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Physics Department Graduate Student Handbook

The Physics Department Graduate Student Handbook is intended as an overview of the policies and procedures regarding graduate students in the Department. We hope it will answer the majority of questions you may have. If you have suggestions for improvements or additions to this handbook, please contact Prof. Deborah Fygenon, Director of the Physics Graduate Program, at deborah@physics.ucsb.edu.

Please note: there are many policies and procedures are established and administered by the Graduate Council. For detailed information on policies regarding graduate students at UCSB, the Graduate Division Student Handbook should be consulted. The Graduate Division Student Handbook is available online at www.graddiv.ucsb.edu.

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Introduction

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Important Locations in the Physics Department

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Undergraduate/Physics Study Room (PSR)	Broida 1019	
Graduate Student Mailboxes	Broida 5019	
Graduate Student Copy Machines	Broida 6019	
Physics Computing Services	Trailer 937	x8366
Physics Machine Shop	PSB-S 1719	x8638
Physics Storeroom	Broida 1301	x2747

First Year Student Orientation

Housing Your first priority when planning your move to Santa Barbara is to secure housing. Visit the Housing Office in the University Center (UCen) for information on available housing in person. Visit the housing [link](#) for detailed information on-line. Most first year graduate students will live in the on-campus housing of San Clemente Villages. Students with families can apply for [Family Student Apartments](#).

Fees It is essential that you review your BARC statement each month for charges incurred for which you are responsible. There is a deadline for all “now due” charges on your statement at the beginning of each quarter. Typically, the payment deadline is the first day of instruction. Late payments will incur fees. Payment deadlines are listed on the Registrar’s website [here](#). It is strongly recommended that you add the payment deadlines to your personal calendar. If you have any questions regarding your statement or any unpaid charges, please see the Staff Graduate Advisor in person or send an e-mail to them at jfarrar@ucsb.edu.

Fee Deferral For an additional \$25, you may defer your fees and pay over the course of the quarter. This is done through the Billing Office in the Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building (SAASB). Visit <https://www.bfs.ucsb.edu/barc/payment-plans> for more information.

Registration Registering for classes is done on-line (via [GOLD](#)). Instructions for registering for classes are located on the Registrar’s website [here](#). When you receive your registration materials, check the deadline date. Note that you will register for the next quarter’s classes during the current quarter. It is strongly recommended that you register as soon as your pass time opens. Check GOLD for pass times.

NOTE: Graduate Students have until the **15th day of instruction** to add classes to their schedule without approval from the Graduate Division. After this deadline, schedule adjustments require petitioning the Graduate Division for approval.

Waivers If you passed a graduate course at another institution that you think may be the equivalent of one of the graduate courses we require, email the instructor of the course to discuss the possibility of receiving a waiver of the requirement. If you are granted a waiver, forward the instructor’s email stating as much to the Staff Graduate Advisor at jfarrar@ucsb.edu and keep a copy of it for your records.

NOTE: you will not receive any course credit units for waived requirements.

NOTE: multiple waivers may require you to petition the Graduate Dean for an exception to policy.

NOTE: students who receive several waivers often do not satisfy the requirements for receiving a master’s degree after advancement because the master’s degree requires completion of a minimum of 36 units of upper-division and graduate coursework at UCSB. No fewer than 24 of the 36 units required for a non-thesis master’s degree must be in graduate courses in the major subject or in graduate courses related to that subject. Teaching and research practica, 597, or 598 courses may not be used to meet this

minimum unit requirement. No more than half of the required 24 graduate units may be in 596 coursework. See this [link](#) for more information.

Departmental requirements for the first quarter of registration Graduate students are required to enroll for a minimum of 12 units per quarter in every quarter except summer quarter. All core and elective courses for the degree must be taken for a letter grade. Students enrolling for less than, or dropping below, 12 units must obtain approval from the Director of the Graduate Program. **First year Ph.D. students** are required to enroll in the course schedule listed in [the Academic section](#) unless they have obtained explicit approval of an alternate course schedule from the Director of the Graduate Program.

New Student Orientation Meeting Campus-wide and Physics Department orientations for all new students are held on campus, in person, starting on the Monday of the first week of classes in Fall. New students should arrange to be in Santa Barbara on or before that Monday. The Staff Graduate Advisor will email all new students with details early in Summer.

For more information on the Campus-wide Graduate Student Orientation go to:

<http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/profdev/new-students>.

For more information on the Campus-wide TA orientation go to: <https://id.ucsb.edu/>

Miscellaneous Department Information

Employment To be appointed as either a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) or Teaching Assistant (TA), you must fill out several forms and demonstrate eligibility for employment in the U.S. Documents that can be used to demonstrate employment eligibility are listed [here](#). It is strongly recommended that you review the list carefully.

NOTE: be sure to have the original documents with you. Copies will not suffice.

NOTE: Your first paycheck will arrive on the first of the month following the one in which your employment began. In Fall Quarter, this is typically the first of November.

TA Loan: Students who are appointed as a TA may apply for a TA loan up to the amount of their first month's salary beginning two weeks before classes start through the Office of Financial Aid. For more information, visit: <https://www.bfs.ucsb.edu/barc/collections>.

Offices: All graduate students will be assigned desk space either in an office or in the laboratory in which they are working. Keys will be made available during the first week of classes.

Computer Accounts: Each student should have an email account set up. Please visit this [link](#).

Mailboxes: Student mailboxes are in Broida 5019. The campus mail service will not take personal mail and/or any mail with stamps affixed. Outgoing personal mail must be deposited in U.S. mailboxes or taken to the Post Office on the ground floor of the UCEN. U.S. mailboxes are located near the Materials Research Lab (MRL), the Coral Tree Café and the bus loop.

Computer Room: A computer and printer are available for your use 24 hours a day in the graduate student computer room located in Broida 5019. The door may be opened with your personal door code.

Storeroom Codes for TAs:

The storeroom is located in Broida 1301 (immediately north of the Broida main elevator lobby). It is stocked with supplies typically needed for TA or research work. Any supplies taken from the storeroom MUST be used for that work. Personal purchases are NOT allowed. Any supplies taken from the storeroom MUST be charged to an account. The account code for TA-ing undergraduate courses is 07 and for TA-ing graduate courses is 0R. The account code for research is provided by the research advisor.

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Academics

Outline of Academic Progress: Year 1

Quarterly

- Complete core and elective course requirements for a letter grade with a minimum grade of B.

For the regular Physics PhD these are:

- Classical Mechanics (Phys 205) or Galactic Dynamics (Phys 237).
Physics 237 with a grade of B or better may be substituted for Physics 205 if the student has an official verification of demonstrated competency in Lagrangian Mechanics submitted by the Phys 205 instructor before enrolling in the course. If Physics 237 is used in this way as a substitution, it cannot be used as an elective.
- Electromagnetic Theory (Phys 210A-B)
- Quantum Mechanics (Phys 215A-B-C)
- Statistical Mechanics (Phys 219)

Alternatively, for students undertaking the Astrophysics Emphasis the core courses are:

- 5 of the following 6 courses: Stellar Structure and Evolution (Phys 232), The Interstellar Medium (Phys 233), High Energy Astrophysics (Phys 234), Extragalactic Astrophysics (Phys 235), Cosmology (Phys 236), Galactic Dynamics (Phys 237).
- Quantum Mechanics (Phys 215A)
- 2 of the following 4 courses: Electromagnetic Theory I & II (210A-B), Quantum Mechanics II (215B), Statistical Mechanics (Phys 219)

- ◆ Enroll in the Graduate Seminar (Phys 260G) each quarter.
- ◆ Enroll in 12 units per quarter except for the Summer. *Do not drop below 12 units without approval from the Director of the Graduate Program.*
- ◆ Explore different areas of research taking place in the Department by attending seminars in the 260 series, Special Topics, and brown bag lunches. Begin to focus on your field of interest and explore research opportunities with faculty in that field. Begin thinking about which faculty you might like to have on your Supervising Committee.
- ◆ Enroll in courses that contribute to meeting the following requirement before graduation:
Theoretical Students: 5 advanced graduate courses with a minimum grade of B. One of these courses should be in an area clearly distinct from your field of specialization.
Experimental Students: 3 advanced graduate courses with a minimum grade of B. Courses taken to satisfy the core course requirements cannot be used to satisfy this advanced course elective requirement.
Astrophysics Emphasis: 4 electives for theorists (with one in an area clearly distinct from your field of specialization) or 2 electives for observers/experimentalists.

Fall

- ◆ Enroll in the Teaching Assistant Seminar (Phys 500) Fall Quarter. Be sure to sign the attendance sheet for credit.
- ◆ Take steps to establish California residency; non-residents incur higher fees. Visit <https://registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/fees-residency/residency/residency-for-tuition-purposes> for instructions. Contact the Residence Deputy at Residency@sa.ucsb.edu.
- ◆ Register for Winter quarter courses during Fall.

