

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795

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General University Information

President: W. Taylor Reveley III
Dean of Graduate School: Virginia J. Torczon
University website: <http://www.wm.edu/>
Control: Public
Setting: Suburban
Total Faculty: 635
Total Graduate Faculty: n/a
Total number of Students: 8,484
Total number of Graduate Students: 2,183

Department Information

Department Chairman: Prof. Eugene R. Tracy, Chair
Department Contact: Paula C. Perry, Coordinator, Physics Graduate Program
Total full-time faculty: 31
Total number of full-time equivalent positions: 28
Full-Time Graduate Students: 81
First-Year Graduate Students: 6
Female First-Year Students: 2
Total Post Doctorates: 9

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ADMISSIONS

Admission Contact Information

Address admission inquiries to: Graduate Admissions Chair, Department of Physics, College of William and Mary, P. O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795
Phone: (757) 221-3502
E-mail: grad@physics.wm.edu
Admissions website: <http://www.wm.edu/as/physics>

Application deadlines

Fall admission:
U.S. students: January 15 *Int'l. students:* January 15

Application fee

U.S. students: \$45 *Int'l. students:* \$45

Admissions information

For Fall of 2016:
Number of applicants: 101
Number admitted: 22
Number enrolled: 6

Admission requirements

Bachelor's degree requirements: A bachelor's degree in Physics or a related field is required.
Minimum undergraduate GPA: 3.0

GRE requirements

The GRE is required.
No minimum acceptable score for admissions is specified.

Advanced GRE requirements

The Advanced GRE is required.
No minimum acceptable score for admissions is specified.

TOEFL requirements

The TOEFL exam is required for students from non-English-speaking countries.
No minimum acceptable score for admissions is specified.

Other admissions information

Undergraduate preparation assumed: Marion and Thornton, Mechanics; Griffiths, Quantum Physics; Griffiths, Electricity and Magnetism; Kittel and Kroemer, Thermal Physics.

TUITION

Tuition year 2016–17:

Tuition for in-state residents

Full-time students: \$14,258 annual

Part-time students: \$500 per credit

Tuition for out-of-state residents

Full-time students: \$30,500 annual

Part-time students: \$1,200 per credit

A graduate assistantship includes a full tuition and fee waiver.

Credit hours per semester to be considered full-time: 9

Deferred tuition plan:

Health insurance: Yes, paid by dept.

Other academic fees: Tuition and fees are paid by the department.

Academic term: Semester

Number of first-year students who received full tuition waivers: 6

Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, and Fellowships

Number of first-year

Teaching Assistants: 6

Fellowship students: 2

Average stipend per academic year

Teaching Assistant: \$25,000

Research Assistant: \$25,000

Fellowship student: \$28,000

A graduate assistantship is a 12-month appointment of \$25,000 that includes a full tuition waiver, fees, and health insurance at no cost to the student.

FINANCIAL AID

Loans

Loans are available for U.S. students.

Loans are available for international students.

GAPSFAS application required: No

FAFSA application required: No

For further information

Address financial aid inquiries to: Graduate Admissions Chair, Department of Physics, P. O. Box 8795, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795.

Phone: (757) 221-3502

E-mail: grad@physics.wm.edu

HOUSING

Availability of on-campus housing

Single students: Yes

Married students: No

For further information

Address housing inquiries to: Office of Residence Life.

