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Courses primarily for undergraduates:

PHYS 101: Physics for the Nonscientist
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Survey of the principal areas of both classical and modern physics. Emphasis on the nature of the physical universe and the application of physical principles to life in the modern world. Not suitable to meet a general physics requirement for natural science majors.

PHYS 102L: Physical Sciences for Elementary Education
(Cross-listed with CHEM). (1-4) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: MATH 195 or MATH 140
Physical science principles for future elementary teachers. Emphasis on experiments that address current elementary science education standards and that are appropriate for their future students to do, such as measurements of mass, length, time, light from atoms, charge and current, motion due to forces, energy and work, heat, waves, optics, building bridges and making musical instruments, studying states of matter and chemical reactions.

PHYS 111: General Physics
(4-2) Cr. 5. F.S.SS.
Prereq: 1 1/2 years of high school algebra, 1 year of geometry, 1 semester of trigonometry
General background in physical concepts, principles, and methods for those who do not plan advanced study in physics or engineering. Mechanics, fluids, heat and thermodynamics, vibrations, waves, sound.

PHYS 112: General Physics
(4-2) Cr. 5. F.S.SS.
Prereq: PHYS 111
General background in physical concepts, principles, and methods for those who do not plan advanced study in physics or engineering. Electricity and magnetism, ray and wave optics, topics in modern physics.

PHYS 115: Physics for the Life Sciences
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.
Prereq: high school: 1 1/2 yr. algebra, 1 yr. geometry, 1 semester trigonometry
Emphasis on basic physics principles applied to biological problems. Topics include mechanics, fluids, thermodynamics, heat, light, sound, electricity and magnetism. A coordinated laboratory, Physics 115 laboratory is available.

PHYS 115L: Laboratory in Physics for the Life Sciences
(0-2) Cr. 1. F.S.
Experiments related to the elementary topics of physics for the life sciences. Mechanics, fluids, thermodynamics, heat, light, sound, electricity and magnetism.

PHYS 198: Physics of Music
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.
Introductory level course on sound for nonphysics majors. Properties of pure tones and harmonics; human perception of sound; room acoustics; scales; production, and analysis of musical by voice, string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Not suitable to meet a general physics requirement for natural science majors

PHYS 199: Introductory Seminar
Cr. R. F.
(1-1) Gain experience in key skills that physicists/astronomers use routinely, but are rarely explicitly taught in formal courses. Participate in faculty-led discussions on frontier areas and careers. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 221: Introduction to Classical Physics I
(4.5-1) Cr. 5. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation, and topics covered in Math 165, and credit or enrollment in MATH 166.
For engineering and science majors. 3 hours of lecture each week plus 3 recitations and 1 laboratory every 2 weeks. Elementary mechanics including kinematics and dynamics of particles, work and energy, linear and angular momentum, conservation laws, rotational motion, oscillations, gravitation. Heat, thermodynamics, kinetic theory of gases; waves and sound.

PHYS 221H: Introduction to Classical Physics I: Honors
(4.5-1) Cr. 5. F.S.
Prereq: Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation, and topics covered in Math 165, and credit or enrollment in MATH 166.
For engineering and science majors. 3 hours of lecture each week plus 3 recitations and 1 laboratory every 2 weeks. Elementary mechanics including kinematics and dynamics of particles, work and energy, linear and angular momentum, conservation laws, rotational motion, oscillations, gravitation. Heat, thermodynamics, kinetic theory of gases; waves and sound.

PHYS 222: Introduction to Classical Physics II
(4-2) Cr. 5. F.S.SS.
Prereq: PHYS 221 OR PHYS 241, MATH 166
3 hours of lecture each week plus 1 recitation and 1 laboratory each week. Electric forces and fields. Electrical currents; DC circuits. Magnetic forces and fields: LR, LC, LCR circuits; Maxwell's equations; ray optics and image formation; wave optics; topics in modern physics.

