

STUDIENABLAUFPLAN

Sem.	CP	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	
4	module	Master Thesis										
3	module	Research Phase 1: In-depth Knowledge Acquisition				Research Phase 2: Method Training						
2	module	Advanced Research Laboratory		Compulsory Elective within field of study								Compulsory Electives outside field of study Physics/ other subjects
1/2	module	Compulsory modules within the specialization										

CP: Credit points according to ECTS (measure for learning, preparation and follow-up work; 1 CP = approx. 30 hours)



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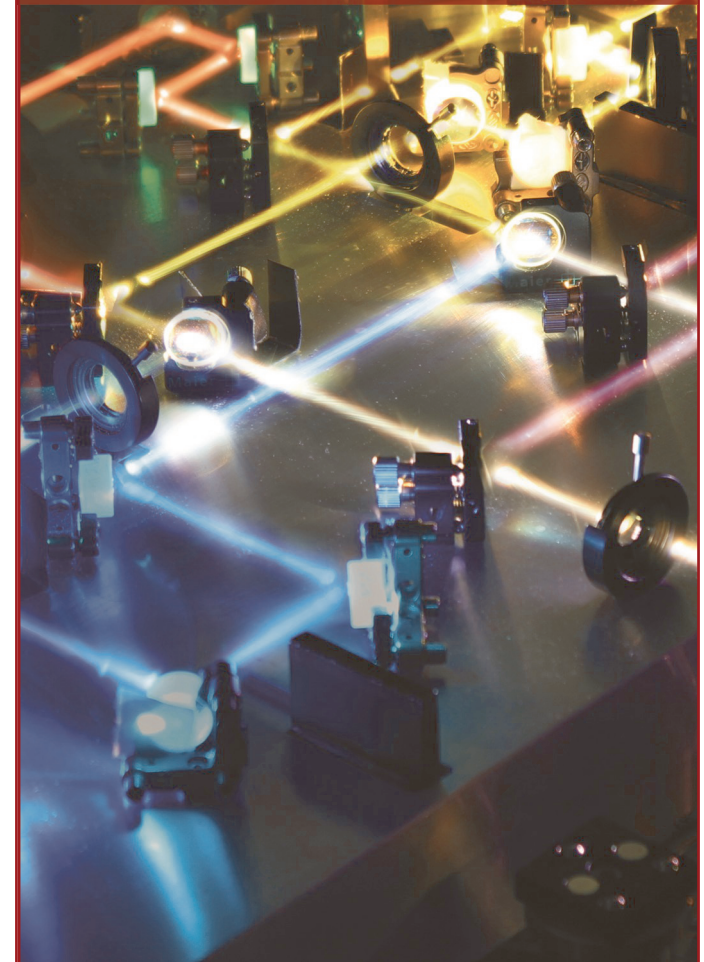
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Physik

Master of Science



DEGREE & STANDARD DURATION OF STUDY

- Master of Science (M.Sc.) | 4 Semester

STUDY FORM & LANGUAGE

- post graduate studies (requires a first university degree)
- single-subject-course of study (cannot be combined)
- main teaching Language: Englisch
- additional teaching Language: German

START OF STUDIES

- Winter semester (1. October)
- Summer semester (1. April)

FIELDS OF STUDY

- Mathematics/Science

STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

- A first related university degree, with a minimum of 180 credit points/ECTS
 - 25 CP in Mathematics
 - at least 25 CP in the field of theoretical Physics
 - 40 CP in the field of experimental Physics
 - 9 CP Quantum physics
 (Details are regulated by the study and examination regulations)
- English language skills at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- The Masters Degree qualifies for a doctorate.

OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

The Master's course expands on the substantive and methodological principles covered in the Bachelor's degree. It gives students the tools to understand and apply fundamental knowledge of physics. The content and forms of study are largely defined by the fusion of teaching and research. The aim of the course is to encourage students to undertake independent research. Students learn to address complex problems and solve them with scientific methods – including beyond the current limits of what we know. Graduates therefore acquire the skills as scientists that are required to complete a PhD.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There should be a strong interest in dealing with scientific and abstract issues. In addition to these qualities, students should have a very good logical and mathematical understanding and a good deal of perseverance.

A theoretical approach to issues as well as a practical disposition and a results-orientated way of working and thinking are required during the course. High demands are placed on self-organisation. Good time management and self-discipline are prerequisites for a successful degree programme.

CURRICULUM

The first two semesters focus on teaching and deepening student's knowledge of advanced scientific concepts and methods in physics. In the chosen field of study, compulsory modules and modules from a compulsory elective catalog must be completed. Afterwards, the students work in a research group on a problem of current research.

The third semester concentrates on introducing students to challenging scientific research work in two in-depth modules: "Research Phase 1: In-depth Knowledge Acquisition" (12 CP) and

Research Phase 2: Method Training" (12 CP). In the fourth semester, the master's thesis (30 CP) is written on a current scientific topic.

Tracks

- Quantum Optics and Technology (QOT)
- Ultrafast Optics and Spectroscopy (UOS)
- Nano and Surface Physics (NSP)
- Intense Laser-Matter Interaction and High Energy Density Physics (ILMI/HED)
- Physics of Life, Light, and Matter (LLM)
- Physics of Ocean, Atmosphere, and Space (OAS)

These tracks provide a broad spectrum of basic and specialized Masters' courses closely linked to the research fields of the professors at the Institute of Physics as well as other institutions such as the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research, Leibniz Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Leibniz Institute for Plasma Science and Technology and DLR Institute for Solar-Terrestrial Physics

CAREER PROSPECTS

The knowledge and skills acquired during the Master's degree in Physics open up a wide range of careers to graduates, including: Basic research at universities and institutes; applied research and development in industry; the development and application of measuring and testing technology; support for diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures; management in innovative companies; careers as experts and consultants; planning and administrative roles in government.