Winter

- ◆ Domestic students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2. Please accept Federal Work Study support; it is beneficial to the department and your advisor, if you are hired as a GSR.
- ◆ Apply to the Graduate Division for Continuing Student Central Fellowships, if eligible. Deadline: March. For more information, check out <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/central-campus-fellowships>.
- Register for Spring quarter courses during Winter.
- Submit the Petition for Resident Classification to the Registrar's Office to ensure classification as a California resident before the start of Fall Quarter.
- Think further about forming your Supervising Committee, choosing a research advisor, whether you might begin a research project in the near future, and finding funding for the coming summer.

Spring

- Work with the Director of the Graduate Program to finalize your Supervising Committee and hold your first Annual Update meeting with your committee. You should inform them of your progress thus far, and they will give you advice on how to proceed with your studies, solidifying a relationship with a research advisor, and so forth.
- Look into finding a summer research project (ideally with GSR support), a summer reading course, or some other activity to further the pursuit of your PhD. The time over this summer is an important opportunity to launch your research; take time to plan it carefully. Graduate students do not enroll in Summer classes except in special situations approved by the Staff Graduate Advisor.

Summer

- Register for Fall quarter courses. All courses and electives should be taken for a letter grade and should be passed with a grade B or higher.
- Accept Federal Work Study from the Financial Aid Office for the next academic year; email an attachment of the Work Study Referral form to the Staff Graduate Advisor in the Physics Department Office. It is available in mid-September.
- If you are a domestic student, take steps to establish the Reclassification Residency Procedure by the end of Spring Quarter to become a California resident for Fall Quarter. Go to: <http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu/>. Eligible students must establish residency their first year. *The student will be responsible for non-resident tuition if California residency is not established at the end of the first year.*
- Starting Fall 2015 for only the newly recruited students beginning in that quarter, the International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship (IDRF) will pay for the Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) to international doctoral students beyond their first year of residency who have not yet advanced to candidacy. The IDRF does not apply to current

students who began graduate studies prior to Fall 2015. Visit this [link](#) for more information.

Outline of Academic Progress: Year 2

Quarterly

- ◆ Enroll in 12 units per quarter. *Do not drop below 12 units without approval from the graduate advisor.*
- ◆ Continue to enroll in courses that will meet the following course requirements:
Theoretical Students: 5 advanced graduate courses with a minimum grade of B. One of these courses should be in an area clearly distinct from your field.
Experimental Students: 3 advanced graduate courses with a minimum grade of B.
- ◆ Complete any core course requirements that were not met with a minimum grade of B in year one.

Fall

- ◆ Continue the process of establishing and solidifying your relationship with a research advisor. If you are still at an early stage of this process, consider enrolling again in the Graduate Seminar (Phys 260G) for information on current topics of research.
- ◆ **Domestic students:** Confirm that you have established residency and have not been assessed non-resident supplemental tuition on your BARC account. If you have not, contact the Resident Deputy to resolve the issue.

Winter

- ◆ Domestic students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2. Please accept Federal Work Study support.
- ◆ Apply to the Graduate Division for Continuing Student Central Fellowships. Deadline: March. For more information, check:
<https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/central-campus-fellowships/new-continuing>

Spring

- In order to advance to candidacy on time in year 3, you should be well established with a research advisor at least by the end of the summer. Consult with your supervising Committee and the Director of the Graduate Program for guidance if you have concerns about this timetable.
- Work with the Director of the Graduate Program to make any desired changes in your Supervising Committee. Hold the 2nd Annual Update meeting with your committee to inform them of your progress. They will advise you on how to proceed with your studies, how to prepare to advance to candidacy during year 3, and so forth.
- ◆ Review procedure for advancing to candidacy next Winter.

Summer

- Accept Federal Work Study from the Financial Aid Office for the next academic year; email an attachment of the Work Study Referral form to the Staff Graduate Advisor in the Physics Department Office. It is available in mid-September.
- Register for Fall quarter courses.

Outline of Academic Progress: Year 3

Quarterly

- ◆ Complete an academic progress review with the Director of the Graduate Program.
- ◆ Continue to enroll in courses that will meet the following requirements:
Theoretical Students: 5 advanced graduate courses with a minimum grade of B. One of these courses should be in an area clearly distinct from your field.
Experimental Students: 3 advanced graduate courses with a minimum grade of B.
- ◆ In order to advance to candidacy on time, you should be well established with a research advisor by the start of year 3. If you have any concerns about this timeline, be sure to consult with your Supervising Committee and with the Director of the Graduate Program.

Fall

- ◆ *In preparation for advancing to candidacy by the end of the Spring quarter, discuss advancement with the Director of the Graduate Program and your research advisor.*
- ◆ Set up a meeting 4-6 weeks before your planned advancement and nominate your committee via GradPoint Students. It must be approved by the Graduate Dean before you can advance.

Winter

- ◆ Domestic students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2. Please accept Federal Work Study support.
- ◆ Apply to the Graduate Division for Continuing Student Central Fellowships. Deadline: March. For more information, check:
<https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/central-campus-fellowships/new-continuing>
- Meet with Staff Graduate Advisor to prepare the required form for advancement. It is recommended that you meet with her at least 6 weeks prior to your planned exam.

Spring

- Advance to candidacy before the end of Spring quarter. Set up a meeting with the Staff Graduate Advisor to complete the necessary paperwork to advance.
- The advancement exam can take the place of this year's meeting of your Supervising Committee, but if so the committee must complete the Annual Update form.

Summer

- If you did not successfully advance to candidacy in Spring, retake the advancement exam. Unless you get a special exemption from the Director of the Graduate Program, you *must* pass this exam by the end of Summer.
- Register for Fall quarter.

- Accept Federal Work Study from the Financial Aid Office for the next academic year; email an attachment of the Work Study Referral form to the Staff Graduate Advisor in the Physics Department Office. It is available in mid-September.
- Be sure that you have held a meeting with your Supervising Committee at which the Annual Update form was completed. **The form must be submitted via DocuSign by July 15 in order for your employment paperwork to be processed for the coming Fall quarter. The Staff Graduate Advisor will email you instructions in Spring.**

Outline of Academic Progress: Years 4+

- ◆ By your second year the majority of your course units will be in Phys 596 (Advanced Reading & Research) or Phys 599 (Dissertation Preparation). Physics 599 is reserved for the quarter that you defend and has a unit limit. Do not enroll in Phys 599 if you defend in the Summer Quarter.
- ◆ The final period of graduate study should be directed toward individual research and the preparation of your dissertation.

Winter

- Domestic students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2. Please continue to accept Federal Work Study support.
- ◆ Apply to the Graduate Division for Continuing Student Central Fellowships. Deadline: March. For more information, check: <https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/funding-options>.

Spring/Summer

- ◆ Hold an Annual Update meeting with your Supervising Committee. Turn in the completed Annual Update form via DocuSign to the Staff Graduate Advisor by July 15 so that your employment paperwork can be processed for the coming fall. The Staff Graduate Advisor will send all graduate students the information and DocuSign forms to use.

Advising

Every graduate student who has not advanced to candidacy is required to meet with the Director of the Graduate Program (DGP) once or twice a year (as listed below) to discuss the student's academic plan, academic performance, and progress toward either establishing a Supervising Committee and a Research Advisor or advancing to candidacy. The DGP may, and the student is welcome to, raise any other issues of relevance to the student's experience in the program during such discussions.

First-year students will meet with the DGP at the end of both Fall and Spring quarters.

Second- year students will meet with the DGP in the Winter quarter.

Third-year students will meet with the DGP in the Fall quarter.

The DGP will schedule additional meetings as necessary.

It is the student's responsibility to assemble a [Supervising Committee](#) that will advise them through the various stages of graduate study. The student is required to engage their Supervising Committee in order to complete their [Annual Update Form](#). In a student's first year, this meeting should occur during the Spring quarter. In later years, this meeting should occur in either Spring or Summer, as determined by the student in consultation with the Chair of their Supervising Committee.

The Supervising Committee

A graduate student's Supervising Committee consists of three (3) faculty members, one (1) of whom must agree to serve as Chair. The Chair and at least one other committee member must hold at least a partial ladder faculty (tenured or tenure track, not adjunct or lecturer) appointment in the UCSB Physics Department. It is acceptable for one committee member not to be ladder faculty or to be ladder faculty from another department, so long as this choice is approved by the Director of the Graduate Program.

A student may change the members of a their Supervising Committee and its Chair at any time, provided the changes are approved by the new Supervising Committee and by the Director of the Graduate Program. There is one **Contract to Change or Create a Supervising Committee** [form](#) for 3 committee members and another **Contract to Change or Create a Supervising Committee** [form](#) for 4 committee members. After a student advances to candidacy, their Supervising Committee should consist of three (3) members of their Dissertation Committee.