PHYS 222H: Introduction to Classical Physics II: Honors
(4-2) Cr. 5. F.S.
Prereq: PHYS 221 OR PHYS 241, MATH 166
3 hours of lecture each week plus 1 recitation and 1 laboratory each week. Electric forces and fields. Electrical currents; DC circuits. Magnetic forces and fields: LR, LC, LCR circuits; Maxwell's equations; ray optics and image formation; wave optics; topics in modern physics.

PHYS 241: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics I
(4.5-1) Cr. 5. F.
Prereq: Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation, and topics covered in MATH 165, and credit or enrollment in MATH 166.
Covers all of mechanics; Kinematics and dynamics of particles, work and energy, linear and angular momentum, conservation laws, rotational motion, oscillations, gravitation, and extremum principles. Topics in kinetic theory, thermodynamics, waves and sound.

PHYS 241H: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics I, Honors.
(4.5-1) Cr. 5. F.
Prereq: Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation, and topics covered in MATH 165, and credit or enrollment in MATH 166.
Covers all of mechanics; Kinematics and dynamics of particles, work and energy, linear and angular momentum, conservation laws, rotational motion, oscillations, gravitation, and extremum principles. Topics in kinetic theory, thermodynamics, waves and sound.

PHYS 242: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics II
(4-2) Cr. 5. S.
Prereq: PHYS 221 or PHYS 241, credit or enrollment in MATH 166
Electrostatics, potentials and fields, currents, fields of moving charges, the magnetic field, electromagnetic induction, DC and AC circuits, Maxwell's equations and electromagnetic waves, electric and magnetic fields in matter. Topics in optics, special relativity and modern physics.

PHYS 242H: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics II, Honors (Spring).
(4-2) Cr. 5. S.
Prereq: PHYS 221 or PHYS 241, credit or enrollment in MATH 166
Electrostatics, potentials and fields, currents, fields of moving charges, the magnetic field, electromagnetic induction, DC and AC circuits, Maxwell's equations and electromagnetic waves, electric and magnetic fields in matter. Topics in optics, special relativity and modern physics.

PHYS 290: Independent Study
Cr. 1-4. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor

PHYS 298: Cooperative Education
Cr. R. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Permission of the department cooperative education coordinator; sophomore classification
Required of all cooperative education students. Students must register for this course prior to commencing each work period.

PHYS 302: The Challenge of Contemporary Physics
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: Sophomore classification
A largely nonmathematical but intellectually challenging exploration of physics, which assumes no previous work in the field. Selected material from classical and modern physics establishes the conceptual framework for the study of major areas of contemporary physics, culminating in the discussion of topics at the frontier of present knowledge. Topics vary yearly and may include quarks, lasers, superconductivity, fission and fusion, solid state devices, gravitational waves, string theory, facilities, left handed materials, and quantum computing. Not suitable to meet a general physics requirement for natural science majors.

PHYS 304: Thermal Physics
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 222, MATH 266
Concepts of temperature, entropy, and other characteristic thermodynamic functions, with application to macroscopic properties of matter. The laws of thermodynamics. Introduction to statistical mechanics, including quantum statistics. Application to black body radiation, crystalline vibrations, magnetic ions in solids, electronic heat capacity of metals. Phase transformations and chemical reactions.

PHYS 306: Physics of Wave Motion
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 222, credit or enrollment in MATH 267
Oscillating systems including damped and forced oscillations; fluids, geometric optics, water waves, the wave equation, Fourier and Laplace transforms, non-uniform media, cylindrical and spherical waves, polarization, interference and diffraction, transmission lines, non-linear waves.

PHYS 310: Electronic Instrumentation for Experimental Physics
(2-4) Cr. 4. F.
Prereq: PHYS 222; MATH 166
Common electrical instruments; power supplies; transducers; passive and active devices, analog integrated circuits, including filters and amplifiers; digital integrated circuits; signal transmission and enhancement.

PHYS 311: Intermediate Laboratory
Cr. 1-2. Repeatable. S.
Prereq: PHYS 322
Experiments in classical and modern physics performed independently by each student.

PHYS 311T: Intermediate Laboratory for Secondary Physics Teachers
(0-6) Cr. 3. Repeatable. S.
Prereq: PHYS 112 or PHYS 222
Experiments in classical and modern physics performed independently by each student. For students preparing for a career in high school teaching.

