



## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS

### Admission Requirements

1. Possession of a BS Physics degree from a reputable institution or, for non-physics majors, a GPA of 2.5 or better in at least 15 units in the following advanced undergraduate courses:

Mechanics  
Electromagnetic Theory  
Quantum Mechanics  
Statistical Physics and Thermodynamics  
Differential Equations/Mathematical Physics

2. Passing the entrance exam in any three of the five areas listed above.
3. Submission of a certified true copy of Official Transcript of Records.

### MASTER OF SCIENCES IN PHYSICS (MS PHYS) (LIST OF COURSES BY SEMESTER, THESIS OPTION)

#### First Year, First Semester

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 221	Classical Mechanics I	3				
Phys 231	Classical Electrodynamics I	3				
Phys 241	Quantum Mechanics I	3				
	Total	9				

#### First Year, Second Semester

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 232	Classical Electrodynamics II	3				
Phys 242	Quantum Mechanics II	3				
Phys 261	Statistical Mechanics I	3				
	Total	9				

#### Second Year, First Semester

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 295	Graduate Laboratory I	2				
Physics Elective		6				
	Total	8				

**Second Year, Second Semester**

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 296	Graduate Seminar	2				
Physics Elective		3				
Phys 300	Masteral Thesis	6				
	Total	11				

**TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS: 37**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS (MS PHYS)  
(LIST OF COURSES BY SEMESTER, NON-THESIS OPTION)**

**First Year, First Semester**

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 221	Classical Mechanics I	3				
Phys 231	Classical Electrodynamics I	3				
Phys 241	Quantum Mechanics I	3				
	Total	9				

**First Year, Second Semester**

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 232	Classical Electrodynamics II	3				
Phys 242	Quantum Mechanics I	3				
Phys 261	Statistical Mechanics I	3				
	Total	9				

**Second Year, First Semester**

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 210	Graduate Laboratory I	2				
Physics Elective		6				
	Total	8				

**Second Year, Second Semester**

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs/Wk			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Phys 295	Graduate Seminar	2				
Physics Elective		9				
	Total	11				

**TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS: 37**

In the non-thesis option, the curriculum consists of 37 units course work including Phys 210. The M.S. Physics degree will be awarded upon obtaining a passing grade in the Comprehensive Examination to be given by the Graduate Committee

## CATALOGUE OF COURSES

### PHYS 210 GRADUATE LABORATORY I

An advanced course in experimental physics which deals with the laboratory techniques required in actual research development work.

### PHYS 211 GRADUATE LABORATORY II

Laboratory course for Computational Physics Class hours: 6 hours laboratory

Credit : 2 units (6 hours laboratory)

### PHYS 221 CLASSICAL MECHANICS I

An advanced course in Newtonian and relativistic mechanics: particle and rigid body motions, Lagrangian-Hamiltonian formulation, relativistic covariant formulation.

Credit : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

### PHYS 222 CLASSICAL MECHANICS II

Continuation of Physics 221: canonical transformations, Hamilton-Jacobi theory, small oscillations, Lagrangian-Hamiltonian formulation of continuous systems and fields.

Credit : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 221

### PHYS 231 CLASSICAL ELECTRODYNAMICS I

An advanced course in electricity and magnetism; electrostatics and magnetostatics in vacuum and material media, Maxwell' equations, electromagnetic waves, wave guides, resonant cavities, radiations.

Credit : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

### PHYS 232 CLASSICAL ELECTRODYNAMICS II

Continuation of Physics 231: radiating systems, radiation by moving charges, bremsstrahlung, multipole fields, relativistic dynamics of charges, classical electron theory, magnetohydrodynamics.

Credit : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 231

### PHYS 241 QUANTUM MECHANICS I

An advanced course in quantum theory and its applications: historical and experimental background, Schrodinger equation, stationary states, stationary perturbation, Hilbert-space formulation, observables and operator theory, angular momentum, central potentials.

Credit : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

PHYS 242      QUANTUM MECHANICS II

Continuation of Physics 241: symmetry and conservation of laws, identical particles, spin, non-stationary perturbation, scattering theory, semi-classical theory of radiation, applications to atoms, molecules and nuclei.

