PHYSICS

PHY 501: Classical Mechanics
Analytical classical mechanics including Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formulations and the Hamilton-Jacoby theory. Variational principles, symmetries and conservative laws. Selected advanced problems such as parametric and nonlinear oscillations, planetary motion, classical theory of scattering, rigid body rotation, and deterministic chaos. Basic notions of elasticity theory and fluid dynamics.
Fall, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 503: Methods of Mathematical Physics I
A selection of mathematical techniques useful for physicists. Topics are selected from: linear algebra, complex variables, differential equations, asymptotic analysis, special functions, boundary value problems, integral transforms, perturbation theory as applied to linear and nonlinear systems. This course should be taken by entering graduate students seeking enrichment in these areas.
Fall and Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 504: Computational Methods in Physics and Astrophysics
An introduction to procedural and object-oriented programming in a high-level language such as C++ or modern Fortran with examples and assignments consisting of rudimentary algorithms for problems in physics and astronomy. Students will use the UNIX/Linux operating system to write programs and manage data, and the course will include an introduction to parallel computing and good programming practices such as version control and verification. The course will prepare students for courses in algorithms and methods that assume a knowledge of programming.
Fall or Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 505: Classical Electrodynamics
Electrostatics and Magnetostatics in vacuum and medium; Green's functions; Maxwell's equations and gauge invariance; Electromagnetic wave propagation; Radiation, scattering, interference, and diffraction; Special relativity; Radiation by relativistic charges; Additional topics as time permits. Three lecture hours plus two recitation hours per week.
Fall, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 508: Applications of Synchrotron Radiation
An introduction to the principles of synchrotron radiation is followed by a series of lectures given by graduate faculty and guest lecturers with expertise in using synchrotron radiation for research in physics, chemistry, materials science, biology and medicine. Most of these presentations are followed by hands-on experience with synchrotron instrumentation at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Access to user facilities, including safety requirements, preparation of user proposals, user training and other issues, and also covered.
Spring, 1-3 credits, S/U grading

PHY 521: Stars
A study of the atmospheres, interiors, and evolution of stars. The contact between theory and observations is emphasized. Stellar atmospheres in hydrostatic and radiative equilibrium described. Models for the calculation of stellar spectra are discussed. Stellar winds are studied. Next, theoretical studies of stellar interiors and evolution, including equations of state, energy transport, and nuclear energy generation, are developed. Structures of main sequence, red giant, pre-main sequence, and white dwarves are studied and compared to observations. The evolution of single stars up to supernovae and the
peculiar evolution of close binary systems are also studied.

Fall, alternate years, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 522: Interstellar Medium**

A study of the interstellar medium with emphasis on physical processes. Topics include kinetic theory, equation of transfer, spectral lines, non-thermal emission, ionization effects of dust, and formation and spectroscopy of molecular clouds. The components of the interstellar medium and the interactions between them are discussed in detail, as well as the process of star formation.

Spring, alternate years, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 523: Galaxies**

A basic course on the observational and theoretical aspects of the content, morphology, kinematics, and dynamics of galaxies. Topics include the size, shape, and location of the sun in the Milky Way; stellar populations; the disk and spheroidal components; galactic rotation; distance determination in the Milky Way and to external galaxies; galaxy classification and the Hubble Law. Theoretical topics center on stellar dynamics, including potential theory; stellar orbits; and spiral structure. The course also includes a brief introduction to cosmology.

