Space scientist  
Scientific computer programmer  
Teacher (high school physics, high school science, middle school science)

*Usually requires a graduate degree

Gathered from the Counseling and Career Center and from the American Institute of Physics (aip.org)
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*For most updated information on times and locations of research groups, please visit: https://www.physics.byu.edu/undergraduate/research Be sure to scroll down to the professors for additional information.*