DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

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Undergraduate Programs

• Physics - B.A.
• Physics - B.S.

Minors

• Physics

Graduate Programs

• Physics - M.A.
• Physics - M.S.
• Physics - Ph.D.

Department of Physics Faculty

• Antocheviz Dexheimer Strickland, Veronica A. (2013), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Goethe Universitat, 2009
• Balci, Hamza (2009), Professor, Ph.D., University of Maryland, 2004
• Bos, Philip J. (1994), Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 1978
• Driscoll, Donald D. (2007), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University, 2004
• Dzero, Maxim (2010), Professor
• Ellman, Brett D. (1997), Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1993
• Fregoso, Benjamin (2017), Associate Professor
• Gleeson, James T. (1997), Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 1991
• Jakli, Antal I. (1989), Professor, Ph.D., University Of Budapest, 1988
• Katramatou, A. Mina T. (1996), Professor, Ph.D., American University, 1988
• Keane, Declan F. (1988), Professor, Ph.D., University College of Dublin
• Lavrentovich, Oleg D. (1992), Trustees Research Professor, Kiev University, 1990
• Li, Ran (2007), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 2007
• Mann, Elizabeth K. (1998), Professor, Ph.D., University of Paris, 1992
• Margetis, Spyridon (1997), Professor, Ph.D., Goethe Universitat, 1991
• Minnick, Stephen A. (2003), Professor, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 2003
• Petratos, Gerassimos G. (1994), Professor, Ph.D., American University, 1988
• Polak, Robert D. (2022), Associate Professor
• Portman, John J. (2003), Professor, Ph.D., University of Illinois-Urbana, 2000
• Quader, Khandker F. (1990), Professor, Ph.D., State University of New York-Stony Brook, 1983
• Schmidt, Thorsten-Lars (2019), Associate Professor
• Schroeder, Almut (2001), Associate Professor
• Selinger, Jonathan V. (2005), Professor, Ph.D., Harvard College, 1989
• Selinger, Robin L. (2005), Professor, Ph.D., Harvard College, 1989
• Sprunt, Samuel N. (1995), Professor, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1989
• Vanfossen, Joseph A. (2004), Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 2017
• Yang, Deng-Ke (1989), Professor, Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1989
• Yokoyama, Hiroshi (2009), Professor, Ph.D., Tokyo International University, 1987

Physics (PHY)

PHY 11030 SEVEN IDEAS THAT SHOOK THE UNIVERSE (KBS) 3 Credit Hours
Description of major revolutionary physical concepts and their implications for understanding the physical universe. Not counted toward requirements for physics major.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

PHY 12000 INTRODUCTORY PHYSICS SEMINAR (ELR) 1 Credit Hour
To provide a nurturing course for new physics majors, ideally to be taken in their first semester as majors. The course includes a journal club component, informational talks by industrial physicists and training in a select group of essential skills and tools for future work in the physics program.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 1 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

PHY 12111 PHYSICS FOR HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES 3 Credit Hours
Basic physics applied to health technologies: measurement techniques, force and motion of solids and fluids, energy, heat wave phenomena, electricity. Students taking this course should be in a health technologies major.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 12201 TECHNICAL PHYSICS I (KBS) (KLAB) 3 Credit Hours
Introduction to principles of physics: mechanics.
Prerequisite: MATH 11010.
Pre/corequisite: MATH 11022.
Schedule Type: Combined Lecture and Lab
Contact Hours: 2 lecture, 2 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab
PHY 12202 TECHNICAL PHYSICS II (KBS) (KLAB) 4 Credit Hours
Introduction to principles of physics, including fluids, thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism.
Prerequisite: PHY 12201.
Schedule Type: Combined Lecture and Lab
Contact Hours: 3 lecture, 2 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab

PHY 13001 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS I (KBS) 4 Credit Hours
Principles of mechanics, heat and sound.
Prerequisite: Minimum C grade in MATH 11022 or in MATH 12011; or pre/corequisites MATH 12002 or MATH 12012 or MATH 12021.
Corequisite: PHY 13021.
Schedule Type: Lecture, Recitation
Contact Hours: 3 lecture, 1 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, TAG Science, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

PHY 13002 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS II (KBS) 4 Credit Hours
Principles of electricity and magnetism, optics and modern physics. Three hours lecture and one hour recitation weekly.
Prerequisite: PHY 13001 or PHY 23101.
Corequisite: PHY 13022.
Schedule Type: Lecture, Recitation
Contact Hours: 3 lecture, 1 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, TAG Science, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