Fall, alternate years, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 524: Cosmology**

A basic course on cosmology: Hubble expansion, Friedmann universes, age of the universe, microwave background radiation, big-bang nucleosynthesis, inflation, growth of gravitation instabilities and galaxy formation, correlation functions, local density and velocity perturbations, and dark matter. **Prerequisite:** PHY 523 or permission of instructor

Spring, alternate years, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 529: Quantum Electronics**

Introduction to modern atomic physics for the laser era for graduate students. Emphasis on the interaction between atoms and light, as well as on atomic structure and how it affects this interaction. Modern applications such as laser cooling, atom trapping, precision spectroscopy with frequency comb, quantum information, and others will be discussed. Not for satisfying physics Ph.D. breadth course requirements. Spring every year, 1-3 credits, ABCF grading

1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 534: Radio Astronomy**

Topics covered include continuum and spectral-line radio astronomy. Within the Milky Way Galaxy topics include the interstellar medium, the physics and kinematics of molecular clouds, star formation in giant molecular clouds, chemistry of molecular clouds, galactic structure, spiral structure, and pulsars. Extragalactic topics include radio galaxies and jets, radio loud quasars, molecular and atomic gas in galaxies, luminous infrared galaxies, the missing mass problem in spiral galaxies, and cosmic microwave background radiation. Radio astronomy measurement techniques for single telescopes and aperture synthesis techniques are also covered, although the emphasis is on scientific results.

Fall or Spring, alternate years, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 536: The Physics of Free Electron Lasers**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the students to the physics of Free Electron Lasers and Synchrotron Radiation. This course is suitable for graduate students who want to learn more about Free Electron Lasers and Synchrotron Radiation physics.

Offered: Summer, 1-2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 537: Measurement and Control of Charged Particle Beams**

The course provides a comprehensive and systematic review of the methods used for measurement, correction, and control of charged particle beams in modern particle accelerators. By way of illustration, theoretical principles are applied in the evaluation of experimental data obtained at various accelerator laboratories including CERN, BNL, DESY, SLAC, IUCF, KEK, LBNL, and FNAL. This course aims to bridge the link between experimental observations and theoretical principles in accelerator physics. Upon completion of this course, the students are expected to be able to apply the principles and methods presented to their research.

1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 538: Cyclotrons: Beam Dynamics and Design**

Cyclotrons are circular machines where a fixed magnetic field bends particles through a spiraling path that maintains resonance with RF accelerating fields. They are attractive for particle acceleration where efficiency of conversion from electric power to beam power is a figure of merit. Cyclotrons historically drove many advances in high energy and nuclear physics and have seen a recent resurgence for radioisotope production, medical treatment facilities, and industrial applications. This course provides students with an introduction to the physics of charged particle dynamics in cyclotrons and their design. Students will learn how to calculate cyclotron orbits from a given magnetic field configuration, predict the space charge and brightness limits, and devise mitigation for betatron resonances.

1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 539: Laser Applications to Particle Accelerators**

Lasers have become essential tools widely used in the world of accelerators and particle beams with applications ranging from high quality electron and ion sources, to sophisticated beam diagnostics. This course is an introduction to the basic laser technology, with the focus on applications of the laser techniques in areas of particle accelerators. Upon completion of this course, the students are expected to understand the basic laser techniques, laser beam interactions, become familiar with use of lasers for beam diagnostics and beam manipulations, and gain useful hands-on experience with laser simulations and lab work.

1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 540: Statistical Mechanics**


Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

**PHY 541: Advanced Statistical Mechanics**

Topics are selected from cluster expansions, elementary theory of quantum fluids, phase transitions, transfer matrix, Ising and ferroelectric models, polymers and membranes, disordered systems, and fluctuation and nonequilibrium phenomena.

Fall, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
**PHY 542: Fundamentals of Accelerator Physics and Technology with Simulations and Measurements Lab**

This course is an introduction to the underlying principles and uses of the nearly 14,000 particle accelerators that are used worldwide in medicine, industry, and scientific research. The course is suitable for senior undergraduate and entry-level graduate students in physics and engineering or students from other fields with a particular interest in accelerator-based science.

*Summer, 1-2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 543: RF Superconductivity for Particle Accelerators**

This graduate level course covers application of superconducting radio frequency (SRF) technology to contemporary high-energy accelerators: storage rings, pulsed and CW linacs, including energy recovery linacs (ERLs). The course will address physics and engineering aspects of using SRF in accelerators. It will cover beam-cavity interactions issues specific to superconducting cavities, a systems approach to designing SRF systems and engineering of superconducting cavity cryomodules. The course is intended for graduate students pursuing accelerator physics and graduate engineers and physicists who want to familiarize themselves with superconducting RF systems.

