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Courses primarily for undergraduates:

PHYS 050: Preparation for Introductory Physics
Cr. 0. F.S.
An in#depth active learning experience designed to impart the fundamental concepts and principles of physics, with an emphasis on applied mathematical techniques and logical thinking. For students intending to enroll in classical physics (PHYS 231/232) who have not taken high school physics, who have not had a high school college preparatory physics course, or who need a review of physics problem solving and physics concepts. 1 year high school algebra recommended. Credit for Phys 50 does not count toward graduation.

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 140 or MATH 195
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 115: Physics for the Life Sciences
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.
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. 1.5 yr. HS algebra, 1 yr. HS geometry, 1 semester HS trigonometry recommended.

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

PHYS 131: General Physics I
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.
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. 1.5 yr. HS algebra, 1 yr. HS geometry, 1 semester HS trigonometry recommended.

PHYS 131L: General Physics I Laboratory
(0-2) Cr. 1. F.S.SS.
Laboratory experiments in elementary kinematics, work and energy, conservation laws, rotational motion, waves and fluids. 1.5 yr. HS algebra, 1 yr. HS geometry, 1 semester HS trigonometry recommended.

PHYS 132: General Physics II
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.
Prereq: PHYS 111 or PHYS 131
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 132L: General Physics II Laboratory
(0-2) Cr. 1. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Credit or concurrent enrollment in PHYS 112 or PHYS 132
Laboratory experiments in Electricity and Magnetism, Wave and Optics.

PHYS 199: Introductory Seminar
(1-1) Cr. 1. F.
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 231: Introduction to Classical Physics I
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.
Prereq: MATH 165; credit or concurrent enrollment in MATH 166
For engineering and science majors. 3 hours of lecture each week plus 3 recitations every two 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. Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation required.

PHYS 231H: Introduction to Classical Physics I: Honors
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.
Prereq: MATH 165; credit or concurrent enrollment in MATH 166
For engineering and science majors. 3 hours of lecture each week plus 3 recitations every two 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. Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation required.

PHYS 231L: Introduction to Classical Physics I Laboratory
Cr. 1. F.S.SS.
Prereq: MATH 165; credit or concurrent enrollment in PHYS 221 or PHYS 221H or PHYS 231 or PHYS 231H or PHYS 241 or PHYS 241H
Laboratory experiments in elementary kinematics, work and energy, conservation laws, and rotational motion. Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation required.

PHYS 232: Introduction to Classical Physics II
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.
Prereq: MATH 166; PHYS 221 or PHYS 221H or PHYS 231 or PHYS 231H or PHYS 241 or PHYS 241H
3 hours of lecture each week plus 1 recitation each week. Fluid dynamics. Electric forces and fields. Electrical currents; DC circuits. Magnetic forces and fields; LR, LC, LCR circuits; Maxwell's equations; wave optics.

PHYS 232H: Introduction to Classical Physics II: Honors
(4-0) Cr. 4. F.S.
Prereq: MATH 166; PHYS 221 or PHYS 221H or PHYS 231 or PHYS 231H or PHYS 241 or PHYS 241H
3 hours of lecture each week plus 1 recitation each week. Fluid dynamics. Electric forces and fields. Electrical currents; DC circuits; Magnetic forces and fields; LR, LC, LCR circuits; Maxwell's equations; wave optics.

PHYS 232L: Introduction to Classical Physics II Laboratory
(0-2) Cr. 1. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Credit or concurrent enrollment in PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H or PHYS 232 or PHYS 232H or PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H
Laboratory experiments in fluid dynamics, electric forces and fields, electrical currents, DC circuits, magnetic forces and fields, and wave optics.

PHYS 241: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics I
(4.5-1) Cr. 5. F.
Prereq: MATH 165; credit or concurrent 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. Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation required.

PHYS 241H: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics I, Honors.
(4.5-1) Cr. 5. F.
Prereq: MATH 165; credit or concurrent 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. Proficiency in algebra, trigonometry, vector manipulation required.