PHY 13012 COLLEGE PHYSICS II (KBS) 2 Credit Hours
Principles of classical physics, primarily electricity and magnetism.
Prerequisite: PHY 13001 or PHY 23101.
Schedule Type: Lecture, Recitation
Contact Hours: 2 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

PHY 13021 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY I (KBS) (KLAB) 1 Credit Hour
Introductory lab to accompany PHY 13001.
Corequisite: PHY 13001.
Schedule Type: Laboratory
Contact Hours: 2 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab, TAG Science, Transfer Module Natural Sciences, TAG Natural Science Lab

PHY 13022 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS LABORATORY II (KBS) (KLAB) 1 Credit Hour
Introductory lab to accompany PHY 13002 or PHY 13012.
Corequisite: PHY 13002 or PHY 13012.
Schedule Type: Laboratory
Contact Hours: 2 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab, TAG Science, Transfer Module Natural Sciences, TAG Natural Science Lab

PHY 20095 SPECIAL TOPICS 1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 20096 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN PHYSICS 1-6 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Individual projects in physics.
Prerequisite: Special approval.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 1-6 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

PHY 21040 PHYSICS IN ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS (KBS) 3 Credit Hours
Descriptive introduction to physics underlying selected forms of art and entertainment. Examples are drawn from music, visual arts and communications media. Not counted toward requirements for physics major.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

PHY 21430 FRONTIERS IN ASTRONOMY (KBS) 3 Credit Hours
Modern description of astrophysical observations, the results of these observations and the physical principles based on them. Not counted toward requirements for physics major.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

PHY 21431 FRONTIERS IN ASTRONOMY LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB) 1 Credit Hour
Laboratory component of PHY 21430, two hours weekly.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 21430.
Schedule Type: Laboratory
Contact Hours: 2 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab, Transfer Module Natural Sciences, TAG Natural Science Lab

PHY 21430 FRONTIERS IN ASTRONOMY LABORATORY (KBS) (KLAB) 1 Credit Hour
Laboratory component of PHY 21430. Not counted toward requirements for physics major.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 21430.
Schedule Type: Laboratory
Contact Hours: 3 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Transfer Module Natural Sciences

PHY 22564 INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS PHYSICS 3 Credit Hours
Survey of mechanical and electronic properties of materials with application in science and technology. Metals, semiconductors, ceramics, polymers and liquid crystals, and other special materials will be addressed.
Prerequisite: PHY 23102.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHY 23101 GENERAL UNIVERSITY PHYSICS I (KBS) (KLAB) 5 Credit Hours
Principles of mechanics, heat and sound at calculus level.
Pre/corequisite: MATH 12002.
Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture, 3 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab, TAG Science

PHY 23102 GENERAL UNIVERSITY PHYSICS II (KBS) (KLAB) 5 Credit Hours
Principles of electricity, magnetism, light and modern physics at calculus level.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 13001 or PHY 23101.
Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture, 3 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Kent Core Basic Sciences, Kent Core Basic Sciences Lab, TAG Science

PHY 30020 INTERMEDIATE PHYSICS LABORATORY (WIC) 2 Credit Hours
Experiments in classical and modern physics are selected to accompany and supplement junior-level physics courses.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 36001; and 10 credit hours of additional Physics (PHY) courses.
Schedule Type: Laboratory
Contact Hours: 4 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

PHY 32511 ELECTRONICS 4 Credit Hours
"Hands-on" course to give the student a working knowledge of analog electronics and of AC and DC circuits typically used by the scientist.
Pre/corequisite: MATH 12002 and; PHY 13002 or PHY 23102.
Schedule Type: Combined Lecture and Lab
Contact Hours: 6 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 34000 COSMOLOGY 3 Credit Hours
This course will provide a quantitative introduction to modern cosmology, from the Big Bang to the formation of the first stars. Subjects include the evolution of the geometry and temperature of the universe its composition and select aspects of general relativity.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 36001.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 36001 INTRODUCTORY MODERN PHYSICS 3 Credit Hours
Modern description of mechanics including both Lagrangian and Hamilton formulations, with applications to central force, motion, coupled oscillations, rigid body motion and motion in non-inertial reference frames.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 23102 and MATH 32052.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 36002 APPLICATIONS OF MODERN PHYSICS 3 Credit Hours
Survey of applications of twentieth century physics. Topics include molecular bonding, conducting and insulating solids, degenerate matter, quantum condensates, subatomic and sub-nuclear particle physics, cosmology.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 36001.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 40020 ADVANCED PHYSICS LABORATORY (WIC) 2 Credit Hours
(Repeateable for credit) Advanced experiments in classical and modern physics are selected to accompany and supplement senior-level physics courses.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 30020.
Schedule Type: Laboratory
Contact Hours: 4 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

