The development of physical science in Lviv starting from the 17th century is presented by the means of biographies of the scientists who worked at the Lviv University and the Lviv Polytechnic. The first works in physics at the Lviv University as well as early history of scientific studies, which were mainly related to the activities of the Department of Physics (1784-1872) of the University, are given. The information about the Departments of Physics in the Lviv Polytechnic in the period from 1845 to 1939 is provided. Then, the role of the Departments for Experimental and Theoretical Physics of the Lviv University (1872-1939) is considered.

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