Credit               : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s)   : Physics 241

PHYS 243      ADVANCED QUANTUM MECHANICS I

An introduction to relativistic quantum mechanics: the relativistic equations, their solutions and interpretations.

Credit               : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s)   : Physics 242

PHYS 244      ADVANCED QUANTUM MECHANICS II

An introduction to quantum fields: classical field theory, quantization of fields, interacting fields, quantum electrodynamics.

Credit               : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

PHYS 253      ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR PHYSICS

Quantum theory of angular momentum, one-electron and multi-electron atoms, Pauli principle, radiative transitions, selection rules, molecular rotations and vibrations, group theory and symmetry, line widths.

Credit               : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s)   : Physics 242

PHYS 255      SOLID STATE PHYSICS

An advanced course in the quantum theory of solids: lattice structure, quantization of lattice vibration, thermal properties, free-electron theory, electron-phonon interaction, electron-electron interaction, super conductivity.

Credit               : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s)   : Physics 242

PHYS 261      STATISTICAL MECHANICS I

Statistical methods, equilibrium statistical thermodynamics, partition functions, equi-partition theorem, ideal gases, quantum statistics and applications to non-interacting particles and degenerate systems.

Credit               : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s)   : Physic 241

PHYS 262      STATISTICAL MECHANICS II

Continuation of Physics 261: systems of interacting particles, transport theory, irreversible processes, fluctuations.

Credit               : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s)   : Physics 261

PHYS 263      COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS I

Numerical methods; introduction to linear and dynamic programming; ordinary and partial differential equations; matrix operations; boundary value and eigenvalue problems.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

PHYS 264      COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS II

Principles of simulation and modeling; statistical description of data; modeling of data; minimization and maximization of functions; Monte Carlo method.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

PHYS 265      ADVANCED COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS

Selected advanced topics of current interest in computational physics

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

PHYS 271      NUCLEAR PHYSICS I

A quantum approach to nuclear physics: properties of nuclei, radioactivity, nuclear models, isospin formalism, fission and fusion, electromagnetic and nuclear interactions, beta decay.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 242

PHYS 275      ELEMENTARY PARTICLE PHYSICS I

A course on the properties and interactions of the fundamental particles.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 243

PHYS 276      EXPERIMENTAL METHODS OF ELEMENTARY PARTICLE PHYSICS

Advanced laboratory techniques and instrumentation of elementary particle physics.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

PHYS 285      GENERAL THEORY OF RELATIVITY I

An introduction to the Einsteinian theory of gravitation: special relativity, principle of equivalence, tensor analysis, Einstein's field equations, Schwarzschild solution, post-Newtonian approximation, gravitational radiation, experimental tests.

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 222, 232

PHYS 286      GENERAL THEORY OF RELATIVITY II

Continuation of Physics 285: relativistic astrophysics, gravitational collapse, spacetime singularities, differential geometry, tetrad formalism, symmetric spaces, cosmology.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 285

PHYS 291      MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS I

Selected topics in linear ordinary and partial differential equations: self-adjoint and eigenvalue problems, Green's functions, Sturm-Liouville theory, Fourier series and eigenfunction expansions, orthogonal functions, integral equations, vector spaces and matrix theory.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

PHYS 292      MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS II

Hilbert spaces, operator algebras and representation theory.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 291

PHYS 293      MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS III

Discrete and continuous groups, group representation, differential geometry, Lie groups and Lie algebras, rotation group, Lorentz group, unitary groups, special functions.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Physics 291

PHYS 295      GRADUATE SEMINAR

A seminar course on recent developments in physics. Students will be required to discuss current research results and implications.

Credit            : 2 units, repetitive credit

PHYS 296      SPECIAL TOPICS I

A course on selected advanced topics not covered in formal courses; course content variable.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Instructor's consent

PHYS 297      SPECIAL TOPICS II

Continuation of Physics 296.

Credit            : 3 units (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite(s) : Instructor's consent

PHYS 298      SPECIAL TOPICS IN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS

Advanced laboratory techniques and instrumentation in a specialized area of experimental physics that is not covered in the other courses.

Credit            : 2-3 units

PHYS 300      MASTERAL THESIS

Credit            : 6 units