PHY 40060 PHYSICAL LITERATURE 1-3 Credit Hours
Study of current or topical literature.
Pre/corequisite: Permission.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 40092 INTERNSHIP IN PHYSICS (ELR) 1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeateable for credit) Supervised capstone experience in physics at a national laboratory, a research university in industry or at a local research site. No more than 3 credit hours may be applied toward the major electives for physics majors.
Pre/corequisite: Permission.
Schedule Type: Practical Experience
Contact Hours: 1-3 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

PHY 35101 CLASSICAL MECHANICS 4 Credit Hours
Modern description of mechanics including both Lagrangian and Hamilton formulations, with applications to central force, motion, coupled oscillations, rigid body motion and motion in non-inertial reference frames.
Pre/corequisite: PHY 23102 and MATH 32052.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 40095 SPECIAL TOPICS 1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeateable for credit) Topic announced when scheduled.
Pre/corequisite: Permission.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHY 4096  INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION (ELR)  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repealable for credit) Individual projects for physics majors and minors.
Prerequisite: PHY 23102; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 3-9 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

PHY 40099  SENIOR HONORS THESIS (ELR)  1-10 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Thesis for departmental, general or university honors must be 1-10 hours with continuous registration throughout the senior year beginning in the summer prior to the senior year. Students taking this course must consult with their department and the Honors College and receive approval prior to the first semester of the senior year.
Prerequisite: Honors senior standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Senior Project/Honors Thesis
Contact Hours: 1-10 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

PHY 40195  SPECIAL TOPICS  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with PHY 50195) Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: Special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 41010  BIOPHOTONICS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with PHY 51010) (Cross-listed with BSCI 41110 and BSCI 51110 and CHEM 41010 and CHEM 51010) Interdisciplinary overview of the basics of biophotonics; application of biophotonic techniques to probe biological samples. Introduction to the foundations of optics and photonics and how the molecular structure of organic molecules translates into unique photonic properties and targeting in biological cells or tissue. Preparation of fluorescent materials, advanced spectroscopy and cell visualization using regular and confocal fluorescence microscopy.
Prerequisite: Special approval.
Schedule Type: Combined Lecture and Lab
Contact Hours: 1 lecture, 6 lab
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 44600  INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
Introduces ideas essential to physical understanding of biological systems. Topics include: introduction to molecular components of the cell; statistical mechanics and transport in biological systems; selected topics in biophysics.
Prerequisite: PHY 23102.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 44802  ASTROPHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
Galactic structure, stellar formation and evolution, origin of the elements (or nucleosynthesis), nonoptical astronomies, and description of various cosmological theories.
Prerequisite: MATH 12003.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 45201  ELECTROMAGNETIC THEORY  4 Credit Hours
Properties of electric and magnetic fields developed by vector methods. Treatment on static fields in vacuum and matter. Theory of classical electromagnetic fields with emphasis on dynamic fields.
Prerequisite: MATH 32052 and PHY 23102.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 45301  THERMAL PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
An introduction to thermodynamics and statistical mechanics, with applications in material science and engineering.
Prerequisite: PHY 36001.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 45401  MATHEMATICAL METHODS IN PHYSICS  4 Credit Hours
Consolidation of vector analysis, curvilinear coordinate systems, tensors, matrix algebra, vector spaces, common groups in physics, calculus of residues, contour integration, methods for differential equations in physics; additional topics important for physics selected from special functions, integral equations, calculus of variations.
Prerequisite: MATH 32052.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 45403  DATA ANALYSIS AND COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS TECHNIQUES  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: MATH 12003 and PHY 23102.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 45501  ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES AND MODERN OPTICS  3 Credit Hours
Interactions between light and matter from both a macroscopic and microscopic perspective; producing and controlling light devices and spectroscopic techniques based on modern optics.
Prerequisite: PHY 45201.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 46101  QUANTUM MECHANICS  4 Credit Hours
Systematic introduction to the principles and solution techniques of quantum mechanics, including the Schroedinger equation in one and three dimensions. Topics include: angular momentum formalism, introductory Dirac notation and vector space formalism, intrinsic spin, identical particle systems and perturbation theory.
Prerequisite: PHY 36001.
Pre/corequisite: MATH 32052.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHY 46301  INTRODUCTION TO NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS  
4 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with PHY 56301) Introduction to nuclear and particle physics including particle detectors and accelerators, experimental techniques, nuclear fission and fusion, nuclear reactors, medical applications, and connections to astrophysics and cosmology.  
Prerequisite: PHY 36001.  
Pre/corequisite: MATH 32052.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 4 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 46401  INTRODUCTION TO SOLID STATE PHYSICS  
3 Credit Hours  
Fundamental unifying concepts and experimental techniques needed to understand thermal, electrical and optical properties of ions and electrons in solids. Special topics of current research.  
Prerequisite: PHY 36002.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 50020  ADVANCED PHYSICS LABORATORY  
2 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with PHY 40020) Advanced experiments in classical and modern physics are selected to accompany and supplement graduate-level physics courses.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.  
Schedule Type: Laboratory  
Contact Hours: 4 lab  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 50093  VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN PHYSICS  
1-6 Credit Hours  
(Repeatable for credit) Workshops individually designed to provide instruction and training in specific areas of physics.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.  
Schedule Type: Workshop  
Contact Hours: 1-6 other  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  