PHYS 321: Introduction to Modern Physics I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 222, credit or enrollment in MATH 266
Quantum nature of matter: photons, de Broglie's postulate: wave-like properties of matter; Bohr's model of hydrogen atom; Schrodinger equations in one dimension: energy quantization; detailed solutions for potential steps, barriers and wells; one-electron atoms, spin and magnetic interactions; ground states, optical and x-ray excitations of multi-electron atoms.

PHYS 321L: Introductory Laboratory in Modern Physics I
(0-2) Cr. 1. F.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in PHYS 321
Experiments related to the foundations of modern physics. The dual wave and particle character of electrons and photons, statistics, interferometry and x-ray spectroscopy.

PHYS 322: Introduction to Modern Physics II
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 321
Quantum statistics; lasers; physics of molecules. Properties of solids, including electron band structure, superconductivity and magnetism. Nuclear physics, including nuclear sizes and masses, stability, decay modes, reactions, fission and fusion. Elementary particles, including strangeness, charm, and quarks. Fundamental forces of nature.

PHYS 322L: Introductory Laboratory in Modern Physics II
(0-2) Cr. 1. S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in PHYS 322
Experiments related to the foundations of modern physics. Radioactive decay, elementary particles, Hall effect, quantization, spectroscopy, statistics and instrumentation.

PHYS 361: Classical Mechanics
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 222, MATH 265, credit or enrollment in MATH 266 or 267
Newtonian mechanics including forced oscillations, central forces and orbital motion, collisions, moving frames of reference, Lagrange's equations.

PHYS 362: Intermediate Mechanics
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 361
Rigid body motion; small oscillations, normal modes. Special relativity including length contraction, time dilation, simultaneity, Lorentz transformation, 4-vector covariant formalism, relativistic mechanics.

PHYS 364: Electricity and Magnetism I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 222
Static electric and magnetic fields, potential theory; electromagnetism, Maxwell's equations.

PHYS 365: Electricity and Magnetism II
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 364, MATH 385
Relativistic electromagnetic theory; radiation and propagation of electromagnetic waves; interaction with matter.

PHYS 389: Junior Seminar
Cr. R. S.
Recommended for all junior physics majors. Career opportunities: graduate school programs and application, job placement, alternative careers, basic skills needed for the job market competition. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 398: Cooperative Education
Cr. R. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Permission of the department cooperative education coordinator; junior classification
Required of all cooperative education students. Students must register for this course prior to commencing each work period.

PHYS 399: Seminar on Secondary School Physics
Cr. 1-2. Repeatable, maximum of 2 credits. F.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Review of materials and curricula for secondary school physics presented and discussed by members of the class. Required for approval to teach physics in secondary schools.

PHYS 421: Ultrafast Laser Science and Spectroscopy
(Dual-listed with PHYS 521). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 321, PHYS 365, or equivalent with permission of instructor
Introduction to ultrafast lasers, nonlinear optics, and their applications. Topics selected from: basic optics, atom-photon interactions, electrodynamics of condensed matter, laser physics, ultrafast and nonlinear optics, ultrashort pulse generation, broadband pulse generation, time-resolved spectroscopy and instrumentation.

PHYS 432: Molecular and Cell Biophysics
(Dual-listed with PHYS 532). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 304 or CHEM 325.
Quantitative description of biological systems using basic physical laws, including a brief discussion of a variety of biophysical techniques. Topics include: thermodynamics, chemical equilibrium, gene expression, structure and physical properties of nucleic acids and proteins, folding of nucleic acids and proteins, chemical kinetics, catalysis, allosteric enzymes, cell membrane structure and physical properties, and machines in cell membranes.

PHYS 450: Undergraduate Research
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Theoretical research under supervision of physics faculty.

PHYS 450L: Undergraduate Research
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable. F.S.SS.
Prereq: PHYS 311, permission of instructor
Laboratory project under supervision of physics faculty.

PHYS 461: Physics of Biomolecules
(Dual-listed with PHYS 561). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 304 or CHEM 325, BBMB 301, or permission of instructor
Cell and Molecular Biophysics. Physical techniques used to characterize the structure, dynamics and properties of biomolecules with emphasis on single molecule techniques.