Phone: (757) 221-4314

E-mail: living@wm.edu

Housing aid website: <http://www.wm.edu/offices/residencelife>

Table A—Faculty, Enrollments, and Degrees Granted

Research Specialty	2016–17 Faculty	Enrollment Fall 2016		Number of Degrees Granted 2015–16 (2011–16)		
		Master's	Doctorate	Master's	Terminal Master's	Doctorate
	–	–	15	–	–	–
Applied Physics	1	–	1	1(3)	1(1)	–
Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics	6	–	8	2(8)	–	3(7)
Biophysics	2	–	–	–(1)	–	1(2)
Computational Physics	6	–	5	2(5)	–	–
Condensed Matter Physics	8	–	17	4(14)	1(1)	1(6)
High Energy Physics	8	–	7	2(8)	–(1)	4(8)
Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems	4	–	2	1(1)	–	–(1)
Nuclear Physics	15	–	17	5(15)	–	4(13)
Physics of Beams	2	–	–	–	–	–
Plasma and Fusion	3	–	–	1(1)	–	1(1)
Non-specialized	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	41	–	72	17(56)	2(3)	14(38)
Full-time Grad. Stud.	–	–	69	–	–	–
First-year Grad. Stud.	–	–	14	–	–	–

GRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Master's: For the M.S. degree, the requirements are taking the Ph.D. qualifying exam and 32 satisfactory credits of graduate work with a B average. A student progressing toward the Ph.D. degree will usually satisfy the M.S. requirements en route. At least one semester must be spent in residence, and a minimum of one semester of teaching is required for all candidates. There are no foreign language or thesis requirements.

Doctorate: For the Ph.D., required courses include Classical Mechanics, Mathematical Physics, Quantum Mechanics I and II, Classical Electricity and Magnetism I and II, Quantum Field Theory I, and Statistical Physics and Thermodynamics. In addition, two semesters of Colloquium, Teaching Physics, at least one elective from inside and at least one outside the student's field of study may be required. The candidate must, in addition to passing the qualifying exam, demonstrate a mastery of the material in the first- and second-year courses, by either doing well in these courses or individual examinations. A student must maintain a B average for all course work. There is a one-year residence minimum for the degree. The research must be a significant original contribution. The dissertation must be approved by the candidate's faculty committee and must be successfully defended in a public oral examination. A Ph.D. candidate must teach a minimum of two semesters. There are no foreign language requirements.

Other Degrees: Ph.D. with Concentration in Computational Science.

Thesis: Thesis may be written in absentia.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, OR PROGRAMS

The Department is housed in the William Small Physical Laboratory, which contains its own library, machine shop, makerspace, and other support facilities in addition to research and teaching

laboratories, classrooms, and offices. Small was entirely renovated in 2011, and the research space in the department was doubled by adding two new wings to the building. The Physics Department has many high-performance computing clusters and access to supercomputers through national and international networks. Extensive computational resources are available through the Center for Piezoelectric Design and the nuclear/particle group. The high field solid state Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Laboratory houses a number of NMR machines, including a 17 T magnet. A 12-GeV continuous electron beam accelerator facility, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (JLAB), and Applied Research Center (ARC) is located in nearby Newport News. Faculty and graduate students are engaged in experiments at Fermilab (Batavia, Illinois), The Jefferson Lab, NASA (Langley, Virginia), Mainz Institute for Theoretical Physics and Mainz Institute for Nuclear Physics (Mainz, Germany), TRIUMF (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), Soudan Underground Laboratory (Soudan, Minnesota), Ash River Neutrino Laboratory (Ash River, Minnesota), Daya Bay (China), CERN (Geneva, Switzerland), ORNL (Oak Ridge, Tennessee), and Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Dubna, Russia).

Table B—Separately Budgeted Research Expenditures by Source of Support

Source of Support	Departmental Research	Physics-related Research Outside Department
Federal government	\$3,821,571	
State/local government	\$1,393,040	
Non-profit organizations		
Business and industry		
Other	\$50,183	
Total	\$5,264,794	

Table C—Separately Budgeted Research Expenditures by Research Specialty

Research Specialty	No. of Grants	Expenditures (\$)
Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics	7	\$467,503
Chemical Physics	5	\$235,069
Condensed Matter Physics	17	\$1,005,808
High Energy Physics	7	\$716,621
Medical, Health Physics	1	\$11,889
Nuclear Physics	20	\$1,193,142
Plasma, Fusion, and Nonlinear Dynamics	4	\$251,443
Other	4	\$1,383,315
Total	65	\$5,264,790

FACULTY**Professor**

Armstrong, David S., Ph.D., University of British Columbia, 1989. Director of Graduate Studies. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Electroweak interactions; electron scattering; parity violation; muon capture; experiment.

