UW Professional MS in Physics (PMSP) program

• Whom do I contact with questions?
  – Any academic question or issue, advising, selecting courses:
    Physics faculty coordinator: THAT’S ME!
    Jeffrey Wilkes, B-303 Physics-Astronomy, (206) 543-4232
    emsp@u.washington.edu*
  – Any question or problem with admissions, degree requirements, rules
    and regulations of Graduate School or UW:
    Physics program administrator/advisor
    Catherine Provost, office C-139B Physics-Astronomy, (206) 543-2488
    emsp@u.washington.edu*

* Catherine and I both get all mail sent to emsp@u, so either one of us may reply

– Anything to do with course registration or tuition payment:
  Professional & Continuing Education (PCE)
  Brian Cox, Program Administrator, (206) 616-5104
  bcox@pce.uw.edu

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Courses and credits

You must register for credit each academic-year term to stay in the program!

– If you don’t want to register for credits in autumn, winter, or spring, you must
  request on-leave status for that term
  • Submit an online Request for On-Leave Status via MyGrad, or go to
    http://www.grad.washington.edu/policies/general/leave.shtml
  • Otherwise you will have to re-apply (and pay another fee)!
  • Summer terms excepted - no requirement to register for Summer

• How do I register for classes?
  – MS and GNM students will get email from PCE with registration forms each term
  • If you haven’t received registration info within 2 weeks of end of this term,
    contact Chantelle Volmer, (cvollmer@PCE.UW.EDU)
  – You can register with PCE by email (uweoreg@pce.uw.edu), mail or phone

• What if I need a few more credits to qualify for financial aid?
  – Register for 1 or 2 credits of PHYS 600 with me or any other faculty member – see
    http://sharepoint.washington.edu/phys/grad/EMSP/ and click on ‘course offerings’

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Other requirements

• Graduate School rules require “satisfactory performance and progress toward completion of their graduate degree”
  – Apply for on-leave status if you need to take time off

• A minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA is required for a graduate degree and for every quarter of course work
  – If your GPA drops below 3.0 any quarter you will go on academic probation
  – You must bring your GPA up to 3.0 to remain in the degree program

• You must complete all degree requirements within six years
  – If you enroll as GNM before matriculating for the MS degree, time spent as GNM counts toward the 6 year limit!
  – Extensions may be possible under special circumstances

Resources for PMSP students

• Who’s my adviser?
  – For new students, I am!  
    
    wilkes@uw.edu
  – For those doing independent study: your faculty mentor

• Funding resources:  
  see sharepoint.washington.edu/phys/grad/EMSP/Pages/Opportunities.aspx

• Where can I hang out / study before class?
  – Physics study center, mezzanine level (in the A-wing, go down the spiral staircase one floor)
    PCs, with net access and printers
    Meeting/work area with tables and blackboards
  – Allen library
  – Undergraduate library
Enjoy autumn term!

• Glad you could join us tonight
  – Further questions?
    Ask: me, Catherine Provost <emsp@uw.edu>, or Chantelle Vollmer
    <cvolmer@PCE.UW.EDU>,
    Or ... Larry Sorensen, Vladi Chaloupka, Toby Burnett