

Physics Master's

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/physics (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/physics/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/physics/ (<http://ndsu.edu/physics/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
For U.S. students, one month before registration; for international students, March 1 for fall semester and September 1 for spring/summer semester.
- **Credential Offered:**
M.S.
- **Test Requirement:**
GRE (general and subject recommended)
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
RA - TOEFL 71, IELTS 6, Duolingo 105; TA Grader - TOEFL 79, IELTS 6.5, Duolingo 110; TA Instructor - TOEFL 81, IELTS 7, Duolingo 115

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Master of Science

Code	Title	Credits
Physics courses number 601-689 or 700-789		10
Didactic courses numbered 601-689 or 700-789		16
PHYS 790		1
PHYS 798		6-10
Total Credits		30

Students are required to attend all seminars and colloquia.

Accelerated Master of Science

Code	Title	Credits
PHYS 790		1
Choose from the following:		21
PHYS 611	Optics for Scientists & Engineers	
PHYS 611L	Optics for Scientists and Engineers Lab	
PHYS 613	Lasers for Scientists and Engineers	
PHYS 615	Elements of Photonics	
PHYS 662	Thermal and Statistical Physics	
PHYS 681	Materials Physics	
PHYS 685	Quantum Mechanics I	
PHYS 686	Quantum Mechanics II	
PHYS 752	Mathematical Methods in Physics I	
PHYS 758	Statistical Physics	
PHYS 761	Electromagnetism	
PHYS 771	Quantum Physics I	
PHYS 781	Solid State Physics	
PHYS 798		6-8
Total Credits		30

Students must meet all requirements of the Physics bachelor and master programs. For the master's degree, students must earn at least 30 graduate credits, numbered 601-798, with these conditions:

- Up to 15 credits from this list may count toward the bachelor program requirements. It is recommended that students take the 600-level of PHYS 462/662, 481/681, 485/685, and 486/686 while fulfilling the requirements for the bachelor's degree.
- Between 6 and 8 credits are PHYS 798 (Master's Thesis), with the goal to publish a paper based on the thesis research, although this is not a requirement to graduate.
- At least one credit is PHYS 790 Graduate Seminar.

Admission and Application Requirements

Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page.