Physics (PHYSICS)

PHYSICS 390-0 Topics in Physics (1 Unit)
This course will explore a specialized or current topic of research in a field of physics. Although the topic can change, it is expected that independent of the content, this is an advanced physics course that builds on core physics knowledge. Prerequisites vary by offering. It would generally require knowledge of at least one core physics course (Physics 330, 332, 333, 339) or the equivalent mathematics or permission from the instructor.

PHYSICS 410-0 Advancing Equity to Overcome the Exclusive Social Constructs in STEM (0.5 Unit)
Throughout history the most recognized scholars in STEM have been largely white and Asian males, excluding minoritized groups. This is reproduced today by sociological and structural policies and processes. We will explore this history and examine current efforts to create more inclusive science and engineering environments.

PHYSICS 411-0 Classical Mechanics (1 Unit)
Newtonian mechanics, conservation laws, and rigid-body dynamics; variational principle; Lagrangians, constraints, symmetry, conservation laws, non-potential forces, scattering, and linear oscillations; Hamiltonians, Poisson brackets, perturbation theory; and continuum dynamics.

PHYSICS 411-1 Methods of Theoretical Physics (1 Unit)
The topics covered will include: techniques for the solution of differential equations; approximations such as the method of steepest descent; techniques for integration; the special functions of mathematical physics; usage of Greens functions and eigenfunctions to solve differential equations; introduction to groups and group representations; probability and statistics (time permitting).

PHYSICS 412-1 Quantum Mech (1 Unit)
1. Vector spaces, linear operators, Hermitian operators, stationary states, bound states, harmonic oscillator, symmetry and conservation laws, intrinsic spin, Stern-Gerlach experiment, and spherically symmetric potentials. 2. Schrödinger's equation, electromagnetic potentials, approximation methods, variational principles, Dirac's theory of the electron, electron spin, magnetic moment of the electron, and fine structure of hydrogen. 3. Identical particles, exchange symmetry, atomic and molecular structure, coherent states, time-dependent perturbations, transition amplitudes, spontaneous emission, photoelectric effect, scattering theory, and light scattering.

PHYSICS 412-2 Quantum Mechanics (1 Unit)
1. Vector spaces, linear operators, Hermitian operators, stationary states, bound states, harmonic oscillator, symmetry and conservation laws, intrinsic spin, Stern-Gerlach experiment, and spherically symmetric potentials. 2. Schrödinger's equation, electromagnetic potentials, approximation methods, variational principles, Dirac's theory of the electron, electron spin, magnetic moment of the electron, and fine structure of hydrogen. 3. Identical particles, exchange symmetry, atomic and molecular structure, coherent states, time-dependent perturbations, transition amplitudes, spontaneous emission, photoelectric effect, scattering theory, and light scattering.

PHYSICS 412-3 Quantum Mechanics (1 Unit)
1. Vector spaces, linear operators, Hermitian operators, stationary states, bound states, harmonic oscillator, symmetry and conservation laws, intrinsic spin, Stern-Gerlach experiment, and spherically symmetric potentials. 2. Schrödinger's equation, electromagnetic potentials, approximation methods, variational principles, Dirac's theory of the electron, electron spin, magnetic moment of the electron, and fine structure of hydrogen. 3. Identical particles, exchange symmetry, atomic and molecular structure, coherent states, time-dependent perturbations, transition amplitudes, spontaneous emission, photoelectric effect, scattering theory, and light scattering.
and thermal transport; Boltzmann equation; electron-electron interactions. 2. Phonons: classical and quantum theory; electron-phonon interaction and scattering; optical properties of solids; intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors; heterostructures and quantum Hall effect. 3. In-depth treatment of selected topics, such as diamagnetism, paramagnetism, ferromagnetism, and formation of local moments. Phenomenological theory of superconductivity, transport and magnetic properties of superconductors, and superconducting devices.

PHYSICS 424-1 Particle Physics (1 Unit)
First Quarter: Overview of modern particle physics and experimental techniques, the quark model, particle production, quantum chromodynamics, quark density functions. Weak interactions including W and Z properties, charged and neutral currents, CP violations, neutrinos, and heavy quarks.

PHYSICS 424-2 Particle Physics (1 Unit)
Second Quarter: Overview of the Standard Model of particle physics. Deep-inelastic lepton scattering, neutrino oscillations, and collider physics. The experimental side of particle physics will be emphasized. Focus will be mainly on collider physics at the Tevatron and the upcoming Large Hadron Collider. Prerequisite: PHYSICS 424-1 or consent of instructor.

PHYSICS 426-0 Nonlinear Optics (1 Unit)
Nonlinear optical susceptibilities; wave propagation and coupling in nonlinear media; harmonic, sum, and difference frequency generation; parametric amplification and oscillation; phase-conjugation via four-wave mixing; self-phase modulation and solitons.

