



Department of Physics

2025/2026 Timeline for 2nd-year students

Research Presentations to Department

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2:30 – 4:00 pm/ Friday, September 12, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

10 minutes talk + 5 minutes questions

Qualifier Proposal Summary (300 words)

Friday, November 21, 2025

Research Summary Report

Friday, November 21, 2025

Summary of PhD research to date with a substantial literature summary (see handbook)

Spring Break

March 9 – 13, 2026

Qualifier Proposal Defense Deadline

Friday, April 3, 2026

Retake of Qualifier Proposals Deadline

Friday, May 1, 2026

Second Year TA and Course Work:

Fall 2025

- Phys 598 Research Summary (3 credit hrs.) with PhD Advisor
- One elective course (3 credit hrs.)
- Phys 599R Research (S/U) with PhD Advisor (3 credit hrs.)
- TATT 605/610 for TAing. Prof. Bing will provide TA assignments.

Spring 2026

- Phys 796 Qualifier Proposal (3 credit hrs.) with PhD Advisor
- One elective course (3 credit hrs.)
- Phys 599R Research (S/U) with PhD Advisor (3 credit hrs.)
- TATT 605/610 for TAing. Prof. Bing will provide TA assignments.

Summer 2026

- Phys 599R Research (9 credit hrs.)
- Work on advancing to candidacy and form PhD committee (see handbook)