PHY 50095  SPECIAL TOPICS  
1-3 Credit Hours  
(Repeatable for credit) Topic announced when scheduled.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 50096  INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION  
1-3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with PHY 40096)(Repeatable for credit) Individual projects for physics graduate students.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.  
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation  
Contact Hours: 3-9 other  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 50195  SPECIAL TOPICS  
1-3 Credit Hours  
(Repeatable for credit) (Slashed with PHY 40195) Topic announced when scheduled.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 51010  BIOPHOTONICS  
3 Credit Hours  
(Slashed with PHY 41010) (Cross-listed with BSCI 41110 and BSCI 51110 and CHEM 41010 and CHEM 51010) Interdisciplinary overview of the basics of biophotonics; application of biophotonic techniques to probe biological samples. Introduction to the foundations of optics and photonics and how the molecular structure of organic molecules translates into unique photonic properties and targeting in biological cells or tissue. Preparation of fluorescent materials, advanced spectroscopy and cell visualization using regular and confocal fluorescence microscopy.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.  
Schedule Type: Combined Lecture and Lab  
Contact Hours: 1 lecture, 6 lab  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 54600  INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL PHYSICS  
3 Credit Hours  
Introduces ideas essential to physical understanding of biological systems. Topics include: introduction to molecular components of the cell; statistical mechanics and transport in biological systems; selected topics in biophysics.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 54802  ASTROPHYSICS  
3 Credit Hours  
Galactic structure, stellar formation and evolution, origin of the elements (or nucleosynthesis), non optical astronomies, and a description of various cosmological theories. Graduate standing.  
Prerequisite: MATH 12003.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 55201  ELECTROMAGNETIC THEORY  
4 Credit Hours  
Properties of electric and magnetic fields developed by vector methods. Treatment of static fields in vacuum and matter. Theory of classical electromagnetic fields with emphasis on dynamic fields.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 4 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 55301  THERMAL PHYSICS  
3 Credit Hours  
An introduction to thermodynamics and statistical mechanics, with applications in material science and engineering.  
Prerequisite: PHY 36001; and graduate standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 55401  MATHEMATICAL METHODS IN PHYSICS  
4 Credit Hours  
Consolidation of vector analysis, curvilinear coordinate systems, tensors, matrix algebra, vector spaces, common groups in physics, calculus of residues, contour integration, methods for differential equations in physics; additional topics important for physics selected from special functions, integral equations, calculus of variations.  
Prerequisite: MATH 32052; and graduate standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 4 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHY 5403  DATA ANALYSIS AND COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS
TECHNIQUES  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with PHY 4503) Study of uncertainties in physical
measurements. Data reduction and error analysis techniques. Monte
Carlo simulation method. Least-squares fits to data. Basic computational
physics techniques.
Prerequisite: MATH 12003 and PHY 23102; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 5501  ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES AND MODERN OPTICS  3 Credit Hours
Interactions between light and matter from both a macroscopic and
microscopic perspective; producing and controlling light; devices and
spectroscopic techniques based on modern optics.
Prerequisite: PHY 55201; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 56101  QUANTUM MECHANICS  4 Credit Hours
Systematic introduction to the principles and solution techniques
of quantum mechanics, including the Schroedinger equation in one
and three dimensions. Topics include: angular momentum formalism,
introductory Dirac notation and vector space formalism, intrinsic spin,
identical particle systems, and perturbation theory.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 56301  INTRODUCTION TO NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS  4 Credit Hours
(Slashed with PHY 46301) Introduction to nuclear and particle physics
including particle detectors and accelerators, experimental techniques,
nuclear fission and fusion, nuclear reactors, medical applications, and
connections to astrophysics and cosmology.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 56401  INTRODUCTION TO SOLID STATE PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
Fundamental unifying concepts and experimental techniques needed
to understand thermal, electrical and optical properties of ions and
electrons in solids. Special topics of current research.
Prerequisite: PHY 36002; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 60091  PHYSICS SEMINAR  1 Credit Hour
(Repeatable for credit)Discussion of current literature or of original
research in physics. Participation by students, faculty and guests.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Seminar
Contact Hours: 1 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