PHYS 470L: Applied Physics Laboratory
Cr. 2-5. Repeatable. F.S.SS.
Prereq: PHYS 322 and permission of instructor
Studies in modern experimental techniques via experimentation and simulation in various areas of applied physics, e.g. superconductivity, optical spectroscopy, nuclear magnetic resonance, electron spin resonance, x-ray diffraction, and computation of electronic and structural properties of matter.

PHYS 480: Quantum Mechanics I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 322, MATH 385
First semester of a full-year course. A systematic development of the formalism and applications of quantum mechanics. Solutions to the time independent Schrodinger equation for various one-dimensional potentials including the harmonic oscillator; operator methods; Heisenberg picture; angular momentum; the hydrogen atom; spin; symmetry properties.

PHYS 481: Quantum Mechanics II
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 480
Continuation of 480. Addition of angular momentum; charged particles in electromagnetic fields; time-independent perturbation theory; variational principles; WKB approximation; interaction picture; time-dependent perturbation theory; adiabatic approximation; scattering; selected topics in radiation theory; quantum paradoxes.

PHYS 490: Independent Study
Cr. 1-4. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.
Prereq: 6 credits in physics, permission of instructor
No more than 9 credits of Phys 490 may be counted toward graduation.

PHYS 490H: Independent Study, Honors
Cr. 1-4. Repeatable, maximum of 9 credits.
Prereq: 6 credits in physics, permission of instructor
No more than 9 credits of Phys 490 may be counted toward graduation.

PHYS 496: Modern Optics
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in PHYS 322, PHYS 365, and PHYS 480
Review of wave and electromagnetic theory; topics selected from: reflection/refraction, interference, geometrical optics, Fourier analysis, dispersion, coherence, Fraunhofer and Fresnel diffraction, holography, quantum optics, nonlinear optics.

PHYS 498: Cooperative Education
Cr. R. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Permission of the department cooperative education coordinator; senior classification
Required of all cooperative education students. Students must register for this course prior to commencing each work period.

Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:

PHYS 501: Oral Communication of Physics Seminar
(2-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.
A practical introduction to communication methods in physics and astronomy classrooms and professional settings. For graduate physics majors only. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 502: Introductory Research Seminar
Cr. R. F.
(1-1) Discussion by research staff of their research areas, expected thesis research work, and opportunities in the field. For graduate physics majors only. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 511: Condensed Matter Physics I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 304, credit or enrollment in PHYS 481
First semester of a full-year course. Free electron model; crystal symmetry; band theory of solids; transport properties; Fermi surface; phonons; semiconductors; crystal surfaces; magnetism; superconductivity.

PHYS 512: Condensed Matter Physics II
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 511
Continuation of 511. Free electron model; crystal symmetry; band theory of solids; transport properties; Fermi surface; phonons; semiconductors; crystal surfaces; magnetism; superconductivity.

PHYS 521: Ultrafast Laser Science and Spectroscopy
(Dual-listed with PHYS 421). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 321, PHYS 365, or equivalent with permission of instructor
Introduction to ultrafast lasers, nonlinear optics, and their applications. Topics selected from: basic optics, atom-photon interactions, electrodynamics of condensed matter, laser physics, ultrafast and nonlinear optics, ultrashort pulse generation, broadband pulse generation, time-resolved spectroscopy and instrumentation.

PHYS 526: Particle and Nuclear Physics
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in PHYS 481
Basic properties and structures of nuclei, hadrons, and elementary particles; weak and strong interactions; the Standard Model; accelerators and detectors; nuclear models; nuclear decay and stability; nuclear astrophysics; the Higgs mechanism; the CKM matrix; running coupling constants; relativistic heavy-ion collisions; selected topics beyond the standard model such as SUSY and grand unification.

PHYS 528: Mathematical Methods for the Physical Sciences
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: MATH 266 or MATH 267
Fast-paced coverage of mathematical techniques needed for advanced analysis in the physical sciences, particularly for quantum mechanics and electrodynamics. Linear vector spaces and operators. Linear differential equations for time-evolution and steady-state problems, Green's functions and propagators, Sturm-Liouville problems. Functions of a complex variable, calculus of residues, series expansions, integral transforms and applications.

