PHYSICS: QUANTUM COMPUTING, M.S.

This is a named option in the Physics M.S. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/physics/physics-ms)

In addition to the M.S. degree in Physics (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/physics/physics-ms), there is also a M.S. named option in Quantum Computing. The M.S. in Physics-Quantum Computing is an intensive professional master's degree and is designed to be completed in one calendar year. The program provides students with a thorough grounding in the new discipline of quantum information and quantum computing. This begins with a study of the relevant parts of quantum theory, and proceeds to quantum gates, measurements, algorithms, quantum error correction and decoherence. Quantum communication theory and the secure transmission of information are also covered. The supporting areas of statistical mechanics, solid-state physics and atomic physics form part of the classroom training. Just as important, the program gives students a mastery of the advanced lab skills involved in quantum computation. Students who graduate from this program will have the tools to succeed as researchers or program managers in a quantum computing or quantum technologies enterprise. They may also use the program as a springboard to Ph.D. programs in physics or related areas.

The tuition for this program is $1,600/ credit hour. Students in this program cannot accept research assistant, teaching assistant, project assistant or other university appointments that grant waivers of tuition and/or academic fees.

ADMISSIONS

GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic degree programs and the Graduate School. Applicants must meet requirements of both the program(s) and the Graduate School. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online of both the program(s) and the Graduate School. Applicants must meet requirements for graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic degree programs and the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and processes related to funding.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

Evening/Weekend: These programs are offered in an evening and/or weekend format to accommodate working schedules. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses and personal connections, while keeping your day job. For more information about the meeting schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

Online: These programs are offered primarily online. Many available online programs can be completed almost entirely online with all online programs offering at least 50 percent or more of the program work online. Some online programs have an on-campus component that is often designed to accommodate working schedules. Take advantage of the convenience of online learning while participating in a rich, interactive learning environment. For more information about the online nature of a specific program, contact the program.

Hybrid: These programs have innovative curricula that combine on-campus and online formats. Most hybrid programs are completed on-campus with a partial or completely online semester. For more information about the hybrid schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

Accelerated: These on-campus programs are offered in an accelerated format that allows you to complete your program in a condensed time-frame. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses with minimal disruption to your career. For more information about the accelerated nature of a specific program, contact the program.
CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
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Other Grade Requirements

The Graduate School requires an average grade of B or better in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student unless conditions for probationary status require higher grades. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.

Assessments and Examinations

n/a

Language Requirements

Contact the program for information on any language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

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POLICIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School’s Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES

GRADUATE PROGRAM HANDBOOK

The Graduate Program Handbook (https://www.physics.wisc.edu/mspqc) is the repository for all of the program’s policies and requirements.

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Work from Other Institutions

Prior coursework from other institution may count toward any graduate degree in physics as allowed by the Graduate School policy on prior coursework.

UW–Madison Undergraduate

Up to 7 credits in courses numbered 500 or above may be used to satisfy minimum degree requirements.

UW–Madison University Special

With program approval and payment of difference in tuition (between Special and graduate tuition), students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of coursework numbered 500 or above taken as a UW–Madison University Special student. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master’s degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

PROBATION

Grade of B or better in all coursework and a minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 are required.

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

All students will be assigned a faculty advisor upon matriculation.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits

TIME CONSTRAINTS

n/a

OTHER

Students enrolled in this program are not permitted to accept teaching assistantships, project assistantships, research assistantships or other appointments that would result in a tuition waiver. Students in this program cannot enroll in other graduate programs nor take courses outside the prescribed curriculum.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES
Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

PEOPLE

M.S. IN PHYSICS - QUANTUM COMPUTING
More detail about each faculty member (https://www.physics.wisc.edu/people/faculty) and the research areas (https://www.physics.wisc.edu/research/areas) can be found on the Physics website.

QUANTUM COMPUTING FACULTY
Susan Coppersmith, Robert E. Fassnacht Professor and Vilas Professor
Mark Eriksson, Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor
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Robert Joynt, Professor
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Alex Levchenko, Associate Professor
Robert McDermott, Professor
Mark Saffman, Professor
Maxim Vavilov, Professor
Thad Walker, Professor
Deniz Yavuz, Professor

QUANTUM COMPUTING ADMINISTRATION
The MSPQC Program Director is Professor Robert Joynt. The MSPQC Committee Members are Robert Joynt (Chair), Mark Saffman, Mark Eriksson, Robert McDermott, Deniz Yavuz (Chair of the Graduate Program Committee), Stas Boldyrev (Chair of the Admissions Committee), Michelle Holland (Graduate Program Coordinator).