Averett, Todd D., Ph.D., University of Virginia, 1995. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics, Nuclear Physics*. Neutron structure; polarized nuclear targets; spin exchange optical pumping; experiment.

Carlson, Carl E., Ph.D., Columbia University, 1968. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Theory.

Carone, Christopher D., Ph.D., Harvard University, 1994. *Cosmology & String Theory, High Energy Physics, Particles and Fields, Theoretical Physics*. Theory of elementary particles; theory.

- Cooke**, William E., Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1976. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics, Energy Sources & Environment*. Experiment.
- Delos**, John B., Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1970. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics, Chemical Physics, Medical, Health Physics, Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems, Theoretical Physics*. Chaos; theory.
- Erlich**, Joshua, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1999. *Cosmology & String Theory, High Energy Physics, Particles and Fields, Theoretical Physics*. Theory.
- Griffioen**, Keith A., Ph.D., Stanford University, 1984. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Nucleon structure; dark matter searches; experiment.
- Hoatson**, Gina L., Ph.D., University of East Anglia, 1980. *Chemical Physics, Condensed Matter Physics*. Solid-state NMR spectroscopy; experiment.
- Krakauer**, Henry, Ph.D., Brandeis University, 1975. *Computational Physics, Condensed Matter Physics, Solid State Physics*. Theory.
- Lukaszew**, R. Alejandra, Ph.D., Wayne State University, 1996. *Condensed Matter Physics, Electromagnetism, Nano Science and Technology, Optics, Solid State Physics, Surface Physics*. Thin films and nanostructures; experiment.
- Manos**, Dennis M., Ph.D., Ohio State University, 1976. Vice Provost for Research and Graduate/Professional Studies. *Applied Physics, Biophysics, Nano Science and Technology, Plasma and Fusion, Surface Physics*. Experiment.
- McKeown**, Robert D., Ph.D., Princeton University, 1979. Deputy Director for Science at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (JLAB). *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Electron scattering and reactor neutrinos; experiment.
- Nelson**, Jeffrey K., Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1994. *High Energy Physics, Particles and Fields*. Neutrino oscillations; neutrino scattering; experiment.
- Sher**, Marc T., Ph.D., University of Colorado, 1980. *Cosmology & String Theory, High Energy Physics, Particles and Fields, Theoretical Physics*. Theory.
- Tracy**, Eugene R., Ph.D., University of Maryland, 1984. *Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems, Plasma and Fusion*. Phase space methods in plasma wave theory; nonlinear modeling and time series analysis; theory.
- Vahala**, George M., Ph.D., University of Iowa, 1972. *Computational Physics, Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems, Plasma and Fusion*. Lattice Boltzmann; quantum lattice algorithms; theory.
- Zhang**, Shiwei, Ph.D., Cornell University, 1993. *Computational Physics, Condensed Matter Physics, Solid State Physics*. Quantum many-body simulations; strongly correlated systems; Theory.

Associate Professor

- Aubin**, Seth A. M., Ph.D., Stony Brook University, 2003. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics*. Ultracold quantum gases; precision measurements; laser cooling and trapping; experiment.
- Kordosky**, Michael A., Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin, 2004. *High Energy Physics, Particles and Fields*. Experiment.
- Novikova**, Irina, Ph.D., Texas A&M University, 2003. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics, Optics*. Quantum optics; experiment.
- Orginos**, Konstantinos N., Ph.D., Brown University, 1998. *Applied Mathematics, Computational Physics, Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields, Theoretical Physics*. Hadron structure; lattice QCD; nuclear physics; algorithms; theory.
- Qazilbash**, M. Mumtaz, Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park, 2004. *Condensed Matter Physics, Low Temperature Physics, Nano Science and Technology, Optics, Solid State Physics*. Infrared and optical spectroscopy; near-field infrared

nanospectroscopy; metal-insulator transitions; structural instabilities; superconducting and density-wave transitions; experiment.

