Undergraduate Advising FAQ

How do I make an appointment to see a physics advisor?
Please make an appointment with Dr. Melanie Ungar on strive.ttu.edu (Services → Explore a New Major/Minor) or email her at melanie.ungar@ttu.edu and suggest three (3) possible time slots. Currently all advising appointments are being held remotely.

I want to declare physics as my major. Do I need an advising appointment?
Yes, you need an appointment.

How do I know if I am eligible to declare physics as my major?
If you are transferring from another department or program at Texas Tech University, you need to have a 2.5 institutional GPA to enter the physics program.

I want to declare physics or astronomy as my minor. Do I need an appointment?
No. Simply fill out the pre-signed minor degree plan and file it as directed by your major advisor: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/artsandsciences/students/undergraduate/forms.php

Where can I learn more about the physics major at Texas Tech?
Check out our undergraduate brochure and peruse the undergraduate handbook.

I tried to register for classes, but the registration system said I had a hold preventing registration from Physics & Astronomy. What should I do?
If you are a physics major, make an appointment with Dr. Ungar for course planning/approval.

I tried to register for a PHYS or ASTR course, but the registration system wouldn’t let me. It showed me a blue error box. What should I do?
First, try to figure out the problem on your own. Is this user error?
If that doesn’t work, email Dr. Melanie Ungar and include the following information:
- your full legal name
- your R number
- the course and section numbers for which you are trying to register
- all associated CRNs
- the text of the error message

It’s after the fourth class day, and I can’t add PHYS or ASTR courses on my own anymore. What do I need to do?
Email the instructor(s) of the sections you wish to add and ask for permission to join them late. Forward any positive replies you receive to Dr. Melanie Ungar and include:
- your full legal name
- your R number
- the course and section numbers for which you are trying to register
- any course and section numbers you wish to drop
- all associated CRNs