*Fall, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 544: Spin Dynamics in Particle Accelerators**

Polarization is a possible property of charged particle beams, which has been used and developed from the early times of particle accelerator developments. It is a property of paramount interest in future nuclear and high energy physics accelerator projects, as well as in several existing accelerator facilities. Polarization requires sophisticated beam and spin manipulations, from production to utilization, based on dedicated accelerator design rules and technological components. This course will introduce students to the dynamics of spin in charged particle accelerators, and to the accelerator components and spin manipulation techniques which enable and allow preserving beam polarization. The course material will provide the basic tools for the design of practical polarized beam accelerator components and structures, and will convey an understanding of the essential underlying physics of polarized beams.

*1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 545: Practical Issues in Cyclotron Design and Construc.**

Cyclotrons are versatile accelerators whose use continues to expand in basic research, industry, medicine, and education. This course provides students with an introduction to the physics and technology of cyclotrons and their design. Issues associated with the construction of practical facilities for prototypical applications are reviewed. Upon completion of this course, students are expected to apply cyclotron theory and practical constraints to propose a complete cyclotron design for a prototypical application.

*1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 546: Python for Scientific Computing**

Python has seen wide adoption in the scientific community for data analysis, simulation, prototyping and visualization. It provided a simple, yet powerful means to build applications. This seminar introduces python and its use in scientific computing. Students will learn the standard python libraries for array manipulation, visualization, numerical analysis and symbolic mathematics, as well as how to interface python with other languages, build applications, and good software engineering practices (including version control and testing). Students are encouraged to share examples for their discipline

*0-1 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 547: Classical Mechanics and E&M in Accelerator Physics**

The course focuses on the topics of classical mechanics and electrodynamics that are of importance for accelerator physics. On completion of this course, students are expected to have a broad understanding of the dynamics of particles in electromagnetic fields as well as the physical principles that underpin particle accelerator technology. Along with the graduate-level PHY554 Fundamentals of Accelerator Physics course, this course is intended to prepare students for specialized USPAS courses and advanced study of cutting-edge accelerator topics.

*1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 548: Timing and Synchronization for Accelerators**

Course Description: This course is intended for accelerator physicists who are interested in the design of timing systems and synchronization techniques for particle accelerators and light sources. The course focuses on transmission, measurement and control of highspeed electromagnetic signals in transmission lines or waveguides, whether RF/microwave or optical. These systems are important in the distribution of timing reference information in accelerating systems, and diagnostic techniques to measure beams with respect to RF or ultrafast pulse signals. Examples include ultrafast pump/probe experiments in accelerator-based light sources, or diagnostics for short particle bunches. The course enables students to understand how precise timing signals are transmitted and used in state-of-the-art systems. Concepts and technology for subpicosecond and even sub-femtosecond synchronization of ultrafast pulse optical sources, RF and particle beams will be discussed.

*1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 549: Optimization and Machine Learning for Accelerators**

Optimization techniques are key to both the design and operation of contemporary charged particle accelerator systems. In addition, machine learning techniques are now being increasingly used, either to augment the capabilities of standard optimization (e.g. through surrogate modeling), or to address entirely new tasks (e.g. anomaly detection, fault classification). This course will introduce a number of optimization and machine learning techniques that are commonly used for particle accelerators, as well as their range of applicability and limitations.

*1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 551: Nuclear Physics I**

Nucleon structure, conservation laws and the static quark model; nuclear force and the two nucleon system; bulk properties of nuclear matter, charge distribution, spin, isospin, mass, alpha decay, nuclear fission; electromagnetic and weak interaction; collective motion; microscopic models of the nucleus; nuclear matter under extreme conditions, high rotational states, heavy ion physics at RHIC, nuclear astrophysics.

*Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)*

**PHY 552: Nuclear Physics II**

Nucleon-nucleon scattering and effective range approximation; the nucleon-nucleon interaction calculated from meson exchange; effective forces between nucleons in nuclei and nuclear matter; the renormalization group approach to these interactions; Fermi-liquid theory of the nuclear many-body problem; thermodynamics of hadrons at high temperature; RHIC physics with heavy ions including transition from hadrons to quark gluon plasma, restoration of chiral symmetry, equation of state, initial conditions, thermodynamics of hadrons at high temperature.
PHY 554: Fundamentals of Accelerator Physics
History of accelerators, basic principles including centre of mass energy, luminosity, accelerating gradient; Characteristics of modern colliders: RHIC, LEP, LHC, b-factories; Transverse motion, principles of beam cooling, Strong focusing, simple lattices; Circulating beams, synchrotron radiation; Longitudinal dynamics; Non-linearities and resonances; Radio Frequency cavities, superconductivity in accelerators; Applications of accelerators: light sources, medical uses, Future Accelerators: eRHIC, ILC, neutrino factories, muon collider, laser plasma acceleration.

Offered
Fall, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 555: Solid-State Physics I
This course concentrates on the basic notions of solid state physics, treated mostly within the single-particle approximation. Main topics include: crystal lattices and symmetries, reciprocal lattice and state counting, phonons, electron energy band theory, bonding and cohesion (semi-quantitatively), electron dynamics and electron transport in metals and semiconductors, screening, optical properties of solids, and an introduction to superconductivity and magnetism.

Fall, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 556: Solid State Physics II
The course focuses on the many-particle aspects of solid state physics addressing classical topics such as superconductivity and the transport properties of disordered conductors, as well as more modern subjects including the fractional quantum Hall effect, dissipative quantum mechanics, and problems of mesoscopic physics. Both phenomenological and theoretical descriptions are discussed.

Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 557: Elementary Particle Physics

Fall or Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 558: Physical Biology
Topics of this course include but are not limited to: Time and space in cells; Structural basis of biology; Molecular solvation and lattice models; Chemical potential; Electrostatics, potentials, dipoles, electrochemical potential[s] Poisson-Boltzmann and Born models; Acids, bases and salts; Intermolecular potentials and force fields; Phase transitions; Lattice and Ising models; Adsorption; Binding polymodals; Binding cooperativity; Semigrand ensemble, molecular machines; Molecular motors, energy conversion and transduction; Polymer theory; Flory-Huggins; Random flights; Elasticity; Helix-coil theory; Collapse transitions; Protein folding equilibria; Protein folding kinetics; Sequence space; Evolution; Protein elasticity and biological mechanics of proteins; Biophysics of the cell; Proteome stabilities, aggregation, kinetics.

Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 559: Biological Dynamics and Networks
This course will provide a solid foundation in key theoretical concepts for the study of dynamics in biological systems and networks at different scales ranging from the molecular level to metabolic and gene regulatory networks. Topics of this course include but are not limited to: Physical kinetics; Diffusion/Smoluchowski; Random flights; Waiting times; Poisson; Brownian ratchets; Chemical kinetics; Transition states; Stability; Bifurcations, pattern development; Noise in cells: intrinsic and Extrinsic; Feedback; Biological Oscillators; Recurrence, period doubling, chaos; Networks; Topologies; Degree distribution, betweenness; Models of nets: Erdos-Renyi, scale-free, social, Watts-Strogatz, agents; Robustness, highly-optimized tolerance, bowties, epidemics; Biological networks: Protein-protein nets, regulatory and metabolic nets; Known biological circuits and their behaviors; How networks evolve: Preferential attachment, rewiring; Power laws; Flucted through networks; Information and communication, entropy; Metabolic flux analysis; Artificial and Natural selection for traits; Darwinian evolution; Population dynamics.

Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 561: Biology for Physical Scientists
Topics of this course include but are not restricted to: Overview of living things; Six kingdoms, animal phyla. Physiology and organs; Chemistry of life; Noncovalent interactions; Hydrogen bonds; Solvation; Biochemistry; reactions, catalysis, ATP amino acids, nucleic acids, lipids; Cell structures: Nucleus, mitochondria, chromosomes, membranes; Basic paradigm: DNA makes RNA makes protein; How cell machines and circuits work; Cell cycle; The processes of evolution; Genetics and heredity; Diseases: how biological systems fail; How drugs are discovered; Tight-binding inhibitors; Antibodies; Current research: Cell division and cancer, genomics, bioinformatics, high throughput sequencing, systems and synthetic biology.

Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 562: Lasers and Modern Optics
Introduction to the theory of lasers including resonance conditions, normal modes, optical cavities and elementary quantum mechanics. Description of types of lasers, methods of control, limitations of power, precision, wavelength, etc. Applications to research and industry. Throughout the course, there will be many problems that involve writing computer programs to solve simple differential equations and model different aspects of laser operation. Not for satisfying physics Ph.D. breadth course requirements.

Fall, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 564: Advanced Accelerator Physics
Types and Components of Accelerators, Relativistic Mechanics and EM for Accelerators, Accelerator Hamiltonian and N-dimensional phase space, Poincare diagrams, Lie algebras and symplectic maps and matrices; exact parameterization of linear motion in accelerators; matrix functions, Sylvester’s formula; non-linear effects, Collective instabilities & Landau Damping, Radiation damping and Excitation, natural Emissitance; Spin motion in accelerators.

1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 565: Quantum Electronics I: Atomic Physics
Quantum electronics is a synthesis of quantum physics and electrical engineering, and is introduced in two independent semesters. A description of simple atoms and molecules and their interaction with radiation includes atoms in strong and/or weak external fields, two-photon spectroscopy, superradiance, Rydberg states, lasers and laser spec-troscopy, coherent transients, etc.

Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
PHY 566: Quantum Electronics II: Quantum Optics
Quantum electronics is a synthesis of quantum physics and electrical engineering, and is introduced in two independent semesters. This course focuses on the quantum properties of light. The quantized electromagnetic field and its correlations are used to understand nonclassical states from various sources such as two-level atoms and nonlinear systems interacting with radiation fields.
Fall, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 570: Introductory Physics Revisited for Teachers
This seminar allows students to explore the fine points of topics normally covered in high school physics. Not for PhD credit.
Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 571: Electromagnetic Theory for Teachers
The course reviews vector calculus and develops Maxwell's equations relating electric and magnetic fields to their sources. Applications for time-independent fields are developed for solving boundary value problems and the interactions of fields in bulk matter. An oral presentation of a relevant topic suitable for a high-school class is required. Not for PhD credit.
Fall, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 573: Mechanics for Teachers
The Newtonian formulation of classical mechanics is reviewed and applied to more advanced problems than those considered in introductory physics. The Lagrangian and Hamiltonian methods are then derived from the Newtonian treatment and applied to various problems. An oral presentation of a relevant topic suitable for a high-school class is required. Not for PhD credit.
Fall, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 576: Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics for Teachers
This course consists of two parts. Those relations among the properties of systems at thermal equilibrium that are independent of a detailed microscopic understanding are developed by use of the first and second laws of thermodynamics. The concepts of temperature, internal energy and entropy are analyzed. The thermodynamic potentials are introduced. Applications to a wide variety of systems are made. The second portion of the course, beginning with the kinetic theory of gases, develops elementary statistical mechanics, relates entropy and probability, and treats simple examples in classical and quantum statistics. An oral presentation of a relevant topic suitable for a high-school class is required. Not for PhD credit.
Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 578: Quantum Physics for Teachers
The concepts, historical development and mathematical methods of quantum mechanics. Topics include Schroedinger's equation in time-dependent and time-independent forms, and one- and three-dimensional solutions, including the treatment of angular momentum and spin. Applications to simple systems, especially the hydrogen atom, are stressed. An oral presentation of a relevant topic suitable for a high-school class is required. Not for PhD credit.
Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 579: Special Topics for Teachers
Topics of current interest to high school teachers are discussed in order to bring the teachers up to date on the latest developments in various areas of research. Examples could include the standard model of particle physics, nanofabrication techniques, atomic force microscopy, etc. Not for PhD credit.
Fall or Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 580: Special Research Projects
Research under the direction of a faculty member. Not open to Ph.D. candidates.
Fall and Spring, 1-18 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 582: Optics Rotation
Optical science students experience three to eight week periods in each of several appropriate research groups. At the end of each period a report is required that describes the topics studied or project done. May not be taken for credit more than two semesters.
Fall and Spring, 0-2 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated 2 times FOR credit.

