CHEMICAL PHYSICS, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Physics

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Graduate Degree Programs in Chemistry

Chemistry, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/chemistry-MA)
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Chemical Physics, PhD (p. 1)
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joint programs:
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Students entering through the Department of Chemistry must satisfy the registration examination, literature seminar, preliminary examination, and original research proposal requirements of Physical Chemistry. The guidelines for these requirements are in the Department of Chemistry Graduate Manual. Students entering through the Department of Physics must satisfy the PhD requirements of the Department of Physics. Research for the thesis is performed under the direction of faculty members who are currently active in chemical physics. Many of these staff members are affiliated with the Materials Research Laboratory (MRL). MRL is a multidisciplinary facility shared by staff and students from the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and other related departments that have common interests in materials science.

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