NOTE: agreeing to serve as Chair of a Supervising Committee does not constitute a commitment to become a student's Ph.D. Advisor. The student and any prospective Chair should explicitly discuss their mutual expectations in this regard when the Supervising Committee is formed.

If the student wishes to have their Ph.D. Advisor be non-ladder faculty or ladder faculty from another department, the student should take the following steps, in this order:

1. identify a potential thesis topic with that outside advisor,
2. assemble a Supervising Committee of three ladder faculty from the Physics Department.

3. discuss the thesis topic with the Supervising Committee
4. ask the Supervising Committee whether the proposed thesis topic warrants a doctoral degree in Physics.

If the Supervising Committee determines that the proposed thesis topic does NOT warrant a doctoral degree in Physics, the student may work with their desired advisor to revise the topic. If the Supervising Committee determines that the proposed thesis topic does warrant a doctoral degree in Physics, the student should proceed to replace one of the Supervising Committee members with the outside faculty advisor, designating them as co-Chair.

Before a student is ready to advance to candidacy, their Supervising Committee must be approved only by the Physics Department. When a student is ready to advance, their Supervising Committee must also be approved by the Graduate Dean using UCSB's online system [GradPoint Students](#). After a student has advanced to candidacy, any changes to their Supervising Committee must be approved by both the Department and the Graduate Dean via GradPoint Students. (NOTE: The Graduate Dean's approval of a Supervising Committee is required for advancement to candidacy and graduation.)

The Annual Update Meeting

The Annual Update Meeting of the student with their Supervising Committee is NOT an exam. It is an opportunity for the student to strengthen their connection with their committee, inform them of recent research and personal developments, and receive input on their overall progress to degree. Before the meeting, the student should consult with the committee Chair as to particular topics to be addressed and draft responses to every question on the [Annual Update Form](#).

At the meeting, the student should **briefly** (in 5-10 minutes) present their progress to date (be it in finding a primary research advisor, performing research, or drafting a dissertation), outline their next steps, and raise any concerns they may have. The committee members should ask questions, share their perspectives, discuss the next steps and make recommendations. Plans for the student's future support (e.g. fellowship, GSR, TA, etc.) should be explicitly discussed. Throughout the meeting, or at least before it concludes, responses to every question on the [Annual Update Form](#) should be finalized and the signing process should begin.

A student's first Annual Update meeting should take place during Spring quarter of their first year. In later years, the meeting may take place either in the Spring or early in the Summer quarter. After establishing times and dates when the committee members are available, the student should find and book an appropriate room for the meeting by referring to the [room calendars on the Department Website](#) and filling out the associated form (linked above the corresponding calendar). The student may contact the Staff Graduate Advisor for help finding and booking an appropriate room.

Non-synchronous meetings: Students who have a solid research advisor (i.e., those who can answer "Yes" to question 3 of the Annual Update Form) may meet with each member of their committee separately rather than scheduling a group meeting, *but only if all members of the committee agree to this procedure*. In this case, the student should meet first with their research advisor to complete the form, then discuss the answers in their meetings with the other members of their committee.

It is the student's responsibility to schedule the Annual Update Meeting and to ensure that the Annual Update Form is completed and submitted by July 15.

Although the Annual Update Meeting is not an exam, it is a Departmental requirement. Students having difficulty complying with this requirement are encouraged to reach out to the Director of the Graduate Program with questions.

Failure to submit a completed Annual Update Form via DocuSign by July 15 will result in the student's designation as "delinquent" in their Departmental record and their delinquent status being communicated to their Supervising Committee on a monthly basis until it is resolved. The Director of the Graduate Program may, at their discretion, ask a delinquent student's Supervising Committee to hold a special meeting, with or without the student present, to review the student's progress, complete the Annual Update Form and issue an official recommendation to the Department. If such an official review is to occur, the student will be notified by e-mail of its time and place at least two weeks in advance and will be welcome to attend.

Annual Update Form

The Annual Update Form must be filled out using **DocuSign**. There are two different versions of the form, use [this version when your Supervising Committee has three \(3\) members](#) and use [this version when your Supervising Committee has four \(4\) members](#). The basic structure of the form is depicted below for your reference.

Attach additional pages as needed to answer the questions below. The student and committee members should initial or sign each additional page. Brief answers are fine. Longer answers are appreciated..

Student: _____
Printed name **Signature** **Today's Date**

1. When did the student begin graduate studies (e.g., Fall 2012): _____
2. Has the student completed all required coursework (including electives)? If not, give a tentative plan for its timely completion.
3. Does the student have a solid ongoing relationship with a research advisor? If so, with whom? If not, what steps should the student follow over the next year toward establishing and solidifying such a relationship?
4. What steps remain before the student can advance to candidacy (if not yet advanced) or to defend a dissertation (if already advanced)? Is the student making good progress?
5. **ATC & Defense dates:** Recall that advancement is required by the end of Spring quarter of the student's 3rd year and that a student who does not pass this exam must retake it by the end of Summer quarter. Recall also the department's 6 year normative time (from entry) for completing a PhD, and that failure to complete a PhD within 3 years of advancing places the student in so-called P3 status.

ATC date (if unadvanced, give estimate with confidence level, e.g., 80%): _____

Estimate Defense date with rough confidence level: _____

6. What financial support is expected between now and completion of the PhD? (E.g., what mix of fellowships, GSRs, and TAs).
7. Please note any additional concerns that the student or committee wish to record. The student and committee are also encouraged to contact the Director of the Graduate Program privately about concerns they do not wish to record on this form.

Chair: _____
Printed name **Signature** **Date**

Member #2: _____
Printed name **Signature** **Date**

Member #3: _____
Printed name **Signature** **Date**

Normative Time to Degree:

Normative time is the number of twelve-month years that a department's faculty consider to be a reasonable time for completion of a particular Ph.D. program by a full-time student who matriculates with no deficiencies. Normative time in Physics is 6 years.

NOTE: Normative time is a departmental expectation based on ideals, not data. Some students advance to candidacy and/or graduate before the normative time, and some take longer. Students who require more time to advance or graduate will need to petition the Department for an extension to the degree deadline.

In the first year past normative time, the Graduate Division will place the student on Monitoring status. The only penalty is that the student becomes ineligible for Central Fellowships.

In the second year past normative time, the Graduate Division will place the student on Warning. While this does not appear on the student's final transcript, it makes the student ineligible for academic employment. However, Graduate Division states that exemptions that allow for GSR employment will be granted on a regular basis.

After one year or more on Warning, the department will be asked (quarterly) to recommend either continued employment or dismissal.

P3 Status:

Students more than 3 years past their advancement to candidacy who have not yet received their PhD are placed in P3 status. UCSB does not receive funds from UC for such students. As a result, P3 students are not eligible for central funds.

Most importantly: International students in P3 status must pay *full* non-resident tuition.

Warning and Dismissal Only the Dean of Graduate Division may dismiss a student from graduate standing. This is done on the recommendation of departmental faculty. Graduate students are required to maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all upper division and graduate courses. In addition, students are required to make continual progress towards the degree. Students who fail to meet either requirement may be placed on Warning by the Graduate Division. Warning is intended to provide students whose performance is less than satisfactory a period of time in which to make up their deficiencies. The department and Graduate Division will notify students who are being placed on Academic Warning. The department will provide written notice to the student indicating the work that the student must complete in order to attain minimum standards and set a reasonable time limit within which that work must be completed.

The consequences of Warning include loss of academic student employment and the corresponding benefits of that employment (payment of fees and health insurance).

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. Degree:

- Satisfy Departmental advancement to candidacy procedures including core course requirement and electives taken as a letter grade with a B or better. (See the following section on Advancement to Candidacy in the Physics Department)
- Complete a minimum of 36 units of graduate course work, which consists of a program of study approved by the Supervising Committee.
- Pass Candidacy Exam – proposal and defense of dissertation topic (See Advancement to Candidacy Procedure).
- Submit and orally defend the dissertation.
- Students must be registered and in residence for six quarters to satisfy residency requirements.
- International Students must satisfy the requirements for English as a Second Language (there is no foreign language requirement).

Selecting a Research Advisor

The choice of a Research Advisor is one of the most important decisions you will make as a graduate student. The decision should be made by the third year, and it is reasonable to devote significant thought to who your advisor will be.

There are three formal mechanisms in Physics for distribution of research information to help you with this choice: The Departmental website; the seminar series, in particular the Graduate Seminar 260G; and the special topics seminars and brown bag lunches coordinated by research groups; and the Director of the Graduate Program.

The 260G series of short, informal talks are designed for the faculty to inform graduate students about their respective research. First year students are required to attend Graduate Seminar (260G) because this is perhaps the only time students will be able to obtain a comprehensive idea of the overall breadth and activity of the work in the Physics Department.

