

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
<http://www.csulb.edu/depts/physics>
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
GRADUATE HANDBOOK

This handbook was developed to give graduate students and faculty guidance in some of the processes associated with completing a M.S. degree in this department. This document is a supplement to the Degree Requirements listed in the current CSULB Catalog under University Requirements and Departmental Requirements (in the Physics and Astronomy section).

This handout is not an official document. Always follow the current CSULB Catalog if you find any discrepancies in requirement information, and contact the Department Graduate Advisor.

If you were admitted to the program before Fall 2008 semester, your requirement for graduation may be different from this document. You will need to consult with the **Department Graduate Advisor**.

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY WEBPAGES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

1. **Graduate Studies at CSULB** (Most comprehensive links)

<http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/projects/grad/>

2. **University Graduate Student Handbook**

<http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/projects/grad/handbook/index.html>

3. **Graduate and Undergraduate Catalogs**

(Official Webpage for current & past catalogs)

<http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/>

4. **Graduate Degree Information in AY 08/09 Catalog**

(University-wide Graduate Degree Information and Requirements)

http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/2008-2009/bacc_grad_info/grad_degrees_offered.html

5. **Physics and Astronomy Program Information in AY 08/09 Catalog**

<http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/2008-2009/cnsm/phys/index.html>

6. **Enrollment Services on Master's Degree Graduation Requirements**

http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/graduation/masters_degree.html

7. **Thesis Office** (Thesis information and submission periods)

<http://www.csulb.edu/library/guide/serv/thesis.html>

SUMMARY CHECK LIST: TOPICS DISCUSSED ON FOLLOWING PAGES.

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THE FIRST YEAR

- SATISFY THE GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT (GWAR)
- COMPLETE COURSE DEFICIENCIES
- 'A' or 'B' GRADES IN COURSES FOR GRADE POINT AVERAGE DEFICIENCY
- MEET AT LEAST THREE FACULTY MEMBERS.
- FIND THESIS ADVISOR.
- FILE ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY.

SECOND AND THIRD YEAR

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- FINISH COURSES ON THE OFFICIAL GRADUATE PROGRAM.
- MEET WITH GRAD. ADVISOR TO CONFIRM FINISH OF ALL COURSE REQUIREMENTS.
- SUBMIT "REQUEST TO GRADUATE" FORM AT ENROLLMENT SERVICES

THESIS AND GRADUATION

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- FINISH THE RESEARCH AND COMPLETE THE THESIS WRITING.
- REGISTER FOR A COURSE, or GS700, FOR THE TERM YOU GRADUATE.
- COMPLETE THE THESIS AUTHOR LOGIN FORM (THESIS OFFICE WEBPAGE).
- PUBLIC THESIS DEFENSE.
- APPROVAL OF THESIS BY THE THESIS COMMITTEE.
- CLEAR THESIS OFFICE.
- OBTAIN DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S SIGNATURE.
- SUBMIT THESIS TO COPY CENTER IN THE BOOKSTORE.
- CALL THESIS OFFICE WITH BOOKSTORE RECEIPT NUMBER.
- CLEARANCE LETTER WILL BE ISSUED.
- REMIND ADVISOR TO CHANGE PHYS 698 GRADES FROM "RP" TO EARNED GRADE

APPENDICIES WITH ROADMAP AND FORMS

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