PHY 584: Rotation in Physical Biology
A two-semester course in which students spend at least 8 weeks in each of three different laboratories actively participating in the research of faculty associated with the Laufier Center. At least one of the rotations must be in experimental physical biology. Participants will give a research talk at the end of each eight week period.
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 585: Special Study
Reading course in selected topics.
Fall and Spring, 1-18 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 589: Master's Degree Thesis Research
Independent research for Master's degree students. Open only to those approved by individual faculty for thesis work. This course also includes a minimum of two hours person to person discussion of ethics and conduct in research and scholarship which addresses among others integrity in scholarship, academic honesty, authorship, plagiarism, mentoring and collaborations. These topics will be illustrated with case studies and issues that arise in current research projects.
1-18 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 598: Graduate Seminar I
Special research topics centered on monographs, conference proceedings, or journal articles. Topics include solid-state physics, atomic physics, quantum optics and applications of synchrotron radiation. Required for all first-year graduate students.
PHY 599: Graduate Seminar II
Special research topics centered on monographs, conference proceedings, or journal articles. Topics include elementary particles, nuclear physics, galactic and extragalactic astronomy, and cosmology and accelerator physics. Required for all first-year graduate students.
Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 600: Practicum in Teaching
This course provides hands-on experience in teaching. Activities may include classroom teaching, preparation and supervision of laboratory experiments, exams, homework assignments, and projects.
Fall and Spring, 0-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 601: Group Theory for Physicists
This course provides an introduction to group theory and discusses topics that are important for applications in physics. Topics that will be discussed include but are not restricted to the following: finite groups, Lie groups, Lie algebras, Clifford algebras, Cartan generators, Dynkin diagrams, Young tableaux, noncompact groups such as the Poincaré group, invariant measures and coset manifolds. Additional topics such as Kac-Moody algebras, Virasoro algebras, symmetric spaces, supergroups and their invariant measure may be discussed as well.
Fall or Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 604: Computational Methods in Physics and Astrophysics II
This course discusses numerical methods used in physics and astrophysics. Topics include but are not limited to the following: Numerical integration and differentiation, differential equations, interpolation, root-finding, linear algebra, eigenvalues, Fourier transforms, Monte Carlo methods, hyperbolic and parabolic partial differential equations, parallel computing. All methods will be illustrated by examples from physics or astrophysics. Familiarity with Computational Methods in Physics and Astrophysics (PHY 504) is assumed.
1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 610: Quantum Field Theory I
Quantization of relativistic fields: Lorentz and gauge symmetries, relativistic spin, the S-matrix and scattering; the standard model; perturbation theory, renormalization and effective field theories; path integrals and relations to condensed matter physics.
Fall, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 611: Quantum Field Theory II
Quantization of relativistic fields: Lorentz and gauge symmetries, relativistic spin, the S-matrix and scattering; the standard model; perturbation theory, renormalization and effective field theories; path integrals and relations to condensed matter physics.
Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 612: Theoretical Particle Physics
This course is a continuation of PHY 610 and prepares students for research in theoretical particle physics. Topics that will be discussed include the properties of Quantum Chromodynamics, the standard electro-weak model, lattice field theory, grand unified models, supersymmetry, and current research problems.
Fall, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 613: Advanced Particle Theory
This course is intended for graduate students who have familiarity with gauge & quantum field theory. Topics will be selected from: Free bosonic & spinning strings and heterotic & Green-Schwarz superstrings; conformal field theory; tree-level and one-loop amplitudes; partition functions; spacetime supersymmetry and supergravity; compactification & duality; winding & Kaluza-Klein modes; 11-dimensional supergravity; branes in supergravity; D-branes in string theory; T-duality; M-theory; complex geometry and Calabi-Yau manifolds; string field theory; other advanced topics if time permits. PHY 610/611 or equivalent is prerequisite.
Fall or Spring, 1-3 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 620: Modern General Relativity
General theory of relativity; tensor analysis, Einstein’s field equations, experimental tests, black holes, gravitational waves, cosmology. May also include topics such as spinor methods, conformal invariance, and introduction to string theory or supergravity.
Fall or Spring, 3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)

