

Professional Master of Science in Physics

Online Student Orientation Session

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We'll start at 6:35 pm

You can download these slides from:


depts.washington.edu/emsp/posts/msinfo-orientation2020.pdf

UW Professional MS in Physics (PMSP) program

Welcome new and returning MS and GNM students!

- Whom do I contact with questions?
 - **Any academic question or issue, advising, selecting courses:**
Physics faculty coordinator: THAT'S ME!
Jeffrey Wilkes, B-208A Physics-Astronomy, emsp@uw.edu (206) 543-4232
 - **Any question or problem with admissions, degree requirements, rules and regulations of Graduate School or UW :**
Physics graduate program administrator/advisor:
Catherine Provost, (206) 543-2488 cuala@u.washington.edu
 - **Anything to do with course registration or tuition payment:**
Brian Cox, PCE Program Administrator, (206) 616-5104, bc26@uw.edu
UW Continuum College - Professional & Continuing Education (PCE)

Registration

- Be sure you are registering for the correct **sections**
 - Sometimes course numbers PHYS 575 or 576 are used for non-evening classes – daytime sections are **different courses!**
 - Always start with the **PCE Time Schedule**
www.washington.edu/students/timeschd/AUT2020/95phys.html
(shows only class sections offered by our program)
not the UW College of Arts & Sciences time schedule
www.washington.edu/students/timeschd/AUT2020/phys.html
 - Use the **A&S schedule** *only* if you want a non-PMSP elective
 - You need prior permission from – just email me
 - You also need permission and add code from the instructor
 - **MS degree students register online** – go to your **MyUW** page for links
 - GNM students still must use the registration forms sent by PCE
 - You can register with PCE by email (c2reg@uw.edu), or phone (206-543-2310)
 - For any questions, or if you haven't received next term's registration info within 2 weeks of end of any term, , email **Brian Cox at PCE**, bc26@uw.edu

Courses and credits

MS only: You **must** register for credit **each** regular term to stay in the program!

- If you don't want to register for credits in autumn, winter, or spring, you **must request on-leave status** for that term

- Submit an online Request for On-Leave Status via MyUW, or go to

<http://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/general-graduate-student-policies/graduate-on-leave-status/>

- Otherwise you will have to re-apply (and pay another app fee)!
- **Summer terms excepted** - no requirement to register for Summer

GNNs: you only need to register 1 term per year to stay in good standing

- If you intend to apply for the MS track: you can only transfer 12 GNM credits into the MS program, so apply after completing 2 core courses

- What if I need a few more credits to qualify for financial aid?

- Register for 1 or 2 credits of PHYS 600 with me or any other faculty member – see https://www.physicsmasters.uw.edu/uwmsp/media/physicsmasters/phys_600_instructions.pdf
- Choose a topic and send me a brief proposal with information sources to be used, deliverables (term paper or website), and milestone dates for progress checks

Other requirements for MS students

- Graduate School rules require “satisfactory performance and progress toward completion of their graduate degree”
 - Apply for on-leave status if you need to take time off
- A minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA is required for a graduate degree **and** for every quarter of course work
 - If your GPA drops below 3.0 any quarter you may go on **academic probation**
 - You must bring your GPA up to 3.0 to remain in the degree program
- You must complete all degree requirements within six years
 - If you enroll as GNM before matriculating for the MS degree, time spent as GNM counts toward the 6 year limit!
 - Extensions may be possible under special circumstances
- **Full details: read this page**

<http://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/masters-degree-policies/masters-degree-requirements/>

Don't forget to use your UW NetID

- Your UW NetID gives you email + access to online resources
 - Check UW mail regularly or set *YourNetID@uw.edu* to forward to your personal email account
 - Always use your NetID to log in for access to UW resources
- UW Library has huge print resources, but also wide variety of online resources
 - Browse www.lib.washington.edu/
 - Libraries have many PCs for student use
 - Your UW NetID gets you off-campus access to online journals, newspapers and magazines, e-books, and many media collections and e-resources
 - See www.lib.washington.edu/help/connect for off-campus access
 - Call or email UW librarians for help using library resources

Resources for PMSP students

- Who's my adviser?
 - For new students, me ! wilkes@uw.edu
 - For those doing independent study: your faculty mentor
- Websites for more info:
 - The PMSP website <https://www.physicsmasters.uw.edu> contains info for applicants, plus course descriptions and other info for you
 - See also the site for active students, <http://depts.washington.edu/emsp> with additional info for active PMSP students, including capstone projects and final exam planning
 - These slides are posted there now

When we can open up campus again:

- Where can I hang out / study before or after class?
 - Physics study center, mezzanine level (in the A-wing, go down the spiral staircase one floor)
 - PCs, with net access and printers, tables and blackboards
 - Suzzallo / Allen (graduate) library, Odegaard Undergraduate library, and Engineering Library have many study spaces

Resources for PMSP students

- How can I get together with fellow students **now**?
 - We've set up a **chat/post/meeting site**
 - UW IT provides students access to **Microsoft Office 365 Teams**
 - You can post messages, contact fellow students to arrange Zoom meetings, discuss homework, etc
 - First, go to your **UW NetID account management page**
<https://uwnetid.washington.edu/manage/>
and if you do not already have MS Office 365 enabled for your account, request that - it may take a few hours to be set up.
 - When Teams is enabled, go to
<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3a065de9623fb54643a5ad007767baf0ce%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=eb3520bd-c0c0-4595-820d-d983c8628214&tenantId=f6b6dd5b-f02f-441a-99a0-162ac5060bd2>
and when requested give the entry code: **rnj16m5**
 - Please contact UW IT Help, help@uw.edu (not me! no Teams expertise) if you have any questions about getting or using Teams.

Enjoy learning physics!

- Glad you could join us tonight

– Further questions?

Ask: me emsp@uw.edu, or Catherine Provost cuala@uw.edu

Or contact any of the professors who teach courses in our program: Anna Goussiou, Alejandro Garcia, Deep Gupta, or Boris Blinov

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PHYS 543 students, your class zoom session starts now...

https://washington.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pcOGvrjMvG9EQ225_D_UrENPhAC9RhgYR

Or connect from Zoom app with meeting ID: 994 7870 8515.
Passcode: 3753