PHYSICS, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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<td>Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.</td>
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<td>Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.</td>
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<td>Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.</td>
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<td>Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.</td>
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<td>Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.</td>
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CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

- Minimum Credit Requirement: 51 credits
- Minimum Residence Credit Requirement: 51 credits
- Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement: Half of degree coursework (26 credits out of 51 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (http://guide.wisc.edu/Graduate/). No Physics courses below 500-level will be counted toward the 51 credit minimum. 300-level courses taken from departments outside of Physics in fulfillment of an external minor may be counted toward the 51 credit minimum.

Overall GPA Requirement: 3.00 GPA required.

Graduate GPA Requirement: 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

- Physics doctoral students are required to pass the qualifying examination at the Ph.D. level by the end of their fourth semester.
- Students are also required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination. It is recommended that this is completed by the end of the fifth semester.
- All Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis) must be cleared from the student’s record prior to taking the preliminary examination.
- A final oral defense and deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

Language Requirements

Contact the program for information on any language requirements.

Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements

All doctoral students are required to complete a minor.

REQUIRED COURSES

All graduate degree candidates are required to take five core courses:

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Each core course must be repeated until a grade of at least a B is earned. All first year graduate students are required to enroll in and attend PHYSICS 701 Graduate Introductory Seminars held each fall.