Physics

**PHYS 5301** Mathematical Methods of Physics I (3 semester hours) Vector analysis (and index notation); orthogonal coordinates; Sturm-Liouville theory; Legendre & Bessel functions; integral transforms; differential equations (including Green functions). (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5302** Mathematical Methods of Physics II (3 semester hours) Functions of complex variable (including contour integration and the residue theorem); tensor analysis; gamma and beta functions; probability. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5303** Mathematical Methods of Physics III (3 semester hours) Continuation and extension of topics from PHYS 5301 and 5302 with applications related to problems and techniques encountered in physical sciences. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5305** Monte Carlo Simulation Method and its Application (3 semester hours) An introductory course on the method of Monte Carlo simulation of physical events. This course covers the generation of 0-1 random number, simulation of arbitrary distributions, modeling, simulation and statistical analysis of experimental activities in physics research and engineering studies. As a comparison the concepts and applications of the Neural Networks will be discussed. Prerequisites: Calculus ([MATH 2417](#)), Statistics ([STAT 1342](#)), C ([CS 3335](#)) or FORTRAN programming languages. (3-0) T

**PHYS 5311** Classical Mechanics (3 semester hours) A course that aims to provide intensive training in problem solving. Rigorous survey of Newtonian mechanics of systems, including its relativity principle and applications to cosmology; the ellipsoid of inertia and its eigenstructure, with applications; Poinset's theorem; Euler's equations, spinning tops; Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalism with applications; chaos, small oscillations, velocity dependent potentials, Lagrange multipliers and corresponding constraint forces, canonical transformations, Lagrange and Poisson brackets, Hamilton-Jacobi theory. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5313** Statistical Physics (3 semester hours) Phase space, distribution functions and density matrices; microcanonical, canonical and grand canonical ensembles; partition functions; principle of maximum entropy; thermodynamic potentials and laws of thermodynamics; classical and quantum ideal gases; non-interacting magnetic moments; phonons and specific heat of solids; degenerate electron gas, its specific heat and magnetism; statistics of carriers in semiconductors; Bose-Einstein condensation; Black-body radiation; Boltzmann transport equation and H-theorem; relaxation time and conductivity; Brownian motion, random walks and Langevin equation; Einstein's relation; fluctuations in ideal gases; linear response and fluctuation-dissipation theorem; virial and cluster expansions, van der Waals equation of state; Poisson-Boltzmann and Thomas-Fermi equations; phases, phase diagrams and phase transitions of the first and second order; lattice spin models; ordering, order parameters and broken symmetries; Mean-field theory of ferromagnetism; Landau and Ginzburg-Landau theories; elements of modern theory of critical phenomena. (3-0)

**PHYS 5314** Applied Numerical Methods (3 semester hours) Core course for Applied Physics Concentration. A hands-on approach to the development and use of computational tools in solving problems routinely encountered in upper level applied physics and engineering. Main topics include curve fitting and regression analysis, significance tests, principles of numerical modeling, verification and validation of
numerical algorithms, and nonlinear model building. Examples from real world applications will be presented and discussed to illustrate the appropriate use of numerical techniques. Prerequisites: PHYS 5301 or equivalent, and proficiency in a programming language. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5315** Scientific Computing (3 semester hours) An introduction to computational methods for solving systems of ordinary and partial differential equations using numerical techniques. Prerequisite or corequisite: PHYS 5301. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5317** Atoms, Molecules and Solids I (3 semester hours) Core course for Applied Physics Concentration. Fundamental physical description of microsystems starting with the need for quantum mechanics and proceeding through the application of quantum mechanics to atomic systems. Emphasis will be on a physical understanding of the principles which apply to technologically important devices. Computer simulations will be used to focus the student on the important physical principals and not on detailed exact solutions to differential equations. Topics covered include: justification for quantum mechanics, application of quantum mechanics to one-electron problems, application to multi-electron problems in atomic systems. Prerequisites: MATH 2451, PHYS 2325 and PHYS 2326 or PHYS 2327. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5318** Atoms, Molecules and Solids II (3 semester hours) Core course for Applied Physics Concentration. Application of quantum mechanics to molecules and solids. Topics in solids include optical, thermal, magnetic and electric properties, impurity doping and its effects on electronic properties, superconductivity, and surface effects. Various devices, such as transistors, FETs, quantum wells, detectors and lasers will also be discussed. Prerequisite: PHYS 5317, or equivalent. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5319** (SCI 5326) Astronomy: Our Place in Space (3 semester hours) Focus is on developing student understanding of how our planet fits within a larger astronomical context. Topics include common misconceptions in astronomy, scale in the Solar System and beyond, phases of the Moon, seasons, navigating the night sky, our Sun as a star, space weather, properties and lifecycles of stars, galaxies, and cosmology. (3-0) T