PHYS 531: Statistical Mechanics
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 304 and credit or enrollment in PHYS 481, MATH 465, credit or enrollment in MATH 365 or MATH 426
Thermodynamic properties of systems of many particles obeying Boltzmann, Fermi-Dirac, and Bose-Einstein statistics; microcanonical, canonical, and grand canonical ensembles and their application to physical problems; density matrices; introduction to phase transitions; renormalization group theory; kinetic theory and fluctuations.

PHYS 532: Molecular and Cell Biophysics
(Dual-listed with PHYS 432). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 304 or CHEM 325.
Quantitative description of biological systems using basic physical laws, including a brief discussion of a variety of biophysical techniques. Topics include: thermodynamics, chemical equilibrium, gene expression, structure and physical properties of nucleic acids and proteins, folding of nucleic acids and proteins, chemical kinetics, catalysis, allosteric enzymes, cell membrane structure and physical properties, and machines in cell membranes.

PHYS 534: Symmetry and Group Theory in Physics
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in PHYS 481
Theory of groups and group representations; introduction to both point and continuous groups, and their applications in physics.

PHYS 535: Physics of Semiconductors
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-3) Cr. 4.
Prereq: E E 311 and E E 332
Basic elements of quantum theory, Fermi statistics, motion of electrons in periodic structures, crystal structure, energy bands, equilibrium carrier concentration and doping, excess carriers and recombination, carrier transport at low and high fields, space charge limited current, photo-conductivity in solids, phonons, optical properties, amorphous semiconductors, heterostructures, and surface effects. Laboratory experiments on optical properties, carrier lifetimes, mobility, defect density, doping density, photo-conductivity, diffusion length of carriers.

PHYS 536: Physics of Semiconductor Devices
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: E E 535
P-n junctions, band-bending theory, tunneling phenomena, Schottky barriers, heterojunctions, bipolar transistors, field-effect transistors, negative-resistance devices and optoelectronic devices.

PHYS 541: General Relativity
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 362, MATH 307 or MATH 317
Tensor analysis and differential geometry developed and used to formulate Einstein field equations. Schwarzschild and Kerr solutions. Other advanced topics may include gravitational radiation, particle production by gravitational fields, alternate gravitational theories, attempts at unified field theories, cosmology.

PHYS 551: Computational Physics
(0-4) Cr. 2. S.
Prereq: PHYS 365, credit or enrollment in PHYS 481
Use of modern computational techniques to analyze topics in classical and modern physics. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 561: Physics of Biomolecules
(Dual-listed with PHYS 461). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 304 or CHEM 325, BBMB 301, or permission of instructor
Cell and Molecular Biophysics. Physical techniques used to characterize the structure, dynamics and properties of biomolecules with emphasis on single molecule techniques.

PHYS 564: Advanced Classical Mechanics
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 362, MATH 426, MATH 465
Variational principles, Lagrange's equations, Hamilton's canonical equations, canonical transformations, Hamilton-Jacobi theory, infinitesimal transformations, classical field theory, canonical perturbation theory, classical chaos.

PHYS 571: Electricity and Magnetism I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 365, MATH 426
Electrostatics, magnetostatics, boundary value problems, Maxwell's equations, wave phenomena in macroscopic media, wave guides.

PHYS 572: Electricity and Magnetism II
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 571
Special theory of relativity, least action and motion of charged particles in electromagnetic fields, radiation, collisions between charged particles, multipole fields, radiation damping.

PHYS 590: Special Topics
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Topics of current interest.

PHYS 590A: Nuclear Physics
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Topics of current interest.

PHYS 590B: Condensed Matter Physics
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Topics of current interest.

PHYS 590C: High Energy Physics
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Topics of current interest.

PHYS 590D: Physics
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Topics of current interest.

PHYS 590E: Applied Physics
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Topics of current interest.

PHYS 590F: Biophysics
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Topics of current interest.

