The Department of Physics offers programs leading to the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts with a major in physics, Bachelor of Science in physics, Bachelor of Science in mathematics and physics, and Bachelor of Science in engineering with an engineering physics major. Associated with the Bachelor of Science in physics degree are optional concentrations in mathematical physics and in biophysics. The department also offers the graduate degrees Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy, as well as a unique master's degree in entrepreneurship.

All of these programs involve the study of the basic laws of nature and the properties of energy and matter in their various forms. The curriculum reflects the varied interests of the faculty and will prepare students for a wide range of future activities. At the undergraduate level, open electives and engineering physics concentration area courses tailor the programs to the student's interests and career plans. Employment opportunities at the bachelor's level include research, development, and technical assistance (engineering, computer programming, management) in industrial, government, and university settings.

A similar flexibility exists in the first few years of graduate study. The research leading to the PhD degree normally centers on a specific area of physics. However, even at this stage, the broad background and training characteristic of a physics degree are emphasized.

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