PHY 60093  VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN PHYSICS  1-6 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Workshops individually designed to provide
instruction and training in specific areas of physics.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Workshop
Contact Hours: 3 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

PHY 60098  RESEARCH  1-15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Research or individual investigation. Credits
earned may be applied toward meeting degree requirements if
department approves.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Research
Contact Hours: 1-15 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

PHY 60199  THESIS I  2-6 Credit Hours
Thesis students must register for total of 6 hours, 2 to 6 hours in a single
semester distributed over several semesters if desired.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval of advisor.
Schedule Type: Masters Thesis
Contact Hours: 2-6 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

PHY 60295  ADVANCED TOPICS  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Selected special topics of current research
interest.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter-IP

PHY 60299  THESIS II  2 Credit Hours
Thesis students must continue registration each semester until all degree
requirements are met.
Prerequisite: PHY 60199; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Masters Thesis
Contact Hours: 2 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP

PHY 64101  ADVANCED PROBLEM SOLVING IN PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with PHY 74101) The course imparts advanced problem-solving
skills not acquired in regular courses. Examples from four basic areas
of physics (classical mechanics, electricity and magnetism, quantum
mechanics and statistical physics) will be emphasized.
Prerequisite: PHY 65101 or PHY 65203 or PHY 66161 or PHY 65301; or
graduate standing; and departmental instructor approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 65101  CLASSICAL MECHANICS  3 Credit Hours
Lagrange's equations, variational principles, two-body central force
problem and rigid body motion. Hamilton's equations, canonical
transformations, Hamilton-Jacobi theory and small oscillations.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHY 65203  CLASSICAL ELECTRODYNAMICS I  3 Credit Hours
Introduction to electrostatics, boundary-value problems, multipoles, electrostatics of macroscopic media, magnetostatics, time-varying fields, Maxwell's equations, conservation laws.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 65204  CLASSICAL ELECTRODYNAMICS II  3 Credit Hours
Plane electromagnetic waves, simple radiating systems, scattering, special theory of relativity, relativistic dynamics, radiation of moving charges, Bremsstrahlung.
Prerequisite: PHY 65203; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 65301  STATISTICAL MECHANICS I  4 Credit Hours
An introduction to statistical mechanics, including classical and quantum statistics. Derives thermodynamic quantities from a statistical viewpoint.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 4 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 66161  QUANTUM MECHANICS I  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 66162  QUANTUM MECHANICS II  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: PHY 66161; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 66201  PARTICLE PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
Discussion of particle detectors, invariance principles and conservation laws, fundamental interactions, quark model of hadrons, basic concepts of field theory, the Standard Model and selected topics of current interest.
Prerequisite: PHY 66162; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 66401  SOLID STATE PHYSICS I  3 Credit Hours
Crystalline state, with emphasis on wave propagation, zone and band theory, phonons. Applications to electrical and thermal conductivities, specific heats, optical, dielectric and magnetic properties
Prerequisite: PHY 56101 or PHY 66161; and graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 66403  ADVANCED CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with PHY 76403) Advanced theories of solids, fluids, superfluids, magnetic, ferroelectric and liquid crystal systems and the experimental methods that probe them.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 68401  LIQUID CRYSTAL PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
The molecular structure and properties of liquid crystals and their role in biological systems and industrial applications.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing in physics or chemical physics.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 70095  SPECIAL TOPICS  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Topic announced when scheduled.
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 74101  ADVANCED PROBLEM SOLVING IN PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
The course imparts advanced problem-solving skills not acquired in regular courses. Examples from four basic areas of physics (classical mechanics, electricity and magnetism, quantum mechanics and statistical physics) will be emphasized.
Prerequisite: PHY 65101 or PHY 65203 or PHY 66161 or PHY 65301; or doctoral standing; and departmental instructor approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 75101  CLASSICAL MECHANICS  3 Credit Hours
