

The Physics Department prepares students to investigate and understand the most fundamental properties of nature, from quakes to quasars, by building on an international tradition of rigorous quantitative study and empirical analysis. With outstanding laboratories, equipment, and first rate professors and instructors, students graduate with a firm foundation that leads them to rewarding career opportunities or post-graduate degrees. The Department offers an Engineering degree in the form of a 3-2 program. Students complete three years at EIU and transfer either to UIUC or SIU-C, graduating with BS degrees from both EIU and the transfer institution.

### AREAS OF STUDY: B.S.

- Astronomy, Computational Physics, Engineering Physics, Physics
- Pre-Engineering\*
- Physics Teacher Licensure\*
- Departmental Honors program\*
  - \*Minor available

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?

- Astrophysics Research & Design
- Biotechnology Consulting
- High School Teacher
- Laboratory Technician
- Radiation Safety Officer
- Electrical Power Plant Manager
- Geophysicist
- Scientific Instrument Operator
- Technical Instruments Sales
- Environmental Scientist
- Medical Equipment Sales
- Radiation Health Physicist

#### **EIU AFFILIATED CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- Astronomy Club
- Sigma Pi Sigma National Honor Society
- Society of Physics Students

- Plasma Physicist
- Elector-Optical Engineer
- Metallurgist
- Systems Analyst
- Food and Drug Inspector
- Scientific Apparatus Sales
- Nuclear Engineer
- Laser Safety Officer
- Civil Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- Electrical Engineer



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# PATHS TAKEN BY PAST GRADUATES

| JOB TITLE                                 |
|---|
| Astronomer/Physicists                     |
| Atomic Physicist                          |
| Chemical Physicist                        |
| Computer System Engineer                  |
| Computer Specialist                       |
| Data Analyst                              |
| Geodesist Process Engineer                |
| Geophysicist                              |
| Hydrologist                               |
| Laboratory Technician                     |
| Medical Products Designer (Bio-Engineers) |
| Meteorologist                             |
| Molecular Scientist                       |
| Nuclear Physicist                         |
| Seismologist                              |
| Test Engineer                             |

| <u>AVERAGE SALARY</u> |
|-----------------------|
| \$74,100 - \$151,870  |
| \$80,130 - \$112,225  |
| \$79,940 - \$90,490   |
| \$54,160 - \$69,160   |
| \$45,366 - \$63,400   |
| \$59,360 - \$70,430   |
| \$59,820 - \$67,840   |
| \$49,060 - \$68,790   |
| \$58,600 - \$75,690   |
| \$33,850 - \$49,220   |
| \$57,010 - \$68,070   |
| \$56,860 - \$80,250   |
| \$49,430 - \$52,220   |
| \$74,360 - \$89,660   |
| \$52,180 - \$53,650   |
| \$71.455 - \$86.380   |

## **HELPFUL LINKS**

Institute of Physics: Careers www.iop.org/careers

Careers Using Physics www.spsnational.org/cup