Following these seminars, it is in the student's best interest to meet individually with each faculty member to discuss projects and areas of research. It is also a good idea to attend the department colloquia to find out more about research groups at UCSB. Meeting the faculty and attending seminars is essential to selecting a Faculty Advisor.

You should also pursue informal information gathering mechanisms. Talk to existing students and postdocs in prospective groups to learn what the working environment is really like and what financial and other support can be expected. Your more senior grad student colleagues are a wealth of information. Contact the Director of the Graduate Program for advice if you have difficulties in finding an appropriate research advisor.

Advancing to Candidacy in the Physics Department

Physics graduate students must advance to candidacy by the end of Spring Quarter of their third year. A description of what the advancement exam entails and how to prepare for it follows. The Ph.D. program is structured such that your basic coursework will be completed in the first two years, giving you the foundation necessary to focus on directed research in your field beginning in year three. The objective of the advancement exam is not a measure of your research. Rather, the purpose is to determine whether you have gained sufficient knowledge of your particular field and whether you are progressing at an appropriate rate toward completion of your PhD.

The Department regulates advancement to candidacy. When a Ph.D. candidate completes the oral candidacy examination, they must submit the petition action via the GradPoint Students portal the day of their exam. **Note: Students must be registered during the quarter that the candidacy exam is taken unless it is taken during summer quarter.**

To be eligible for advancement, the student must have registered for three consecutive quarters, have a GPA of at least 3.0 with no incomplete grades, and satisfy the Department advancement requirements. These requirements include completion of the core courses and electives. (Three electives are required for observational/experimental students and five electives are required for theoretical students for the regular Physics PhD. For the Astrophysics Emphasis, the elective requirement is two for observational/experimental students and four for theoretical students. For theory students, at least one elective must be in an area clearly distinct from your field.) All courses and electives must be taken for a grade and passed with a grade B or higher.

After passing the ATC exam (see below), the student is charged a \$50 advancement to candidacy fee to the BARC Office (SAASB 1212). Starting April 8, 2025, if employed as a GSR or TA in the quarter of advancement, the salary source will pay that cost directly. The student is then formally advanced to candidacy. Note that the student does not advance until the fee is paid.

Advancement to candidacy has several benefits:

1. The candidate is eligible for faculty privileges at the library. To receive a new library card, the candidate takes a validated receipt from the Graduate Division to the library.
2. Beginning the quarter following advancement to candidacy, foreign students will receive a 100% reduction of the nonresident tuition for nine quarters. If the degree is not completed by the end of the ninth quarter, nonresident tuition will again be assessed at the full rate.

Advancement Exam Deadline:

All students must take the exam by the end of Spring Quarter of the third year. If the exam is not passed, it must be retaken by the end of Summer Quarter of the third year. Students who do not take the exam on schedule and have not received an extension are subject to withdrawal of financial support by the department or dismissal from the program on the grounds of not making

adequate progress toward the degree. Students who fail the exam for the second time will be dismissed from the program on the same grounds.

If a student fails the exam, the advancement committee must provide a written account of what they found to be lacking, along with suggestions for how to remedy the problems. The student must then retake the exam by the end of spring quarter of the third year.

When you are ready to advance, you must formally establish your committee using the online system called GradPoint Students which must be approved by the department and the Graduate Dean. If you decide to alter your Committee after advancement, you must submit the revision via GradPoint Students and it must be approved by the department and the Graduate Dean.

Even if a Supervising Committee is established, the Committee must be submitted and approved. Changes made via the departmental Contract to Create or Change Supervisor Committee are not approved by the Graduate Council.

Extension to ATC Exam Deadline:

An extension to the Spring quarter deadline may be granted due to personal, medical or family circumstances, or to an approved research related absence that sets the student back in their academic progress. The Director of the Graduate Program and the faculty mentor/research advisor must be informed of the circumstance when it arises and would grant an extension in a written academic progress report outlining the extended advancement timeline.

The Nature of the Exam:

Students should demonstrate that they understand the overall situation in the field: what are the established results and what are the most important problems that are currently being addressed? Students should also propose a possible line of research and justify its potential significance. To ensure that the student and the committee agree on what constitutes an acceptably broad definition of *field*, the student will submit a brief synopsis (see ATC synopsis form below) at the time the exam is scheduled. The synopsis must be approved by both the chair of the committee and the Wiseperson. Advancement exams are closed exams, which means that only the student and the committee members can be present. (The thesis defense, by contrast, is an open exam.)

Students should give a presentation that is not more than 30 minutes in length. At least one third should be devoted to reviewing the overall situation in your field.

Students will be evaluated on whether:

- a) the presentation addresses the underlying physics issues of the field and shows a reasonable understanding of the important problems;
- b) the student is able to respond adequately to questions from the committee;
- c) the student is progressing at an appropriate rate toward completion of a PhD.

Students must do well in all areas in order to pass.

The Advancement Committee:

Your committee must include at least three ladder (tenure track) UCSB faculty members (not lecturers, adjuncts, etc). Your committee chairperson and at least one other member must hold ladder faculty appointments in Physics. Other members can be from outside the physics department or be non-ladder faculty. If your primary research advisor is not Physics ladder faculty, they will be considered a co-chair. If you are a theorist, you will need at least two theorists and one experimentalist on your committee. If you are an experimentalist, you will need at least two experimentalists and one theorist. For detailed information, please visit <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/committees>.

One of the members of your advancement committee will play the role of Wiseperson. This needs to be a Physics ladder faculty member, and cannot be your thesis advisor. The Wiseperson is usually the committee member outside your area of study. For example, if you are a theorist, your Wiseperson will be the experimentalist on the committee.

Exceptions to the above policy can be granted only by the Graduate Division. If you believe such an exception is in order, be sure to allow at least six weeks for such an exception to be processed. You should also have a back-up plan in mind in case it is not approved. If you wish to request an exception, contact the Staff Graduate Advisor for details on how to proceed.

The committee that administers the exam will (normally) be the same committee that guides the student's research and administers the final dissertation defense. At the time of the advancement to candidacy exam, the committee will either approve the dissertation topic, or, if there is not enough information to do that, the committee will arrange for a future meeting of the Supervising Committee to decide the question.

The Role of the Wiseperson:

A Wiseperson is present at every exam to ensure the appropriate level of difficulty. The Wiseperson is a regular committee member and advises the committee on how the student compares with others who have been examined. The Wiseperson can require the exam to be redone if he/she feels that the exam does not conform to the guidelines given above. The Wiseperson also helps in drafting the ATC synopsis form in consultation with the student and the thesis advisor.

ATC Synopsis Form

Instructions:

This form is to be completed during a joint meeting of the student, committee chair, and wiseperson. *Visit this website for a DocuSign Powerform of the Synopsis Form.*

It should be docusigned *at least one week before* the ATC exam. It is preferable if this form is signed one month ahead of the exam in order to help prepare for it. Any concerns from the committee should be addressed *immediately*.

The wiseperson will lead the committee through a brief review of this synopsis during a closed-door discussion held at the beginning of the ATC exam.

Field of Research:

(It may be useful to define both a broad field and a more specific subfield, which will be the main focus.)

Scope of Presentation:

Scope of Possible Questions:

Signatures

ATC Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

Wise person: _____ Date: _____

Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) Checklist

NOTE: Department policy requires students to advance by the end of Spring quarter of their third year. Contact the Director of the Graduate Program, if you need an extension. UC-wide policy requires students to complete their Ph.D within 3 years of advancing to candidacy. Students failing to meet this requirement enter P3 status.

Fall quarter of your third year:

____ 1. Discuss ATC with your research advisor and Director of the Graduate Program to make sure that the Spring quarter will be right for you to advance, keeping in mind both Note 1 and Note 2 above. Consult with your advisor as to whom to include on the committee. **Remember:** If you are a theorist, you will need two theorists and one experimentalist on your committee. If you are an experimentalist, you will need two experimentalists and one theorist. Your committee must be made up of at least three ladder (tenure track) UCSB faculty members (not lecturer, adjunct, etc.).

Winter quarter of your third year:

____ 2. Read the ATC section of the Physics Graduate Handbook.

____ 3. Poll your committee to find a two-hour block of time during Spring quarter during which to hold your exam. Schedule the room using this [link](#).

____ 4. Meet with Staff Graduate Advisor to give her the names of committee members, forward any course waivers, and area of study. Ask her to do your unit count in preparation of your advancement. You will nominate your Committee using the GradPoint Students [portal](#). Set up the meeting with her 4-6 weeks before your exam. If exceptions are required for your committee members, allow at least six weeks for the Dean's approval. You cannot advance until you get confirmation of the Graduate Dean's approval.

____ 5. View the DocuSign of the Synopsis form at this [website](#). Meet with the wiseperson and ATC committee chair to complete the synopsis form.

