Master of Science

Applied Physics

University of Freiburg
Institute of Physics
The Master Program

The English-taught M.Sc. Applied Physics provides an interdisciplinary study program at the interface between fundamental physical concepts and resulting modern technologies. Participants will deepen their knowledge in modern physics and are introduced to central methods of physical research like measuring techniques, methods for data analysis or numerical simulation. In cooperation with associated institutes of the university, the university medical center and with the Fraunhofer Institutes in Freiburg, the Master program offers the possibility for specialization in a particular area of applied physics, such as optical technologies, physics in life and medical sciences, or interactive and adaptive materials. Successful completion of the Master program qualifies for a scientific career at interdisciplinary research institutions, or a profession in industry.

The Master program Applied Physics is designed for highly qualified graduate students holding a Bachelor degree in physics. Master students will have the opportunity to

- be involved in cutting-edge research in applied physics with internationally renowned professors.
- benefit from a nation-wide unique research environment established by the Physics Institute, the local Fraunhofer institutes, the university medical center, and other research centers & faculties at the university.
- live in one of Germany’s most appealing cities.
Module Overview

Advanced Experimental Physics (9 ECTS)
Choose one from various lectures offered each year, e.g.
- Advanced Atomic and Molecular Physics
- Advanced Optics and Lasers
- Condensed Matter I: Solid State Physics
- Condensed Matter II: Interfaces and Nanostructures
- Particle Detectors

Advanced Theoretical Physics (9 ECTS)
Choose one from various lectures offered each year, e.g.
- Advanced Quantum Mechanics
- Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics
- Classical Complex Systems
- Quantum Optics
- Computational Physics: Materials Science

Applied Physics (18 ECTS)
Choose from various regularly or irregularly offered lectures on modern topics in applied physics, such as

**Topic A: Optical Technologies**
- Photonic Microscopy
- Optical Trapping and Particle-Tracking
- Wave Optics
- Laser-based Spectroscopy and Analytical Methods
- Photovoltaic Energy Conversion
- Fundamentals of Semiconductors & Optoelectronics

**Topic B: Physics in Life Sciences & Medical Physics**
- Dynamic Systems in Biology
- Molecular Dynamics & Spectroscopy
- Biophysics of the Cell
- Physics of Medical Imaging Methods
- Computational Neuroscience: Models of Neurons and Networks
- Simulation of Biological Neuronal Networks

**Topic C: Interactive and Adaptive Materials**
- Physical Processes of Self-Assembly and Pattern Formation
- Experimental Polymer Physics
- Matter on Surfaces
- Mechanical Properties and Degradation Mechanisms
- Theory and Modeling of Materials
- Computational Physics: Density Functional Theory
- Quantum Transport

**Topic D: Applied Physics Methods**
- Low Temperature Physics
- Particle Detectors
- Statistics and Numerics
- Modeling and System Identification

**Term Paper - Seminar (6 ECTS)**
Choose from a range of topics offered each semester.

**Master Laboratory Applied Physics (8 ECTS)**
Choose from a range of lab experiments.

**Elective Subjects (10 ECTS)**
Your choice of Master courses at the Institute of Physics and/or other Master programmes at the University of Freiburg.

**Research Traineeship (30 ECTS)**

**Master Thesis (30 ECTS)**

Total: 120 ECTS
The Institute of Physics and the cooperating Institutes

With currently 22 professors and three coopted members, the Institute of Physics is actively involved in a wide range of modern research topics in fundamental and applied physics research. Students benefit from this broad diversity of topics covered in lecture courses and seminars. The diversity and quality of the research and teaching program of the institute, embedded in the rich and interdisciplinary research landscape defined through the University of Freiburg and other institutions committed to research and development in the larger Freiburg area, are key ingredients for the attractiveness of the institute nation-wide, but also on the international level. At present, 330 students are enrolled for Bachelor and Master studies, 160 students work on their PhD, and more than 30 young researchers are at the PostDoc stage of their career. The Institute of Physics succeeded to establish three internationally well recognized Research Training Groups providing first class post-graduate training.

Apart from the Institute of Physics also the Universitätsklinikum (University clinical research center), as well as the departments of chemistry, microsystems engineering, and biology participate in this Master program by contributing lectures and experimental courses, as well as projects for the Master thesis. As Europe’s largest application-oriented research organization the Fraunhofer Society runs five institutes in Freiburg, which conduct applications-oriented research into the areas of energy, security, communications, environment, health, production technology and mobility. With a local staff of about 2000 employees Freiburg is the largest Fraunhofer location in Germany. The local Fraunhofer institutes contribute dedicated master courses and offer excellent opportunities for conducting the final Master’s thesis.

Freiburg and its University

Freiburg: best known for its high quality of life
The so-called Capital of the Black Forest enjoys more hours of sunshine than any other city in Germany and has a unique and charming atmosphere. Globally, it is also known as the “Green City” because of its high standards in environmental sustainability. Freiburg’s surroundings offer excellent facilities for skiing, hiking, cycling and mountain biking. With a total of 30,000 students in a population of 224,000, Freiburg is clearly a student town.

The University: a venerable and international institution
Founded in 1457, the University of Freiburg is one of the oldest and most renowned higher education institutions in Germany. We have partnerships with top universities, research institutions and businesses around the world and are proud to be a truly international university. With close to 3,500 international students and many internationally acclaimed scholars, the university offers a cosmopolitan and diverse atmosphere.
Facts and Figures:

Diploma: MSc Applied Physics
Credits: 120 ECTS, 2 years (4 semesters)
Language of instruction: English
Start: October (winter semester) or April (summer semester)
Application deadlines: 15 July / 15 January
Requirements: BSc in Physics, outstanding performance, English proficiency
Study fees: € 1.500 per semester for international students from non-EU countries (exceptions apply)
Administrative semester fees: € 145 per semester

For information on study fees see: www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/aktuelle-mitteilungen-en/studiengebuehren-international-en
(monthly living costs in Freiburg are about €800 to €900 total)

How to apply:

Please send the following documents by regular mail (not e-mail):
- Completed application form (online)
- A certified and translated copy of your undergraduate diploma.
- A certified and translated copy of your transcript of marks (Transcript of Records)
- Proof of English proficiency (B2-level), e.g. TOEFL, IELTS
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of Intent

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