- Rossi**, Enrico, Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin, 2005. *Condensed Matter Physics, Nano Science and Technology, Solid State Physics, Theoretical Physics*. Electronic properties of materials; graphene; two-dimensional electron systems; strongly correlated electron systems; theory.
- Vahle**, Patricia L., Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin, 2004. *High Energy Physics, Particles and Fields*. Neutrino oscillations; development of future neutrino facilities; experiment.

Assistant Professor

- Deconinck**, Wouter, Ph.D., University of Michigan, 2008. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Parity; parity violation; electron scattering; fundamental symmetries; Jefferson Laboratory; experiment.
- Dudek**, Jozef, D.Phil., Oxford, 2004. *Nuclear Physics*. hadronic; nuclear; theory.
- Mikhailov**, Eugeniy E., Ph.D., Texas A&M University, 2003. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics*. Quantum optics; experiment.
- Stevens**, Justin, Ph.D., Indiana University, 2012. *Nuclear Physics*. Hadron spectroscopy and structure; experiment.

Emeritus

- Champion**, Roy L., Ph.D., University of Florida, 1966. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics*. Experiment.
- Eckhause**, Morton, Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University, 1962. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Experiment.
- Gross**, Franz L., Ph.D., Princeton University, 1963. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Theory.
- Kossler**, William J., Ph.D., Princeton University, 1964. *Condensed Matter Physics, Nuclear Physics, Physics of Beams*. Experiment.
- McKnight**, John L., Ph.D., Yale University, 1957. *History & Philosophy of Physics/Science*. Foundations of quantum theory.
- Perdrisat**, Charles F., Ph.D., Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, 1961. *High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Measurements of the proton structure from elastic electron scattering; experiment.
- Petzinger**, Kenneth G., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, 1971. *Condensed Matter Physics*. Theory.
- Remler**, Edward A., Ph.D., University of North Carolina, 1963. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Theory.
- Schone**, Harlan E., Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1960. *Condensed Matter Physics*. Experiment.
- von Baeyer**, Hans C., Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, 1964. *Particles and Fields, Theoretical Physics*. Theory; public understanding of science.
- Walecka**, J. Dirk, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1958. *High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Theory.
- Welsh**, Robert E., Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 1960. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Experiment.

Research Professor

- Venkataraman**, Malathy D., Ph.D., University of Kerala, 1968. *Chemical Physics*. Spectroscopy.

Adjunct Professor

- Bosted**, Peter, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1980. *Nuclear Physics*. Experiment.
- Carlini**, Roger D., Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 1978. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Experiment.
- Melnitchouk**, Wally, Ph.D., University of Adelaide, 1993. *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Theory.

Osborne, Alfred R., Ph.D., University of Houston, 1974. *Fluids, Rheology, Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems*. Nonlinear phenomena in fluids; physical oceanography.

Pennington, Michael R., Ph.D., Westfield College, London, 1971. Associate Director for Theoretical and Computational Physics; Theory Center Director at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (JLAB). *Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Hadronic physics; theory.

Richards, David, Ph.D., University of Cambridge, 1984. *Computational Physics, Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields*. Theory.

Wolf, Stuart A., Ph.D., Rutgers University, 1969. *Applied Physics, Condensed Matter Physics*. Magnetism; superconductivity and nanotechnology; experiment.

Adjunct Associate Professor

Danehy, Paul M., Ph.D., Stanford University, 1995. *Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics*. Laser-based measurement techniques for NASA applications; experiment.

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Walker-Loud, André P., Ph.D., University of Washington-Seattle, 2006. *Astrophysics, Computational Physics, High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Particles and Fields, Theoretical Physics*. Nonperturbative QCD; implications of the standard model; theory.