PHYS 242: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics II
(4-2) Cr. 5. S.
Prereq: (PHYS 221 or PHYS 221H or PHYS 231 or PHYS 231H or PHYS 241 or PHYS 241H); credit or concurrent enrollment in MATH 166
Fluid dynamics, 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 and special relativity.

PHYS 242H: Principles and Symmetries in Classical Physics II, Honors
(4-2) Cr. 5. S.
Prereq: (PHYS 221 or PHYS 221H or PHYS 231 or PHYS 231H or PHYS 241 or PHYS 241H); credit or concurrent enrollment in MATH 166
Fluid dynamics, 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 and special relativity.

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

PHYS 299: Intermediate Seminar
(1-0) Cr. 1-2. S.
Conduct research or an independent study on topics in physics and astronomy. Learn science communication skills that physicists and astronomers use routinely. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

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. S.
Prereq: (MATH 266 or MATH 267); ([PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H] or [PHYS 232 or PHYS 232H; PHYS 232L] or [PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H])
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: Credit or concurrent enrollment in (MATH 266 or MATH 267); (PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H or [PHYS 232; PHYS 232L] or PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H)
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: MATH 166; ([PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H] or [PHYS 232 or PHYS 232H; PHYS 232L] or [PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H])
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 132; PHYS 132L) or PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H or (PHYS 232 or PHYS 232H; PHYS 232L) or PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H
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: Credit or concurrent enrollment in (MATH 266 or MATH 267); ([PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H] or [PHYS 232; PHYS 232L] or [PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H])
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 concurrent 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 concurrent 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: MATH 265; credit or concurrent enrollment in (MATH 266 or MATH 267); ([PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H] or [PHYS 232 or PHYS 232H; PHYS 232L] or [PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H])
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: (MATH 266 or MATH 267); ([PHYS 222 or PHYS 222H] or [PHYS 232 or PHYS 232H; PHYS 232L] or [PHYS 242 or PHYS 242H])
Static electric and magnetic fields, potential theory; electromagnetism, Maxwell's equations.

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

PHYS 399: Seminar on Secondary School Physics
Cr. 1-2. Repeatable, maximum of 2 credits. S.
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 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 422: Foundations of Quantum Computing
(Dual-listed with PHYS 522). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: (MATH 207 or MATH 317) or Permission of Instructor
Overview of quantum computation and quantum information processing from a physics perspective. Introduction to classical computation; primer on quantum mechanics; quantum circuits and quantum algorithms; physical realizations; applications and near-term quantum algorithms.

PHYS 432: Molecular and Cell Biophysics
(Dual-listed with PHYS 532). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: CHEM 325 or PHYS 304
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 322L; 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: (BBMB 301; [CHEM 325 or PHYS 304]) 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; 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: MATH 385; PHYS 321
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 PHYS; 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 PHYS; 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. F.
Prereq: Credit or concurrent enrollment in (PHYS 322; PHYS 365; 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.

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 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 522: Foundations of Quantum Computing
(Dual-listed with PHYS 422). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: (MATH 207 or MATH 317) or Permission of Instructor
Overview of quantum computation and quantum information processing from a physics perspective. Introduction to classical computation; primer on quantum mechanics; quantum circuits and quantum algorithms; physical realizations; applications and near-term quantum algorithms.

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, credit or enrollment in MATH 365 or PHYS 528
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: CHEM 325 or PHYS 304
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. F.
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 207 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. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 365, credit or enrollment in PHYS 481, some computer programming experience.
Use of computational methods to solve complex problems in physics and carry out data analysis.

PHYS 561: Physics of Biomolecules
(Dual-listed with PHYS 461). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: (BBMB 301; [CHEM 325 or PHYS 304]) 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, PHYS 528
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, PHYS 528
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.
Quantum theory of interacting many body systems: zero temperature field theory, Fermi systems, finite temperature field theory, superconductivity and superfluidity. Gauge theories and topological phases of matter: lattice gauge theory, quantum hall effect, and topological field theories.

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. F., offered irregularly.Alt. S., offered irregularly.
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.