These are changes to the requirements from the 2002 approved degree requirements. All other requirements from 2002 remain in effect.

Master's Degree -- Two programs are offered. Plan I requires 32 quarter hours of graduate and upper division courses and a master's thesis. Plan II requires 36 quarter hours of graduate and upper division course work of which at least 18 of the 36 hours must be at the graduate level and passing a Master’s Comprehensive examination. No more than nine units of research (299 units) may be used to satisfy the 18-unit graduate course requirement. The exam is described in detail later in the text. Both plans require classical physics (200ABC), quantum mechanics (215AB or in unusual cases 115AB if approved by the graduate curriculum committee), mathematical methods (Physics 204AB or either of the two alternatives described under the Ph.D. degree), and statistical mechanics (219A). There is no foreign language requirement for the master's degree.