Spring quarter of your third year:

____ 6. At least **2 weeks before** the exam is to be held, contact the Staff Graduate Advisor to receive additional instructions. The day of your exam, log into the GradPoint Students [portal](#) and start the petition action to "Create the Advancement to Candidacy." Review the instructions [here](#). This is the action that the committee submits after your exam to confirm whether or not you passed the exam.

Two days before the exam: Remind committee members of the time and date of the exam.

____ 7. Complete the exam and confirm that the GradPoint petition action was completed by your committee members and the Director of the Graduate Program. You will not advance, if this petition action is not completed. You will be notified via email once the action is completed.

8. After advancing to candidacy you are required to pay a \$50 advancement to candidacy fee to the Billing/Cashier's Office. Starting April 8, 2025, if you are employed as a TA or GSR in the quarter of advancement, your employment source will pay for the cost.

Master of Arts Degree in Physics

Current graduate students are eligible for the MA degree when they have met the following requirements:

- Passed the Advancement to Candidacy Exam
- Completed the core course requirements with a minimum letter grade of B
- Completed a minimum of 36 units in graduate level physics courses. These may include core course units, and 12 of the 36 units may be from 596 (directed reading and research) or 599 (dissertation preparation) courses.

When the above requirements have been met, students should set up a meeting with the Staff Graduate Advisor to set up the DocuSign of the Change of Degree Status Petition indicating they wish to add the Master's Degree objective and remain in the Ph.D. objective. Meet with the Staff Graduate Advisor to set up the DocuSign form after your exam and to confirm all steps have been completed. A \$20 petition fee must be paid to the Billing Office (this is in addition to the \$50 advancement to candidacy fee). There is an additional \$19 charge for mailing the Master's diploma. If you apply for a MA degree, please notify the Staff Graduate Advisor so that she can be sure the process is completed.

Terminal Master's Degree

Students who decide not to complete the Ph.D. program may leave with the terminal Master's degree in Physics upon completing the following requirements:

- Passed the Oral Master's Exam
- Completed the core course requirements with an average letter grade of B and a minimum grade of B in at least 5 of the 7 core courses (6 of 8 for the Astrophysics Emphasis).
- Completed a minimum of 36 quarter-units of work, with a minimum of 32 units of graduate-level courses. These may include core course units, and 12 of the 36 units may be from 596 (directed reading and research) or 599 (dissertation preparation) courses.

The oral master's exam is similar to the advancement to candidacy exam in the sense that students must have a committee of three Physics Department faculty members, one of whom will chair the committee. A Wiseperson is necessary and will be one of the three committee members. The object of the Master's exam is to establish that the student has acquired sufficient knowledge of the material covered in the core graduate courses. While the purpose of the advancement exam is to determine whether the student has sufficient knowledge of physics to begin research in a particular area, the objective of the master's exam is to ensure that the student will leave the program with a solid understanding of the material covered in the following areas: Statistical Mechanics, Classical Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics, Electromagnetic Theory. The master's exam lasts for approximately 1.5 hours and students should be prepared to answer questions and give examples on these subjects.

Students who take the terminal master's degree must complete the Graduate Student Petition indicating they are adding the master's degree and removing the Ph.D. objective. They must then pay a \$20 petition fee to the Billing Office, and an additional \$19 processing fee for the mailing of the diploma. In either of the above cases, any course with an I or U grade must have a grade assigned or, if allowable, dropped, before the degree may be awarded.

Registration and Coursework

Graduate Student Status/GPA Requirement

Maintaining graduate student status requires paying all fees, registering each quarter, except for summer quarter, maintaining an overall GPA of **3.0** and maintaining timelines set by the department and Graduate Division for obtaining a research advisor, advancing to candidacy, and graduation. Failure to maintain academic standards results in warning or dismissal; failure to pay fees and register (unless on approved leave of absence) results in lapse of status as a graduate student. Only work taken when in good standing as a graduate student may be counted toward a graduate degree.

Have you:

- Registered for 12 units?
- Paid all necessary fees?
- Maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher?
- Made significant progress?

Students who fail to pay fees and register for classes by the third week of classes each quarter lapse status as graduate students and must either petition for reinstatement or reapply for admission.

Registration as a graduate student in the Spring Quarter maintains graduate student status until the beginning of Fall Quarter. A domestic student who registered in spring may therefore take examinations or file a dissertation during Summer without additional fees. A student who did **not** register Spring Quarter will owe a filing fee to take the terminal master's examination or file a thesis dissertation. If a student who did not register for Spring Quarter wishes to take their Candidacy Exam during the Summer, they must register for Summer Sessions and pay all Summer Sessions fees. Go to: www.summer.ucsb.edu for more information. **International students** who wish to file in the summer must file a Summer Filing Leave of Absence. Set up a meeting with the Staff Graduate Advisor for detailed information.

Registration and Full-time Status

For purposes of reporting graduate enrollment to UC Systemwide, registration in 12 units is considered full-time status. **Students should not drop below 12 units.** If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact the Director of the Graduate Program.

There is no upper limit on the number of units a graduate student may take in their graduate courses, but it is recommended that students not exceed 12 units per quarter when employed. If you would like to take courses outside your field of interest, unrelated to your physics degree, please check with your advisor to confirm that the extra courses will not interfere with your academic or research progress. It is advised that students who have not yet advanced to candidacy take at least one 200-level course per quarter. Almost all the 500-level courses will be

graded S/U only. There is no upper limit to the number of 500-level units students may take, except for Phys 599.

Part-Time Graduate Status

At present there is no provision for part-time graduate status: *All graduate students are assessed full fees no matter how many units they take.* Students who are physically elsewhere are considered “in residence” at UCSB if they pay fees and register for classes. Students doing research outside the state of California may be eligible for fee reductions through *in absentia* registration. Please see Graduate Division for more information on <https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/forms/absentia>.

Course Units and Employment

If an employed student is enrolled in 12 units and wishes to drop a class toward the end of the quarter due to poor grades or any other reason, they may not drop the course if doing so will bring them below 8 units. Falling below 8 units may result in loss of fee remission for tuition, non-resident supplemental tuition, if applicable, health insurance and student employment, and may require the student to pay the university back for fees, tuition, and even salary received earlier in the quarter.

Leaves of Absence

Continuous registration is expected of all graduate students with the exception of Summer quarter. Leaves of Absence may be granted under special circumstances and must be approved by the Director of the Graduate Program prior to petitioning the Graduate Division. Please note that a Personal Leave of Absence differs from a Filing Leave of Absence. In either case, set up a meeting with the Staff Graduate Advisor for assistance with processing.

Department Requirements for Registration

Graduate students are to be enrolled for a minimum of 12 units per quarter with the exception of summer quarter. **First year Ph.D. students** must enroll in the course schedule suggested by the graduate advisor except in special circumstances. After the first quarter, the 12 units may be made up of core courses, other academic courses, 596 (Directed reading and research) or 599 units (thesis/dissertation research and preparation) to maintain full-time status. Be sure to use your research advisor’s instructor number listed in the *Schedule of Classes* to register for courses requiring instructor numbers and 500 level courses. All first year students must register for the Physics seminar course, Physics 260G every quarter. It is important to take all core and elective courses as a letter grade. It is especially important to do so your first quarter, even if you receive waivers, in order to establish a GPA.

Miscellaneous Registration Information All information, including deadlines, is listed in the front of the *Schedule of Classes* online [here](#); please refer to it often.

- Continuing students register in the middle of the current quarter for the following quarter (including Fall). For Fall, the deadline is usually in August.
- **New students and those returning from a leave of absence register shortly before the quarter begins.**

Fees need not be paid until the first day of classes. Don't forget to register.

- Schedule adjustment takes place during the first week of the quarter. Students may add and drop courses without a fee. Confirm the dates [here](#). Graduate Students have until the **15th day of instruction** to add classes to their schedule without approval from the Graduate Division. After this deadline, Schedule Adjustment Petitions signed by the Dept. Chair, Instructor, and Director of the Graduate Program are required to be sent to the Graduate Division and you will be assessed a \$3.00 fee per course added and/or dropped. Set up a DocuSign form with the Staff Graduate Advisor. Please see the following link for calendar and deadline information:
<https://registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/calendars/calendars-deadlines/academic-calendars/academic-calendar-for-2024-2025>
- Classes may be added and dropped via GOLD by using add approval codes that are issued by instructors. If after the deadline, Graduate Division approval is required. See this [link](#) for information.

The Fly America Act (a warning about travel reimbursement): In the course of your graduate studies you may engage in international travel to conferences, summer schools, or for research. Most of the funding sources that might reimburse you for such expenses come from the U.S. Federal government and are subject to the Fly American Act of the U.S. Congress. Go to: <https://www.gsa.gov/policy-regulations/policy/travel-management-policy/fly-america-act>.