Lagrange's equations, variational principles, two-body central force problems, rigid body motion, Hamilton's equations, canonical transformations, Hamilton-Jacobi theory, small oscillations.
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 75203  CLASSICAL ELECTRODYNAMICS I  3 Credit Hours
Introduction to electrostatics, boundary value problems, multipoles, electrostatics of macroscopic media, magnetostatics, time-varying fields, Maxwell's equations, conservation laws.
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHY 75204  CLASSICAL ELECTRODYNAMICS II  3 Credit Hours
Plane electromagnetic waves, simple radiating systems, scattering special theory of relativity, relativistic dynamics, radiation of moving charges, Bremsstrahlung.
Prerequisite: PHY 65203; and doctoral standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHY 75301 STATISTICAL MECHANICS I  4 Credit Hours
An introduction to statistical mechanics, including classical and quantum statistics. Derives thermodynamic quantities from a statistical viewpoint.  
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 4 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 76161 QUANTUM MECHANICS I  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and permission.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 76162 QUANTUM MECHANICS II  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: PHY 66161; and doctoral standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 76163 QUANTUM MECHANICS III  3 Credit Hours
Second quantization and field theory formalism are developed for the many-particle system. Topics include the electron gas and nuclear matter.  
Prerequisite: PHY 66162; and doctoral standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 76201 PARTICLE PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
Discussion of particle detectors, invariance principles and conservation laws, fundamental interactions, quark model of hadrons, basic concepts of a field theory, the Standard Model and selected topics of current interest.  
Prerequisite: PHY 66162 or 76162; and doctoral standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 76303 APPLICATIONS OF QUANTUM CHROMODYNAMICS  3 Credit Hours
Introduces the key attributes and techniques of Quantum Chromodynamics, which is the relativistic quantum field theory of the strong interaction. Topics treated include the properties, structure and interactions of strongly interacting sub-nuclear particles (hadrons) and the physics of hadronic and nuclear matter at finite temperature and density, as applicable to modern nuclear particle physics research.  
Prerequisite: PHY 76163.  
Corequisite: PHY 66201 or PHY 76201.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 76401 SOLID STATE PHYSICS I  3 Credit Hours
Crystalline state, with emphasis on wave propagation zone and band theory phonons. Applications to electrical and thermal conductivities specific heats optical dielectric and magnetic properties.  
Prerequisite: PHY 56101 or PHY 66161 or 76161; and doctoral standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 76403 ADVANCED CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
(Slashed with PHY 66403) Advanced theories of solids, fluids, superfluids, magnetic, ferroelectric and liquid crystal systems, and the experimental methods that probe them.  
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 78401 LIQUID CRYSTAL PHYSICS  3 Credit Hours
The molecular structure and properties of liquid crystals and their role in biological systems and industrial applications.  
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing in physics or chemical physics.  
Schedule Type: Lecture  
Contact Hours: 3 lecture  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  

PHY 80097 PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM  1 Credit Hour
(Repeatable for credit)Discussion of current literature or of original research in physics. Participation by students, faculty and guests.  
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing.  
Schedule Type: Seminar  
Contact Hours: 1 other  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP  

PHY 80098 RESEARCH  1-15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit)Research or individual investigation for doctoral students who have not yet passed their candidacy exams. Credit earned may be applied toward the degree if the department approves.  
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and special approval.  
Schedule Type: Research  
Contact Hours: 1-15 other  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP  

PHY 80199 DISSERTATION I  15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit)Doctoral dissertation, for which registration in at least two semesters is required; the first of which will be the semester in which dissertation work is begun, and continuing until the completion of 30 hours.  
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing; and special approval.  
Schedule Type: Dissertation  
Contact Hours: 15 other  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP
PHY 80299  DISSERTATION II  15 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Continuing registration required of doctoral
students who have completed the initial 30 hours of dissertation and
continuing until all degree requirements are met.
Prerequisite: PHY 80199; and doctoral standing.
Schedule Type: Dissertation
Contact Hours: 15 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory-IP