



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: HOW CAN I APPLY TO THE PHYSICS GRADUATE PROGRAM?

A: Visit Berkeley Graduate Division website for applying for graduate admission:

<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply/apply/>

Q: IS THERE A GPA REQUIREMENT?

A: The minimum graduate admissions requirements are: a bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution; a satisfactory scholastic average, usually a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale; and, enough undergraduate training to do research work in your chosen field.

Q: CAN I APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM?

A: At Berkeley, you may apply to only one graduate or concurrent degree program.

Q: HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE M.A. DEGREE IN PHYSICS?

A: The Berkeley Physics graduate program does not offer a standalone M.A. degree. Only students in the physics doctoral program may apply for the M.A. degree after completing certain requirements.

Q: DO YOU OFFER APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS?

A: For information on Requesting an Application Fee Waiver, please visit:

<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply/requirements/fee-waiver/>

Q: ARE THE SUBJECT GRE AND GENERAL GRE REQUIRED? HOW ARE APPLICATIONS WITH/WITHOUT GRE SCORES WEIGHED?

A: General GRE scores will not be reviewed. Submission of a Physics Subject GRE score is OPTIONAL.

The Physics subject GRE is optional and only a part of the admissions committee's holistic review. Other elements under review include recommendation letters, academic achievements, research experience, a record of leadership and outreach activities, and efforts to promote diversity.

Q: DO I NEED TO SUBMIT TOEFL / IELTS SCORES?

A: All applicants who have completed a basic degree in a country/region in which the official language is not English are required to submit official evidence of English language proficiency.

If you have completed at least one year of full-time academic course work with grades of B or better in residence at a recognized U.S. institution, you must upload an unofficial transcript.

Q: CAN I SUBMIT MATERIALS OR MAKE CHANGES AFTER THE DEPARTMENTAL DEADLINE (test scores, letters of recommendation, etc.)?

A: Your application should be complete — meaning that all of your letters and supplemental materials should be uploaded — by this deadline. Application review commences immediately after the deadline; as such, we cannot guarantee that materials received after the deadline (including letters of recommendation) will be fully reviewed.

Visit the [Graduate Admissions website](https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/) for more info.