This means that a U.S. Flag air carrier must be used if at all possible (even if they are significantly more expensive than non-U.S. Flag air carriers). If you book a ticket on a non-U.S. flag air carrier, it may not be possible to reimburse you. It is therefore critical that you discuss this with your advisor, or with the departmental financial staff, before booking your ticket. [Here](#) is additional information on Travel Grants.

Petitions

Leaves of absence - \$20.00 Students leave school for all kinds of reasons and for varying lengths of time. Those who seek and receive approved leaves of absence are guaranteed that their department will take them back when they are ready to return. Those who simply drop out will have to reapply and be evaluated with new applicants should they decide to return and register.

Continuous registration is expected of all graduate students, except for Summer Quarter. Leaves of Absence may be granted under special circumstances and must be approved by the Director of the Graduate Program prior to petitioning the Graduate Division.

Students should think carefully about the timing of leave requests. A “student” is one who pays fees and registers. Persons on leave are not, technically speaking, students. Student loans, visas, university housing, access to career and counseling services, student health, financial aid, etc., are either unavailable or available only on fee-for-service bases to unregistered persons. See the Graduate Division [website](#) for ramifications of taking a leave. Meet with the Staff Graduate Advisor to set up the DocuSign form.

Returning from leave To return from a leave of absence, the student notifies the Department and Graduate Division in writing of his/her intent to return approximately 4 weeks before the beginning of the quarter in which s/he wishes to register. This action triggers the preparation of registration and billing materials. To register, students returning from leave follow instructions for “new and returning” students in the *Schedule of Classes*.

Reinstatement from lapsed status Students who fail to pay fees and/or to register by the third week of the quarter lose student status. They may petition for reinstatement if their lapse was for three quarters or less. For lapses of longer than three quarters, students must reapply for admission. Re-application is not a guarantee of re-admission. Graduate advisors will evaluate a reinstatement petition with the same care they give new applications. Petitions for reinstatement are available at:

<https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/forms-petitions/lapsed-status-reinstatement>.

Withdrawal Leaving the university after the quarter begins constitutes “withdrawal.” Students must file a withdrawal petition with the Registrar or all the classes in which they registered will be recorded as “F” grades. In emergencies where students cannot process petitions for themselves, the Dean of Students Office will handle withdrawals. Call ext. x3176. Early in the quarter, speed is important to assure maximum refund of fees. If a student intends to return to UCSB in subsequent quarters, the student can file a leave of absence petition to make returning easier. Contact Academic Affairs, ext. x2559, in the Graduate Division to discuss timing and strategies.

Drop/add & change of grading option - \$3.00 Adjustments to a student’s schedule are made by GOLD or by petitions. Visit this [link](#) for more information. During the first week or two of classes, schedule adjustments are made without charge. After the 15th day, the fee applies.

Graduate students may petition to change grading options or to drop classes up until the last day of classes. Classes may be added until the 15th day of instruction. From those deadlines until grades are posted, students may still petition but must seek the Dean of Graduate Division’s

approval in addition to the usual approvals. Once grades are posted, retroactive changes to the permanent record require Graduate Council approval.

Incompletes Students must file a petition in the Registrar's office to receive an Incomplete grade. If this petition is not on file, and an instructor submits an "I" grade, the Registrar's computer will enter the grade as "F." Automatic F's are permanent scars on the student's record and should be avoided when possible. Submitting no grade at all will result in a blank space on the transcript, but not in an I or an F. After one quarter, a NC turns to an F or U.

Incompletes convert to F's at the end of the quarter following the original class, unless the instructor submits a grade to the Registrar. An instructor may extend the Incomplete for additional quarters by requesting the extension in writing directly to the Registrar's office.

Degrees are not awarded to students carrying Incompletes. When a student lifts an Incomplete while on leave or during summer, without registering again, the Graduate Division is unaware that they should initiate another degree check. Students who are through with course work, but carrying Incompletes, must inform the Graduate Division when they wish another degree check to be carried out.

UCSB Extension credit Only Extension courses approved in advance and taken while a student is in graduate standing will be accepted for graduate credit. The student must petition before enrollment for approval and then petition again for transfer of credit when the class is completed. The second petition must be accompanied by an Extension transcript showing the grade earned. Please contact extension x4200 for details on fees.

Transfer of credit - \$20.00 Upper division and graduate courses may be transferred to UCSB if the student was in a graduate program when the courses were completed. With approval from the Physics Department and the Graduate Division, up to 8 quarter units of credits for courses completed with a grade of B or better may be transferred from an accredited college other than another branch of the University of California. Up to 12 quarter units may be transferred from another UC campus. Such transferred units will be treated as Pass/Not Pass, upper division units, and will not be computed into the UCSB grade point average. Units counted for a degree awarded by another institution are not transferable.

No credit will be allowed for any course taken as an undergraduate or as a graduate in non-degree status, nor will credit toward an advanced degree be given for courses completed in a teaching credential or translator-interpreter program before the student was admitted to a degree program. For example, you will not receive credit for any waived courses.

After students have been in residence at UCSB for at least one quarter, they may petition to transfer credit under the limitations described above. Before approving a transfer of credit, the Graduate Advisor should be satisfied that the courses being transferred are in fact equivalent to the department's own offerings, particularly if they are substitutions for required or core courses.

Intercampus Exchange Program for Graduate Students (IEPGS)

Occasionally UCSB graduate students wish to study temporarily on another UC campus. If a student desires to take a course not offered at UCSB, wishes to study under the guidance of a specialist in residence at another UC campus, or needs to have continuing access to library holdings or facilities not available at UCSB, s/he may apply to the Intercampus Exchange Program. Approvals are required from the department chairs and the graduate deans on both campuses. Applications are available in the Graduate Division.

Separate applications are required for each quarter and must be filed with the Graduate Division at least four weeks before the beginning of the quarter in which the student wishes to make the exchange.

The student pays fees at UCSB and files registration materials at both campuses. This procedure maintains academic residence at UCSB even though the student is not physically present. Classes taken on the other campus appear on the UCSB transcript, and are figured into the UCSB grade point average. Ordinarily, the Graduate Division will not approve an intercampus exchange petition until the student has completed at least one quarter satisfactorily on this campus.

Go to <https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/forms/intercamp-ed-abroad-and-cross> for more information.

Finishing-GETTING YOUR PHD

Degree checks

Please visit the Graduate Division filing checklist [here](#).

Ph.D. The Graduate Division initiates degree checks for Ph.D. students when the student turns in a dissertation and/or when the department notifies them on Ph.D. form III that a student has defended the dissertation.

Steps to Graduate

1. Review the filing [deadlines](#). Plan to complete all filing steps by the quarterly deadline.
2. Review the filing [checklist](#).
3. Check on the [GradPoint Students portal](#) that your committee is correct. If it is not correct, submit a committee petition action to update it. Submit this action a month before your defense.
4. Schedule your defense with your defense committee. [Reserve](#) the room. If Broida 3302 is not available, you may check with [CNSI](#) or another resource.
5. Email communications@physics.ucsb.edu the date, time, location, title and abstract of your defense, so they post it on the lobby monitors.
6. Contact the [Staff Graduate Advisor](#) to set up a pre- and post-graduation meeting and confirm your defense date.
7. A few weeks before your defense, email your committee your dissertation. (Confirm with them how much time they prefer to read it.) Check the template [here](#). The title page is the month of the degree conferral.
8. Once the dissertation is sent to your committee, email the Staff Graduate Advisor a PDF of your [signature page](#), so that she can set it up via DocuSign to be sent the day of your defense. The Graduate Division and you will get an email confirmation, when it's completed. (The month listed is the month of the defense. There is no need to insert the signed signature page to the filed dissertation.) *If the Staff Graduate Advisor is not available, get the signatures, and email the signed document to academics@graddiv.ucsb.edu.*
9. Check that all of your grades are correct. If you have any NR or incorrect grades, email the instructor to log into e-grades to fix it, if relevant.
10. Three business days before your defense, send your defense announcement to grads@physics.ucsb.edu listserv. (Please note that you will not get the email, as the sender. After a few days, check with a Physics graduate student that the email was sent out. If not, email the Staff Graduate Advisor confirmation that it was sent out.)
11. The day of your defense, submit the Form III Powerform for the correction number of committee members. Use this [Form III for 3 Members](#). Use this [Form III for 4 Members](#). The Graduate Division and you will get an email confirmation, when it's completed.
12. If you are an international student and want to graduate in the Summer Quarter, check with the Staff Graduate Advisor about the new procedures.
13. Once your committee approves of your dissertation and any revisions, submit your dissertation via [ProQuest](#). *Do not file until you received confirmation from your committee that it is approved.* Email the Staff Graduate Advisor that you filed.
14. Complete the [exit](#) survey.
15. If you have specific questions on filing, contact academics@graddiv.ucsb.edu.

16. If you are an international student, check in with [OISS](#) about filing details. Ask the Staff Graduate Advisor for any additional required steps for filing.
17. Register for [Commencement](#).