PHY 621: Advanced Quantum Field Theory
Proofs of renormalizability and unitarity on non-Abelian gauge theories using modern methods of Becchi-Rouet-Striae-Tyutin (BRST) symmetry; descent equations for anomalies; classical instantons and their quantum corrections, including integration over zero modes; background field methods, other topics if time permits. PHY 610/611 or equivalent is prerequisite.
Fall or Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated 2 times FOR credit.

PHY 622: String Theory I
This course is intended for graduate students who have familiarity with gauge & quantum field theory. Topics will be selected from: Free bosonic & spinning strings and heterotic & Green-Schwarz superstrings; conformal field theory; tree-level and one-loop amplitudes; partition functions; spacetime supersymmetry and supergravity; compactification & duality; winding & Kaluza-Klein modes; 11-dimensional supergravity; branes in supergravity; D-branes in string theory; T-duality; M-theory; complex geometry and Calabi-Yau manifolds; string field theory; other advanced topics if time permits. PHY 610/611 or equivalent is prerequisite.
Fall or Spring, 1-3 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 623: String Theory II
This course is intended for graduate students who have familiarity with gauge & quantum field theory. Topics will be selected from: Free bosonic & spinning strings and heterotic & Green-Schwarz superstrings; conformal field theory; tree-level and one-loop amplitudes; partition functions; spacetime supersymmetry and supergravity; compactification & duality; winding & Kaluza-Klein modes; 11-dimensional supergravity; branes in supergravity; D-branes in string theory; T-duality; M-theory; complex geometry and Calabi-Yau manifolds; string field theory; other advanced topics if time permits. PHY 610/611 or equivalent is prerequisite.
Fall or Spring, 1-3 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 655: Advanced Graduate Seminar in Theoretical Physics
A weekly seminar on advanced theoretical concepts. The discussion starts with a graduate student presentation and it is conducted under the guidance of a faculty supervisor.
1-3 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 664: Astronomy Journal Club
Presentation of preliminary research results and current research problems by students and faculty. Required every semester of all astronomy graduate students.

PHY 665: Journal Club in Computational Biology
The goal of this course is for students to hone critical reading and analytic skills through discussions of literature in the area of Computational Biology. Participants take turn being a "discussion leader" who informally guides the group through a peer-reviewed manuscript for which all Journal Club members will have to read in advance of the meeting. Meetings in the Spring semester will include in Person Training (IPT) in Responsible conduct of Research and Scholarship (RCRS) on topics that comprise (1) Integrity in Scholarship, (2) Scientific Misconduct, (3) Mentoring, (4) Ownership and Authorship, (5) Plagiarism, (6) Data Management, (7) Journalism and Science, (8) Human Subjects, and (9) Laboratory Animals.

0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 666: Cool Stars
A weekly seminar concentrating on observational and theoretical studies of cool stars and related objects. Emphasis is on ongoing research and recent results in this area. Speakers include faculty, students, and visitors. Topics anticipated in the near future include results from the Hubble Space Telescope and ROSAT. Students registering for one credit will be expected to present at least one seminar.

Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 668: Seminar in Astronomy
A weekly series of research seminars presented by visiting scientists as well as by the faculty. Required every semester of all astronomy graduate students.

Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 669: Nuclear Astrophysics Seminar
A weekly seminar concentrating on topics in nuclear astrophysics, including dynamics of supernova collapse, structure and evolution of neutron stars, equation of state, the role of neutrinos in nucleosynthesis, etc.

0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 670: Seminar in Theoretical Physics
Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 672: Seminar in Elementary Particle Physics
Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 673: Seminar in Cosmology
This seminar discusses current topics in cosmology. Each semester consists of a formal talk followed by an informal discussion of active areas of cosmology research.

Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 674: Seminar in Nuclear Physics
Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading

PHY 676: Seminar in Solid-State Physics
Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 678: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics Seminar
Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 680: Special Topics in Theoretical Physics
Fall and Spring
1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 681: Special Topics in Statistical Mechanics
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 682: Special Topics in Solid-State Physics
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 683: Special Topics in Astronomy
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 684: Special Topics in Nuclear Physics
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 685: Special Topics in Mathematical Physics
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 686: Special Topics in Elementary Particles
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 687: Topics in Biological Physics
The "Topics" courses in the 680 sequence do not have specific description, since the subject matter within the broadly defined topic may change from one semester to the next.

1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 688: Special Topics in Astrophysics
Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 689: Special Topics in Accelerator Physics
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PHY 690: Special Topics in Atomic and Optical Physics

Fall and Spring, 1-3 credits, Letter graded (A, A-, B+, etc.)
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 698: Colloquium

Fall and Spring, 0-1 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 699: Dissertation Research on Campus

Independent research for Ph.D. degree candidates. Open only to students who have advanced to candidacy (G5). Major portion of research will take place off-campus, but in the United States and/or U.S. provinces. Please note, Brookhaven National Labs and the Cold Spring Harbor Lab are considered on-campus. This course also includes a minimum of two hours person to person discussion of ethics and conduct in research and scholarship which addresses among others integrity in scholarship, academic honesty, authorship, plagiarism, mentoring and collaborations. These topics will be illustrated with case studies and issues that arise in current research projects. All international students must receive clearance from an International Advisor.

1-9 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 700: Dissertation Research off Campus - Domestic

Independent research for Ph.D. degree candidates. Open only to students who have advanced to candidacy (G5). Major portion of research will take place off-campus, but in the United States and/or U.S. provinces. Domestic students have the option of the health plan and may also enroll in MEDEX. International students who are in their home country are not covered by mandatory health plan and must contact the Insurance Office for the insurance charge to be removed. International students who are not in their home country are charged for the mandatory health insurance. If they are covered by another insurance plan they must file a waiver before the second week of classes. The charge will only be removed if other plan is deemed comparable. This course also includes a minimum of two hours person to person discussion of ethics and conduct in research and scholarship which addresses among others integrity in scholarship, academic honesty, authorship, plagiarism, mentoring and collaborations. These topics will be illustrated with case studies and issues that arise in current research projects. All international students must receive clearance from an International Advisor.

1-9 credits, S/U grading
May be repeated for credit.

PHY 701: Dissertation Research off Campus - International

Independent research for Ph.D. degree candidates. Open only to students who have advanced to candidacy (G5). Major portion of research will take place outside of the United States and/or U.S. provinces. Domestic students have the option of the health plan and may also enroll in MEDEX. International students who are in their home country are not covered by mandatory health plan and must contact the Insurance Office for the insurance charge to be removed. International students who are not in their home country are charged for the mandatory health insurance. If they are covered by another insurance plan they must file a waiver before the second week of classes. The charge will only be removed if other plan is deemed comparable. This course also includes a minimum of two hours person to person discussion of ethics and conduct in research and scholarship which addresses among others integrity in scholarship, academic honesty, authorship, plagiarism, mentoring and collaborations. These topics will be illustrated with case studies and issues that arise in current research projects. All international students must receive clearance from an International Advisor.

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