PHYS 591: Quantum Physics I
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.
Prereq: PHYS 481
First semester of a full-year course. Postulates of quantum mechanics; time-dependent and time-independent Schrodinger equations for one-,two-, and three-dimensional systems; theory of angular momentum; Rayleigh-Schrodinger time-independent perturbation theory.

PHYS 592: Quantum Physics II
(4-0) Cr. 4. S.
Prereq: PHYS 591
Continuation of 591. Variational theorem and WKB method; time-dependent perturbation theory and 2nd quantization of the EM field in Coulomb gauge; method of partial waves and Born approximation for scattering by central potentials; identical particles and symmetry; Dirac and Klein-Gordon equation for free particles; path integral formalism.

PHYS 599: Creative Component
Cr. arr.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Individually directed study of research-level problems for students electing the nonthesis M.S. degree option.

Courses for graduate students:

PHYS 611: Quantum Theory of Condensed Matter
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 512 and PHYS 681 or permission of instructor.
Quasiparticles in condensed matter: phonons, magnons, photons, electrons. Quantum theory of interacting many body systems: Green's functions and diagrammatic techniques.

PHYS 624: Advanced Nuclear Physics
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: PHYS 526 and PHYS 592
Microscopic few-body and many-body theory; theory of effective Hamiltonians; relativistic nuclear physics; nuclear effects in hadron-nucleus, lepton-nucleus, and nucleus-nucleus reactions.

PHYS 625: Physics of Strong Interactions
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: PHYS 681
Quark model; Quantum Chromodynamics IQCD); perturbation methods for QCD; effective field theories for pions and nucleons; finite temperature field theories; quark-gluon plasma; phase transitions in QCD.

PHYS 637: Elementary Particle Physics I
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 526 and PHYS 592
First semester of a full year course. Properties of leptons, bosons, and quarks and their interactions; quantum chromodynamics, Glashow-Weinberg-Salam model, grand unification theories, supersymmetry; modern theoretical techniques and tests of the Standard Model.

PHYS 638: Elementary Particle Physics II
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: PHYS 637
Continuation of 637. Properties of leptons, bosons, and quarks and their interactions; quantum chromodynamics, Glashow-Weinberg-Salam model, grand unification theories, supersymmetry, and superstring theory; modern theoretical techniques.

PHYS 646: Mathematical Modeling of Complex Physical Systems
(Cross-listed with MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Modeling of the dynamics of complex systems on multiple scales: Classical and dissipative molecular dynamics, stochastic modeling and Monte-Carlo simulation; coarse grained nonlinear dynamics, interface propagation and spatial pattern formation.

PHYS 650: Advanced Seminar
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Topics of current interest. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 650A: Nuclear Physics
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Topics of current interest. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 650B: Condensed Matter Physics
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Topics of current interest. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 650C: High Energy Physics
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Topics of current interest. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 650D: Physics
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Topics of current interest. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 650E: Applied Physics
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Topics of current interest. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 650F: Biophysics
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Topics of current interest. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

PHYS 660: Advanced Topics in Physics
Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.
Courses on advanced topics and recent developments.

PHYS 660B: Condensed Matter Physics
Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.
Courses on advanced topics and recent developments.

PHYS 660C: High Energy Physics
Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.
Courses on advanced topics and recent developments.

PHYS 660D: Physics
Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.
Courses on advanced topics and recent developments.

PHYS 660E: Applied Physics
Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.
Courses on advanced topics and recent developments.

PHYS 660F: Biophysics
Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.
Courses on advanced topics and recent developments.

PHYS 681: Quantum Field Theory I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 564, PHYS 572, PHYS 592
Quantization of fields (canonical and path integral); Feynman rules; introduction to gauge theories; Quantum Electrodynamics; radiative corrections; renormalization and renormalization group.

PHYS 682: Quantum Field Theory II
(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.
Prereq: PHYS 681
Continuation of 681. Systematics of renormalization; renormalization group methods; symmetries; spontaneous symmetry breaking; non-abelian gauge theories; the Standard Model and beyond; special topics.

PHYS 699: Research
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: Instructor permission required.
Graduate research.