Twin Cities Campus

Biophysical Sciences and Medical Physics M.S.

Radiology

Graduate School

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Science

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This interdisciplinary program includes faculty members who have primary appointments in fields such as radiobiology, physics, engineering, computer science, physiology, dentistry, genetics, and biochemistry. Students concentrate in research areas such as molecular biophysics, medical imaging, magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy, radiobiology, radiation therapy physics, and mathematical biophysics and computation. A limited number of students prepare for employment as hospital-based medical physicists through a program that includes opportunities for coursework, laboratory work, and directed study to provide experience in areas such as purchase specification, acceptance testing, quality assurance, and radiation safety.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
All students should have some familiarity with physical chemistry, intermediate physics, intermediate mathematics, biostatistics, computer programming, biology, physiology, and biochemistry. This may be demonstrated by coursework completed at the undergraduate level or as part of the graduate program; by reading or practical experience; or by informal competency examinations.

Special Application Requirements:
Three letters of recommendation and scores from the General Test of the GRE are required. Applicants are considered for admission in both semesters.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

Key to test abbreviations(GRE).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 14 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits.The final exam is oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 14 major credits and 6 credits outside the major.The final exam is oral.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

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A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

The M.S. is offered under two plans: Plan A, (with thesis), and Plan B, (with project). Plan A is considered suitable for students with full-time employment whose thesis can be related to their work assignments. Plan B is more suitable for students planning to work in government or hospital settings where technical knowledge is more germane than research experience. Plan B students complete a project under the direction of a faculty member and present the work to their faculty committee in an oral exam. A total of 30 credits is required, including 14 in the major and 6 in a related field or minor.

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