

PHYS699: Master's Thesis

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CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

Course Summary: Individual investigation of a problem under the supervision of an adviser in the department. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours.

Prerequisites: Master's proficiency exam passed.

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CLASS MEETINGS

At the discretion of student and his research adviser.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Conduct master's research under the supervision of a department-approved advisor. Should be taken upon passing the MS proficiency exam.

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

For students who have do yet defended their thesis, the assessment will be based on feedback from the student's research adviser. The following grades are possible

- **IP (in progress)** is a "neutral" grade – that is, the grade does not carry quality points – but IP grades awarded for 699 count toward the completion of a degree. **An "IP" is generally given to students carrying research work and showing adequate progress toward their thesis.**
- **U (unsatisfactory)** is a failing grade granted to students with poor performance in their research. A "U" generally result in the termination of the research as **no student may graduate with a U on his or her transcript.**
- **S (satisfactory)** is a "passing" grade awarded in the final semester in which the thesis is successfully completed.

Further information on NIU grading system can be found at:
<http://www.niu.edu/regrec/grading/gradingfaqs.shtml>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The students are expected to be engaged researchers carrying their work safely and with highest integrity.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you need an accommodation for this class, please contact the Disability Resource Center (RDC) as soon as possible. The DRC coordinates accommodations for students with disabilities. It is located on the 4th floor of the Health Services Building, and can be reached at 815-753-1303 (V) or drc@niu.edu. Also, please contact me privately as soon as possible so we can discuss your accommodations. The sooner you let us know your needs, the sooner we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

SYLLABUS

The course of research is sole responsibility of the student's direct research adviser.