Academic Professional

Hancock, A. Dayle, Ph.D., University of Houston, 1981. Director of Teaching Labs. *History & Philosophy of Physics/Science, Physics and other Science Education*.

DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH SPECIALTIES AND STAFF

Theoretical

Condensed Matter Physics. Electronic properties of materials; surface physics; high-temperature superconductivity; ferroelectrics; ultra-cold atoms; graphene; two-dimensional systems; strongly correlated electron systems; electron-phonon dynamics; computational physics. Krakauer, Rossi, Zhang.

High Energy Physics. Electroweak phenomenology and symmetry breaking; extensions of the standard model; supersymmetry, grand unification and extra dimensions; string theory; cosmology. Carone, Erlich, Sher, Walker-Loud.

Medical, Health Physics. Heart rates and respiration of infants in neonatal intensive care units. Delos.

Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems. Order and chaos in classical and quantum systems; atoms in strong fields; atomic and molecular collisions. Delos, Osborne, Tracy, Vahala.

Nuclear Physics. Perturbative and nonperturbative QCD; lattice gauge theory; effective field theories for hadrons. Carlson, Dudek, Melnitchouk, Orginos, Pennington, Richards, Walker-Loud.

Particles and Fields. Electroweak phenomenology and symmetry breaking; extensions of the standard model; supersymmetry, grand unification and extra dimensions; string theory; cosmology. Carone, Erlich, Sher.

Plasma and Fusion. Magnetohydrodynamics; kinetic theory; turbulence; numerical simulation of plasmas; applications to fusion; nonlinear dynamics and chaotic signal process; ocean waves; developing type II quantum computer algorithms for MHD; supercomputers are used at DoE-NERSC, DoD-NAVO, DoD-ERDC, and Earth Simulator (Japan). Tracy, Vahala.

Experimental

Atomic, Molecular, & Optical Physics. Ultracold quantum gases (Bose-Einstein condensates and degenerate Fermi gases), slow and stored light, quantum properties of light and their modification by an atomic medium, precision measurements (time, fields, and fundamental symmetries), the study of biological systems using AMO techniques, intense laser-matter interaction, and femtosecond laser physics. Aubin, Cooke, Danehy, Mikhailov, Novikova.

Condensed Matter Physics. Infrared and optical spectroscopy; near-field infrared nanospectroscopy; phase transitions (metal-insulator, structural, magnetic, superconducting, and density wave); nuclear magnetic resonance; piezoelectrics and high dielectric microwave ceramics; thin films (metallic, magnetic, superconducting for SRF applications, correlated-electron-materials) and nanostructures; electron-phonon dynamics; plasmonics and magneto-plasmonics. Hoatson, Lukaszew, Qazilbash, Wolf.

High Energy Physics. Experiments at Fermilab, Daya Bay, Ash River, SURF, and CERN; neutrino masses and mixing; CP violation in neutrinos; neutrino interactions on nucleons and nuclei; structure of the weak current; reactor and long baseline neutrino oscillation experiments. Kordosky, McKeown, Nelson, Vahle.

Nuclear Physics. Intermediate energy experiments at Jefferson Laboratory and other facilities; measurements of the structure of nucleons and nuclei via electromagnetic and electroweak interactions; precision tests of the standard model and dark matter searches with electron scattering; hadron spectroscopy; hyperpolarized nuclear targets. Armstrong, Averett, Bosted, Carlini, Deconinck, Griffioen, Kordosky, McKeown, Perdrisat, Stevens.

Particles and Fields. Experiments at Fermilab, Daya Bay, Ash River; neutrino masses and mixing; CP violation in neutrinos; neutrino interactions on nucleons and nuclei; structure of the weak current; reactor and long baseline neutrino oscillation experiments. Kordosky, Nelson, Vahle.

Physics of Beams. Particle accelerator physics; relativistic electron beams; synchrotron radiation; free-electron lasers; relativistic electrodynamics; superconducting RF cavity surface physics; design and optimization of future accelerator facilities. Lukaszew, Nelson.

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