Incompletes Except for “thesis preparation” or “dissertation preparation” units, which are obviously completed when the document is accepted, *no Incomplete grade may appear on the transcript of a graduate degree award*. Lifting Incompletes in future quarters sometimes causes problems with fees, and will not automatically trigger a second degree check. Students with Incompletes must persist until they are sure the degree is awarded, since at present there is no fail-safe mechanism to initiate another degree check.

Fee status A student must be in a fee relationship (i.e., either registered or paying the filing fee) with the university the quarter s/he finishes all degree requirements. Fees paid for one quarter cover activities undertaken until the next quarter begins. Payment of Spring fees cover summer up until Fall quarter begins.

Degree status Degrees are granted four times a year, the last day of each quarter including summer session. The student must have finished all requirements by the deadline in order to get a degree dated that quarter. A dissertation filed between quarters (in late August, or during winter break, for example) will not cost the student additional fees if s/he was enrolled the previous quarter; but the degree will be dated as of the end of the next quarter.

Thesis and Dissertation Preparation

Acceptable format for theses and dissertations is outlined in The Filing Guide available online at the Graduate Division website. Please contact the Graduate Division for additional information at gradacademics@graddiv.ucsb.edu.

Deadline Problems Students who are pushing hard to file a thesis or dissertation by the end of a particular quarter should be encouraged to set up a meeting with the Graduate Division ahead of time to be sure the format is acceptable.

Students who miss the end of the quarter filing deadline by even a day will be placed on the next quarter’s degree list. If requested, the Graduate Division will provide a letter certifying the actual date of completion of requirements and guaranteeing award as of the next date.

Graduation Ceremony The Graduate Division’s graduation ceremony is one of seven coordinated by representatives of the colleges and the Chancellor’s office. It is traditional for a student’s PhD thesis advisor to accompany the student at the ceremony and join the Chancellor in placing the hood regalia as a symbol of the bestowed degree. Students are eligible to participate or “walk” in the June ceremony even if they have not yet completed all of the requirements for the degree, provided that both they and their departments really expect them to complete all requirements within the near future. Visit this link for more information.

Diplomas and Transcripts After the Graduate Division finishes a degree check, it notifies the Registrar, who posts the degree to the transcript and orders diplomas. Degree checks and posting take 6-8 weeks from the end of the quarter. Students wishing to order transcripts showing the degree awarded should mark their order form “hold for posting of degree.”

As part of the degree check process, the Graduate Division notifies the student through GOLD of the degree awarded and sends an order form by which the student can inform the Registrar where to send the diploma when it arrives, several months into the future. There is a \$19.00 processing fee. Students who are staying in the Santa Barbara area may pick up their diplomas in person from the Registrar's office.

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Finances

Tuition, Fees and Health Insurance

Tuition: Domestic Students (Citizens and Permanent Residents of the US)

All students who are not California residents are charged non-resident supplemental tuition, currently \$5,034 per quarter. In most cases, the Physics Department provides a one-year tuition fellowship to first year graduate students who do not have an external tuition fellowship. First year domestic students must take the necessary steps to establish California residency during their first year so that they will not be charged tuition in following years. The Department will not pay tuition for domestic students beyond the first year. Students with central fellowships from the UC Regents and from government agencies such as NSF and NDSEG should be aware that these fellowships also will not pay tuition for domestic students after the first year, and that some fellowships have a cap on the amount of fees they will cover. Check your fellowship for details.

Domestic students must begin to establish California residency as soon as they arrive in Santa Barbara and follow the procedures for establishing California residency outlined on the Registrar's Office webpage (<https://registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/>).

In the spring quarter preceding the 2nd year domestic students must complete a Statement of Legal Residence (SLR), which is available on the Registrar's website, and submit it to the Residency Office by the application deadline in early September. Beyond the Residency Staff in the Office of the Registrar, no other University personnel are authorized to supply information regarding residence requirements for tuition. Any questions can be directed to the [Resident Deputy](#).

Tuition: International Students

International students are not eligible for California residency. The [International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship](#) (IDRF) will pay for the Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) to international doctoral students beyond their first year of residency who have not yet advanced to candidacy. Please contact the Staff Graduate Advisor for details.

However, upon advancement to candidacy, the tuition for international students will be reduced by 100% for three years provided the student maintains continuous enrollment and progress toward the Ph.D. degree. For newly recruited international students starting in Fall 2015, after a year, an international student is able to establish residency. Please contact Jennifer Farrar for more information.

For this reason, it is particularly important that international students are aware of the Departmental advancement to candidacy deadline and that they take steps to ensure that they have advanced by the winter quarter of the third year.

Fees: Domestic and International Students

All students are assessed fees which are separate from tuition. The fees are itemized at this [link](#).

Fees and TAs:

Students employed as a TA at 25% or more will have partial fee remission which is payment of GSHIP (insurance) and in-state tuition paid for them as a benefit of the TA appointment. This

offset does not include payment of non-resident supplemental tuition. Starting Fall 2025, the [Student Technology Fee](#) will be covered by employment fee remission.

Fees and GSRs:

Students employed as a GSR at 35% or more will have the GSHIP (insurance), in-state tuition and non-resident supplemental tuition, paid for them as a benefit of the GSR appointment. Starting Fall 2025, the [Student Technology Fee](#) will be covered by employment fee remission. They are still encouraged to fill out the FAFSA by the March 2nd deadline and accept work study support.

Health Insurance:

All students must have evidence of being covered by Health Insurance while enrolled at UCSB. Upon enrollment, graduate students will be covered by the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP) offered through UCSB Student Health and charged the health insurance fee on their billing statement. Go to the following link for current information:

<http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/gaUCHO-health-insurance>. **If a student maintains insurance from another provider, they must provide the UCSB Health Insurance office evidence of the other insurance and sign a UCHSHIP waiver form every quarter.** Visit <http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/insurance/waiving-unwaiving-health-insurance> for more information.

Students who are employed as a TA at 25% or more, or as a GSR at 25% or more, and who do not have an external fellowship which covers the cost of health insurance, will have the UCHSHIP health insurance paid for them as a benefit of their student employment. Students who choose to maintain another insurance provider and waive the UCHSHIP will not be reimbursed for the cost of their other health insurance; they will simply have chosen to decline the UCHSHIP benefit.

UCHSHIP is automatically paid for TAs and GSRs at the beginning of each quarter. Spring quarter health insurance covers students throughout the spring and summer quarters provided the student was enrolled in a minimum of 8 units and was employed as a TA or GSR during spring quarter. Review the coverage dates [here](#).

Students who lapse registration status are at risk of losing their health insurance coverage for the quarter during which the lapse occurred.

UCHSHIP information is available [here](#). For specific information on health insurance coverage questions, contact Student Health directly [here](#).

Graduate Student Employment

Students who are making satisfactory academic progress are:

- Maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- On track to complete the Departmental and Graduate Division requirements in a timely manner. These include:
- Completion of the core courses within the first two years with a minimum grade of B.
- Foreign Students: passing the written and oral English Language Placement Exams by the end of the first year.
- Securing a research advisor and advancing to candidacy by the winter quarter of the 3rd year.
- Completion of the elective course requirements (3 for experimentalists, 5 for theorists) within the first 5 years with a minimum grade of B (no S/U grades will be permitted unless that is the only grading option for the approved elective).
- Successfully defending the written dissertation by the 6th year of graduate study. (If a student entered the program with a master's degree, the student is expected to defend by year 5.)

Satisfactory TA Evaluations

Another condition of the TA appointment is satisfactory TA evaluations. Students should always review their TA evaluations at the end of each quarter. Evaluations will be available to you after each quarter once they are processed by Instructional Development.

Students who receive consistently negative evaluations will be asked to review the comments and take steps to address the problems. If the student continues to receive negative evaluations the following quarter, the Department may require them to attend TA training again the following Fall quarter and/or may not employ the student as a TA for the Department in following quarters.

Academic Student Employee Maximum Working Hours

Academic Student Employees (GSRs and TAs) may not exceed 50% time during the academic year. In special circumstances, domestic students may petition the Department to work up to 75% time maximum for one quarter. The Director of the Graduate Program and the student's advisor must approve of the additional employment. **If the student applies for employment outside of Physics, the employing department must get approval from the Director of the Graduate Program via the Employment Eligibility form before hiring the student.** **International students may not exceed 50% during Fall, Winter or Spring Quarters.** Over the summer, all graduate students can work up to 100% time with approval from the department.

Salaries and Benefits: Teaching Assistants (TAs)

TAs are hired by the Department and supervised by the Instructor, Academic Coordinator and the Staff Graduate Advisor. TAs are generally hired in 50% appointments (20 hours/week), but occasionally are placed in one 25% appointment (10 hours/week) or two 25% appointments for a total of 50%. For current salary scales, please visit:

<https://ap.ucsb.edu/compensation.and.benefits/ucsb.salary.scales/18.pdf>. Your TA offer letter will indicate the salary point and percentage of your position.