PHYSICS 427-0 Quantum Optics (1 Unit)
Review of quantum fields; quantization of the electromagnetic field; photodetection theory; direct, homodyne, and heterodyne detection; squeezed and photon-number state generation; application to optical communication and interferometers.

PHYSICS 428-1 Quantum Field Theory (1 Unit)
1. Lagrangian field theory, relativistic Lagrangians and wave equations, symmetries and conservation laws, canonical quantization, covariant perturbation theory, the S-Matrix, cross sections and lifetimes, and quantum electrodynamics. 2.3. Topics selected from: Path integral formulation of field theory, renormalization, Non-Abelian symmetries, the standard model of particle physics, C, P, and CP violation, the parton model and deep inelastic scattering, physics beyond the standard model, and nonperturbative methods. Prerequisites: PHYSICS 412-1, PHYSICS 412-2, PHYSICS 412-3 or permission of instructor.

PHYSICS 428-2 Quantum Field Theory (1 Unit)
1. Lagrangian field theory, relativistic Lagrangians and wave equations, symmetries and conservation laws, canonical quantization, covariant perturbation theory, the S-Matrix, cross sections and lifetimes, and quantum electrodynamics. 2.3. Topics selected from: Path integral formulation of field theory, renormalization, Non-Abelian symmetries, the standard model of particle physics, C, P, and CP violation, the parton model and deep inelastic scattering, physics beyond the standard model, and nonperturbative methods. Prerequisites: PHYSICS 412-1, PHYSICS 412-2, PHYSICS 412-3 or permission of instructor.

PHYSICS 428-3 Relativistic Quantum Field Theory (1 Unit)
1. Lagrangian field theory, relativistic Lagrangians and wave equations, symmetries and conservation laws, canonical quantization, covariant perturbation theory, the S-Matrix, cross sections and lifetimes, and quantum electrodynamics. 2.3. Topics selected from: Path integral formulation of field theory, renormalization, Non-Abelian symmetries, the standard model of particle physics, C, P, and CP violation, the parton model and deep inelastic scattering, physics beyond the standard model, and nonperturbative methods. Prerequisites: PHYSICS 412-1, PHYSICS 412-2, PHYSICS 412-3 or permission of instructor.
PHYSICS 442-0 Advanced Topics in Particle Physics (1 Unit)
Specialized lectures on current research topics in high-energy particle physics.

PHYSICS 445-1 General Relativity (1 Unit)
Review of special relativity and Newtonian gravity; Gravity as geometry of curved spacetime; Geodesics and conservation laws; Schwarzschild geometry; Gravitational collapse and black holes; Rotating black holes and the Kerr geometry; Linearized gravity and gravitational waves; Cosmological models for the expanding Universe.

PHYSICS 445-2 General Relativity (1 Unit)
First quarter: Review of special relativity and Newtonian gravity; Gravity as geometry of curved spacetime; Geodesics and conservation laws; Schwarzschild geometry; Tests of GR and the PPN formalism; Gravitational collapse and black holes; Rotating black holes and the Kerr geometry; Linearized gravity and gravitational waves; Cosmological models for the expanding Universe. Second quarter: Differential geometry, tensors, covariant derivatives; Riemann curvature and the field equation in vacuum; Energy-momentum tensor, the Einstein equation; Perturbation theory, gauge transformations; Emission of gravitational radiation; More advanced applications, as time permits, such as: relativistic stars, TOV equation and the Chandrasekhar limit, relativistic hydrodynamics; ADM formalism and numerical relativity; quantum mechanics in curved spacetime, inflationary cosmology.

PHYSICS 450-0 Advanced Topics in Condensed Matter (1 Unit)
Specialized lectures on current research topics.

PHYSICS 460-0 Advanced Topics in Statistical Physics (1 Unit)
Specialized lectures on current research topics.

PHYSICS 465-0 Advanced Topics in Nonlinear Dynamics (1 Unit)
Specialized lectures on current research topics in nonlinear dynamics.

PHYSICS 470-0 Introduction to Biological Physics: From Molecules to Cells (IBiS 410) (1 Unit)
Quantitative physics-based approach to molecular and cell biology, focused on developing an understanding of connections between biomolecule structure and dynamics, and behavior of cells. The course will also include review of topics from statistics of random variables and statistical data analysis relevant to biology and biophysics.

PHYSICS 480-0 Advanced Topics in Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics (1 Unit)
Specialized lectures on current research topics in atomic, molecular, and optical physics.

PHYSICS 499-0 Independent Study (1-3 Units)
SEE DEPT FOR SECTION AND PERMISSION NUMBERS May be repeated for credit. Permission of instructor and department required.

PHYSICS 519-0 Responsible Conduct of Research Training (0 Unit)

PHYSICS 590-0 Research (1-3 Units)
SEE DEPT FOR SECTION AND PERMISSION NUMBERS Independent investigation of selected problems pertaining to thesis or dissertation. May be repeated for credit.