

Physics- Master of Science

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Research

The department has ongoing experimental research programs in Quantum Optics & Information; Condensed Matter & NanoPhysics; Biophysics; as well as Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics, Astrophysics, and Physics Education Research. Theoretical and computational work is done in Quantum Optics and Information, Atomic Physics, and Astrophysics.

Program Requirements

For the **thesis option**, a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate course work, research, and thesis credit is required. You must complete at least two 600-level courses in physics other than PHY 610 and a minimum of six hours of PHY 700. Before registering for PHY 700, you must write a thesis proposal and defend it before your thesis committee. Subsequent completion and defense of the thesis are required.

For the **non-thesis option**, a minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate credit is required. You must complete at least four 600-level courses in physics other than PHY 610. Credit earned in PHY 700 may not be counted toward the minimum 36 semester hours. The student must also pass a comprehensive examination for the non-thesis option.

For the **thesis or non-thesis option**, you are expected to show proficiency in the areas of quantum physics, classical mechanics, electromagnetic theory, statistical physics, and mathematical, computational, and laboratory techniques used in physics. Evidence of proficiency is successful completion of courses at 500- or 600-level or equivalent. Graduate course work is selected in consultation with the thesis director (for the thesis option) and graduate program director. Your program of study must be approved in writing by the graduate program director.