The benefits of a TA appointment include:

- Payment of UCSHIP (Health Insurance)
- Payment of mandatory tuition

Salary and Benefits: Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)

GSRs are hired by a faculty member (usually the student's Research Advisor) and are supervised by that person. GSRs are generally hired in 50% appointments (20 hours/week). The current salary scales are listed at

<https://ap.ucsb.edu/compensation.and.benefits/ucsb.salary.scales/22.pdf>. You will receive a GSR offer letter which indicates your step and percentage of your position.

The benefits of a 50% GSR appointment include:

- Payment of UCSHIP (Health Insurance)
- Payment of all mandatory tuition
- Payment of mandatory non-resident supplemental tuition

In the event the Department does not have enough TA positions available in any given quarter to employ all the students requesting a TA appointment, the appointments will be decided by the Vice Chair.

All Academic Student Employees (GSRs, TAs, Graders) MUST be enrolled in a minimum of 8 units per quarter except for the Summer in order to maintain employment. The standard number of units is 12 units for the department. You can reduce your number of units to 8, only if approved under special circumstances by the Director of the Graduate Program.

Central Fellowships and Other Funding

Information on central fellowships may be found on the Graduate Division web page at: <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/financial/central-campus-fellowships>. Please contact the Staff Graduate Advisor for more information.

Taxation of Graduate Fellowships and Assistantships

Please visit this [link](#) for information on taxes.

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ENGLISH FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS (EMS) REQUIREMENTS

English for Multilingual Students (EMS) Policies—An Overview

The Graduate Council's policy for students for whom English is not the native language states that they must satisfy proficiency requirements in spoken and written English for the purposes of research and communication with colleagues before they will be awarded a degree at UCSB.

TA Language Evaluation

International and permanent resident TA's for whom English is not the first language must be tested for language proficiency before being allowed to be a Teaching Assistant. A faculty member from the academic department and the Director of the EMS program will evaluate English language proficiency. The prospective TA will make a 5-10 minute presentation on an academic topic assigned in advance by the Physics department. The evaluators will assess the student's ability to explain academic concepts, and to understand and answer questions of the type undergraduates pose in class. For more information, visit this [link](#).

Only students who demonstrate acceptable spoken proficiency in the English language evaluation will be eligible for classroom teaching responsibilities. TAs who fail the language evaluation will be assigned to alternate, non-teaching responsibilities, as well as be assigned the appropriate Linguistics class. Contact x7258 for more information.

Departmental Cooperation and ESL Compliance

Academic departments help the Graduate Dean in monitoring these aspects of EMS policy:

- All new international graduate students are required to take the [English Language Placement Exam](#) (ELPE) at the beginning of the quarter they first enroll at UCSB. Based on their performance on the ELPE, they will be placed in the appropriate Linguistics class (Ling 1, 2, 3G), or exempted out of ESL.
- Students who fail to take the ELPE are considered delinquent and will have their registration blocked for future quarters until they take the ELPE.
- Continuing international students who need additional EMS coursework must register in the appropriate Linguistics classes.
- Attendance in Linguistics classes is required. Students not attending their assigned EMS classes during the first week of classes (and the remainder of the quarter) will be considered delinquent. Students who are delinquent will be removed from their current teaching assignment, and remain ineligible for rehire until it is proven they are attending their assigned classes.

- Students are expected to complete the EMS course progression within three quarters. See EMS Department for more information.
- Students required to enroll in Ling 1 or Ling 2 should be advised to limit their non-Linguistics course load to no more than 8 units, while students required to take Ling 3G should be advised to take no more than 12 non-Linguistics units. Students with poor English skills may take longer than usual to complete their degrees.
- Linguistics 4, EMS Self-Paced Tutorial class, was initiated to avoid scheduling conflicts involving EMS classes and to allow academic departments the option of asking a student who is having trouble speaking or writing English to obtain additional assistance. Departments may recommend that students needing extra help sign up for this class when it is offered.
- If university EMS requirements are not met, Graduate Division will enforce one or more of the following options: withholding of graduate student research assistantships; withholding of degrees; blocking of registration for future quarters and/or blocking advancement to candidacy.

Office of International Students and Scholars

The Office of International Students and Scholars has counselors available to assist and advise international students in many areas, including:

- Housing
- Visas and immigration matters
- Financial aid
- Cross-cultural programs
- English conversation classes

Financial Aid:

Non-immigrant students may apply for President's Work Study through the Office of International Students after three quarters of enrollment on campus.

Foreign Student Tuition Statement:

International students are not eligible for California residency. However, for newly recruited students that will start in Fall 2015, the International Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship (IDRF) will pay for the Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) to international doctoral students beyond their first year of residency who have not yet advanced to candidacy. This does not apply to students who were admitted prior to Fall 2015. Please visit this [link](#) for more information.

However, upon advancement to candidacy, the tuition for international students will be reduced by 100% for three years provided the student maintains continuous enrollment.

For this reason, it is particularly important for international students to be aware of the Departmental advancement to candidacy deadline and take steps to ensure that they have advanced by the winter quarter of the third year.

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Additional Resources for Graduate Students

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- Graduate Division: 3117 Cheadle Hall. Phone: 893-2277
Web: www.graddiv.ucsb.edu

The Graduate Division is located in 3117 Cheadle Hall and provides a number of services for graduate students. All forms and petitions used by graduate students are available in their office and some are available on their website. Students with specific questions regarding campus wide or external fellowships should contact the Graduate Division for advice. Completed dissertations are filed at the Graduate Division, and there are advisors there who will review the dissertation prior to filing to ensure the formatting is correct. Visit this [link](#) for information.

- Graduate Student Association (GSA): 2502 University Center.
Web: www.gsa.ucsb.edu
- Student Health Services: Student Health Bldg. | Phone: 893-5361.
Web: <http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/>
- Office of International Students and Scholars: 3130 Student Resource Bldg.
Phone: 893-2929 | Web: <https://oiss.ucsb.edu/>
- Career Services: Bldg. 599 | Phone: 893-4411
Web: <http://career.ucsb.edu/>
- Ombuds Office: 1205-K Girvetz Hall | Phone 893-3285
Web: <http://www.ombuds.ucsb.edu>
- Disabled Students Program: 2120 Student Resource Building | Phone 893-2668
Web: <https://dsp.sa.ucsb.edu/>
- Housing and Residential Services: 1501 Residential Services Bldg. | Phone 893-2760
Web: www.housing.ucsb.edu
- Sexual Harassment Complaint Resolution Office: 3211 Phelps Hall | Phone 893-2701
Web: <https://titleix.ucsb.edu/>
- Short Term Loans and Check Disbursement: Billing Office 1212 SAASB | Phone 893-2155
Web: <http://www.as.ucsb.edu/resources/emergency-loans/>

Childcare Reimbursement For information on Childcare Reimbursement, please visit the following link: <https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/our-services/graduate-parent-employment>

Hazing, Harassment, And What To Do About It

- What you might think of as “joking around” can be a serious problem if it inhibits others from participation in study groups or other student activities.
- This includes, but is not limited to, derogatory comments about women. We know this behavior has disrupted the participation of some of our female physics students in the past and the department is very serious about curtailing this behavior.
- This behavior is prohibited by the UCSB Codes for Student Conduct, in which it is considered a form of hazing. It can also become a legal case of sexual harassment. Prohibitions against hazing and harassment extend beyond campus property, and beyond official UCSB functions. For example, whether coming from one student repeatedly, or from a group, demeaning female students in an off-campus informal study group is a form of hazing and subject to severe repercussions for the offenders.
- Sexual harassment prevention training is mandatory for all new graduate students. Please visit the following link for more information:
<https://titleix.ucsb.edu/training/compliance-training>.
- Please visit the UCSB Student Code of Conduct at:
https://www.sa.ucsb.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/conduct-code-fall-2020_final.pdf?sfvrsn=fada724f_0

What to do? Bullying behavior of this sort can be quickly stopped when offenders are warned about the legal path they are on. An early warning to offenders is the best approach because action can be taken well *before* a situation would be considered sexual harassment.

- Experience has shown that targets of this behavior aren't eager to report problems. If any student, male or female, is the target of or witnesses this activity, we urge you to report the issue to any of the following:
 - The professor of your class
 - Any department faculty
 - Faculty undergraduate advisor or department Chair
 - Nohely Vargas Carrillo, Undergraduate Advisor
 - Judicial Affairs,
893-5016, <http://studentconduct.sa.ucsb.edu/>
 - UCSB Office of Equal Opportunity and Sexual Harassment/Title IX Compliance
893-2701, <https://titleix.ucsb.edu/>

We insist that ALL of our students treat each other with respect and courtesy. And we sincerely want ALL of our students to enjoy the benefits of studying and socializing with their peers!