**Physics (MS)**

**Master of Science Degree Requirements**

**Thesis (Option A) Requirements**

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1 Excludes: PY 501 Quantum Physics I, PY 511 Mechanics I, and PY 514 Electromagnetism I.

2 Students may opt to select a minor, by which three graded courses from other departments will be accepted as determined in conjunction with the academic committee.

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**Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Degree Requirements**

The Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's (ABM) degree program allows exceptional undergraduate students at NC State an opportunity to complete the requirements for both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees at an accelerated pace. These undergraduate students may double count up to 12 credits and obtain a non-thesis Master's degree in the same field within 12 months of completing the Bachelor's degree, or obtain a thesis-based Master's degree in the same field within 18 months of completing the Bachelor's degree.

This degree program also provides an opportunity for the Directors of Graduate Programs (DGPs) at NC State to recruit rising juniors in their major to their graduate programs. However, permission to pursue an ABM degree program does not guarantee admission to the Graduate School. Admission is contingent on meeting eligibility requirements at the time of entering the graduate program.

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