2. Admission

Most regulations are University-wide and are included in the packet containing the admission forms. The Department of Astronomy relies on a combination of course grades, letters of recommendation and the GRE scores in deciding on admission. The GRE Advanced Physics is required for all applicants.

It is normally expected that the following subjects should have been studied previous to admission to graduate work: General Physics, Heat, Intermediate Mechanics, Optics, Electricity and Magnetism, Modern Physics, Advanced Calculus and Differential Equations. Any deficiencies in such background courses should be made up as soon as possible.

No formal undergraduate course work in astronomy is required. However, an entering student should have a working knowledge of the basic facts of Astronomy such as are obtainable from one of the many introductory Astronomy texts. A more advanced knowledge of astronomy will, of course, enable a student to progress more rapidly during the first years of graduate work.