

# PHYS 299: SPECIAL PROBLEMS

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## New Course Proposal

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#### Catalog Title:

Special Problems

#### Class Schedule Title:

Special Problems

#### Academic Group: (College)

NSM - Natural Sciences & Mathematics

#### Academic Organization: (Department)

Physics and Astronomy

#### Will this course be offered through the College of Continuing Education (CCE)?

No

#### Catalog Year Effective:

Fall 2025 (2025/2026 Catalog)

**Subject Area: (prefix)**

PHYS - Physics

**Catalog Number: (course number)**

299

**Course ID: (For administrative use only.)**

TBD

**Units:**

1-6

**Is the ONLY purpose of this change to update the term typically offered or the enforcement of existing requisites at registration?**

No

**In what term(s) will this course typically be offered?**

Fall, Spring

**Does this course require a room for its final exam?**

No, final exam does not require a room

**Does this course replace an existing experimental course?**

No

**This course complies with the credit hour policy:**

Yes

**Justification for course proposal:**

This course is one of the elective courses being proposed as part of a new Master of Science in Physics. The MS program is designed to allow flexibility for students to prepare for PhD programs or to prepare for a career in teaching, industry or government. This elective focuses on graduate research with a faculty supervisor, and thus provides flexibility for students to choose their projects based on their career interests and the faculty supervisor's research program.

**Course Description: (Not to exceed 90 words and language should conform to catalog copy.)**

Any properly qualified student who wishes to pursue an advanced problem may do so if the proposed subject is acceptable to the supervising instructor. A written technical report must be submitted before a final grade is given. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.

**Are one or more field trips required with this course?**

No

**Fee Course?**

No

**Is this course designated as Service Learning?**

No

**Is this course designated as Curricular Community Engaged Learning?**

No

**Does this course require safety training?**

No

**Does this course require personal protective equipment (PPE)?**

No

**Does this course have prerequisites?**

Yes

**Prerequisite:**

Approval must be obtained from a faculty member under whom the work is to be conducted.

**Prerequisites Enforced at Registration?**

Yes

**Does this course have corequisites?**

No

**Graded:**

Letter

**Approval required for enrollment?**

Instructor Approval

**Course Component(s) and Classification(s):**

Independent Study

**Independent Study Classification**

S3/CS#25 - Practice Teaching/Workstudy/Thesis Project/Independent Study (S-factor=.5 WTU per student enrolled)

**Independent Study Units**

1-6

**Is this a paired course?**

No

**Is this course crosslisted?**

No

**Can this course be repeated for credit?**

Yes

**How many times can the course be taken (including first time passed)?**

6

**Total credits allowed (including first time passed)**

6

**Can the course be taken for credit more than once during the same term?**

No

**Description of the Expected Learning Outcomes and Assessment Strategies:**

List the Expected Learning Outcomes and their accompanying Assessment Strategies (e.g., portfolios, examinations, performances, pre- and post-tests, conferences with students, student papers). Click the plus sign to add a new row.

	Expected Learning Outcome	Assessment Strategies
1	Review literature relevant to the project.	Oral and written reports.
2	Develop a written plan for the project.	Written reports.
3	Apply theoretical and/or experimental skills related to the project's subject.	Work journals or laboratory reports.
4	Synthesize project progress in a written report.	Final written report.

**Attach a list of the required/recommended course readings and activities:**

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**For whom is this course being developed?**

Majors in the Dept

**Is this course required in a degree program (major, minor, graduate degree, certificate?)**

No

**Does the proposed change or addition cause a significant increase in the use of College or University resources (lab room, computer)?**

No

**Will there be any departments affected by this proposed course?**

No

**I/we as the author(s) of this course proposal agree to provide a new or updated accessibility checklist to the Dean's office prior to the semester when this course is taught utilizing the changes proposed here.**

I/we agree

## **University Learning Goals**

**Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

Disciplinary knowledge  
Communication  
Critical thinking/analysis  
Information literacy

**Is this course required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Is this a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course?**

No

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