



Physics Division

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APHY 200 THESIS SCHEDULE

Second Semester, AY 2021-2022

REQUIREMENT	DATE	SUBMISSION
Letter of Intent submission deadline	11 April 2022 (Monday) at 5 pm	Online via Email (to the Thesis Committee Chair)
Poster submission deadline	18 April 2022 (Monday) at 5 pm	Online via email (to the Thesis Committee Chair)
Poster Presentations (Midterm Reports)	20 April 2022 (Wednesday)	Online Poster Session
Submission of the draft version of your thesis manuscript to your Adviser	16 May 2022 (Monday)	Online (to your Adviser)
Submission of the preliminary version of your thesis manuscript to your Thesis Defense Committee	23 May 2022 (Monday)	Online (to your Committee)
Thesis Defense Week	30 May to 3 June 2022	Online Defense
Submission of the final version of your thesis manuscript	4 to 20 June 2022	Online via Email (to the Thesis Committee Chair)
Signing of the Thesis Action Sheet	21 June 2022 (Tuesday)	Online

Send questions about the procedure and submissions to:

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ADJUSTED THESIS GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURE

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Midterm Report (Poster Presentation):

Students are required to submit an electronic copy of a poster detailing the latest progress of their thesis research. The poster should be of size A4, in the PDF format, and should be submitted by **5:00 pm on 18 April 2022 (Monday)**. Submitted posters are going to be published in the IMSP webpages in time for the poster session on **20 April 2022 (Wednesday)**. During the poster session, the author of each poster is going to give a short online presentation and entertain questions from an audience made up of fellow students and faculty. The Zoom login details will be sent out in a later announcement.

Thesis Defense Procedure:

The Thesis Defense is going to be done online this Semester:

1. The student will give his/her presentation in Zoom with the student's Adviser, Thesis Defense Examination Committee, and the Thesis Committee Chairperson in attendance. In addition, any other faculty members and students can attend the Defense.
2. The Thesis Committee Chairperson will schedule, arrange, and host the Zoom Meeting for the Thesis Defense.
3. After the Thesis Defense, the student is expected to revise his/her thesis manuscript according to the recommendations made by his/her Thesis Defense Examination Committee. The student must submit the final version of his/her thesis manuscript, duly checked and approved by his/her committee, on or before **20 June 2022 (Monday) at 5:00 pm**.

Thesis Content:

The sequence of chapters for the undergraduate thesis are:

- I. Introduction
- II. Review of related literature
- III. Methodology
- IV. Results and discussion
- V. Summary and conclusion
- VI. Appendix A: Journal article draft*
- VII. Appendix B: Other supplemental materials

In light of the restrictions brought about by quarantine protocols, we understand that students have lost direct access to research facilities in the University. It is, therefore, expected that most students will not be able to finish their research completely. This circumstance includes experimentalists who cannot gather complete data, computational researchers who are not able to run their programs in large computers, and theorists who have lost access to library facilities and research journals. It is, therefore, recommended that the emphasis of the thesis is more towards the background materials parts, i.e., the Review of Related Literature and Methodology chapters, rather than the Results and Discussion part. However, the student is required to think about what could be done after the pandemic. In the chapter on Summary and Conclusion, students are required to write a section entitled "Recommended actions after the pandemic". This section contains discussions on possible next steps that should be taken to continue the research, reasons why such steps have not been taken, and projected and possible results once these steps are taken. Notwithstanding these adjustments, it is important for students to realize that as a thesis in physics, what is central is that **the thesis is a work in physics**, not in engineering, computer science, statistics, or any other field, and that the physics utilized in the research is sound and correct.

*Note: The journal article draft is not optional.

Thesis format:

UPLB has strict formatting rules for the thesis manuscript. The Thesis Committee has prepared a LaTeX thesis template that conforms to these rules. Using this template could help you focus on the content of your thesis rather than on its formatting. A copy of the template is available for download at the IMSP Physics Thesis Corner webpage.

Students are encouraged to visit the IMSP **Physics Thesis Corner** (<https://imsp.cas.uplb.edu.ph/physics-thesis-corner/>) for more information on the thesis.