Forms and Presentations

Information for Prospective Physics Students

Admitted Students

- Admitted Students 2020 (Low-Res) Slides with Notes
- Admitted Students 2020 Slides
  Information for Prospective UW Students about the physics major. Includes information about why one might want to major in physics; which introductory course to take; what makes a successful physics major; career options for physics graduates. The version with notes includes a slide-by-slide summary of the talk that would have been given at the April 4 Admitted Students Day. The Slideshow version contains higher resolution version of the slides (without notes).
- Departmental Fact Sheet
  General information about the physics department, including its students, faculty and research.

Incoming Freshmen

- So You Think You Want to Take Physics - Summer 2018
  Presentation by Prof. Olmstead to pre-freshmen in the July 2018 Summer Bridge program. Addresses what to expect in Physics 121 series, as well as general information about succeeding at UW.

Prospective Majors

- Prospective Major Information Session - Autumn 2020
  - Panopto Video (Requires UWNetID)
  - Slides
    Information about WHY you should consider becoming a physics major, WHAT physics graduates do both while at UW and afterwards, as well as HOW to go about applying to the major. Question and Answer period both part way through and at the end (student portion edited out, summarized in Panopto titles, while including Prof. Olmstead's answers).

Information for Current Majors

Forms

- 2019-20 Senior Exit Survey for Graduating Seniors
- 2020-21 Senior Exit Survey for Graduating Seniors
- Graduate Plan Beyond Maximum Credits
- Independent Study Contract for PHYS 499
- Hardship Withdrawal (Former Quarter Drop)

New Majors

- Orientation for New Undergraduate Majors - Autumn 2019
  Overview of the major and available resources. Advice for course and career planning.

Graduate School Planning

- Is Grad School right for me? If so, how do I get there? - Autumn 2019
  Presentation by Prof. Olmstead on factors to consider when deciding whether and when to attend graduate school in physics or astronomy, as well as advice regarding how to build a record (starting early!) that increases your chances of admission and
information about how to navigate the application process.

SPS Annual Career Panel

- **Overview - 2020**
  Presentation by Prof. Olmstead containing information on national physics career statistics and possibilities.

- **High School Teaching - 2020**
  Presentation by Alex Stevens (UW Physics/Astro BS ’11) on his route to teaching high school in Issaquah.

- **Environmental Consulting - 2020**
  Presentation by Marie Scott (UW Physics BS ’16) on her route through a research job at the Medical School to a system management position at the Allen Institute to a Consulting Firm.

- **Finding a Job - 2018**
  Presentation by Cliff Slaughterbeck (UW Physics PhD ’96) containing advice based on his experience as he built on various technical jobs to his current position as a manager at the Allen Institute for Brain Science where he hires physics undergraduates.

Summer Internship Opportunities

- **National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates**

- **NASA: National & Local Washington Space Grant**

- **Department of Commerce (NIST)**

- **Department of Energy Summer Undergraduate Laboratory Internships**
  - Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
  - Argonne National Lab
  - SLAC National Accelerator Lab
  - Brookhaven National Lab
  - Fermilab

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