**PHYS 5320** Electromagnetism I (3 semester hours) Electrostatic boundary value problems, uniqueness theorems, method of images, Green's functions, multipole potentials, Legendre polynomials and spherical harmonics, dielectric and magnetic materials, magnetostatics, time-varying field and Maxwell's equations, energy and momentum of the field, Lienard-Wiechert potentials, electromagnetic radiation, polarization, refraction and reflection at plane interfaces. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5321** Experimental Operation and Data Collection Using Personal Computers (3 semester hours) Computer interfacing to physical experiments using high level interface languages and environments. The student will have the opportunity to learn how to develop data acquisition software using LabView and LabWindows/CVI as well as how to write drivers to interface these languages to devices over the general purpose interface buss (GPIB). A laboratory is provided for hands-on training in these devices. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5322** Electromagnetism II (3 semester hours) Fields and potentials, Gauge transformations and the wave equation. Electromagnetic waves in unbounded media - non-dispersive and dispersive media. Boundary conditions at interfaces. Solutions to the wave equation in rectangular cylindrical and spherical coordinates. Electromagnetic waves in bonded media - waveguides and resonant cavities. Radiating systems - electric and magnetic dipole radiation, electric quadruple radiation. Fundamentals of scattering and scalar diffraction. Lorentz transformation and covariant forms for Maxwell's equations. Radiation from
moving charges - Synchrotron, Cherenkov and Bremstrahlung Radiation. Prerequisite: **PHYS 5320** or equivalent. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5323** Virtual Instrumentation with Biomedical Clinical and Healthcare Applications (3 semester hours) The application of the graphical programming environment of LabView will be demonstrated with examples related to the health care industry. Examples will be provided to highlight the use of the personal computer as a virtual instrument in the clinical and laboratory environment. A laboratory is provided for hands-on training to augment the lecture. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5327** (SCI 5327) Comparative Planetology (3 semester hours) Every world in the solar system is unique, but none more so than our own planet Earth. The course is an exploration of the astrophysical, chemical, and geological processes that have shaped each planet, moons and the myriad of rocky and icy bodies in our solar system with a special emphasis on what each tells us about Earth, and what discoveries of worlds orbiting other stars may tell us about our planetary system and home world. (3-0) T

**PHYS 5331** (SCI 5331) Conceptual Physics I: Force and Motion (3 semester hours) Focus is on deepening the participants' conceptual understanding of physics, emphasizing its applicability to the pre-college and undergraduate classroom. Uses inquiry-based approaches including examples of physics in the everyday world and connections to other fields of science. Topics include foundational concepts of forces, Newton's laws, energy, and momentum. (3-0) T

**PHYS 5332** (SCI 5332) Conceptual Physics II: Particles and Systems (3 semester hours) Focus is on deepening the participants' conceptual understanding of physics emphasizing its applicability to the pre-college and undergraduate classroom. Uses an inquiry-based approach including examples of physics in the everyday world and connections to other fields of science. This second class in the Conceptual Physics series builds on concepts from **SCI 5331** to explore transfers of energy and forces within and between systems of particles. Topics include states of matter, fluids, waves and sound, and thermodynamics. (3-0) T

**PHYS 5333** (SCI 5333) Conceptual Physics III: Atoms, Charges, and Interactions (3 semester hours) Focus is on deepening the participants' conceptual understanding of physics, emphasizing critical thinking and applications to the pre-college and undergraduate classroom. Uses inquiry-based approaches including examples of physics in the everyday world and connections to other fields of science. This third class in the Conceptual Physics series builds on concepts from **SCI 5331** and **SCI 5332** to explore interactions between particles of matter. Topics include inter- and intra-molecular forces, light, electricity and magnetism, and the nature of the atom. (3-1) T

**PHYS 5335** Remote Sensing of the Earth (3 semester hours) This course covers the basic physical principles and applications of remote sensing of the earth system (air, land and sea), covering the types of platforms (satellites and aerial vehicles) and sensors used (UV/Visible, IR, Microwave, Radio). (3-0) R

**PHYS 5341** (SCI 5341) Astrobiology (3 semester hours) The ultimate integrated science, astrobiology brings together cutting-edge research from the fields of astrophysics, planetary science, terrestrial geosciences, and biology, to build understanding of how the history and diversity of life on our own planet relates to the possibilities for life on other worlds. This graduate-level survey course is designed to challenge participants of all backgrounds in a thoughtful and scientifically-based exploration of the young and dynamic multidisciplinary field of astrobiology. (3-0) T

**PHYS 5367** Photonic Devices (3 semester hours) Basic principles of Photophysics of Condensed Matter with
application to devices. Topics covered include photonic crystals, PBG systems, low threshold lasers, photonic switches, super-prisms and super-lenses. Photodetectors and photocells. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5371 (MSEN 5371)** Solid State Physics (3 semester hours) Symmetry description of crystals, bonding, properties of metals, electronic band theory, thermal properties, lattice vibration, elementary properties of semiconductors. Prerequisites: PHYS 5301 and 5320 or equivalent. (3-0) Y

**PHYS 5372** Solid State Devices (3 semester hours) Basic concepts of solid state physics with application to devices. Topics covered include semiconductor homojunctions and heterojunctions, low dimensional physics, one and two dimensional electron gases, hot electron systems, semiconductor lasers, field effect and heterojunction transistors, microwave diodes and infrared and solar devices. Prerequisite: PHYS 5318. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5376 (MSEN 5300)** Introduction to Materials Science (3 semester hours) This course provides an intensive overview of materials science and engineering and includes the foundations required for further graduate study in the field. Topics include atomic structure, crystalline solids, defects, failure mechanisms, phase diagrams and transformations, metal alloys, ceramics, polymers as well as their thermal, electrical, magnetic and optical properties. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5377 (MSEN 5377)** Computational Physics of Nanomaterials (3 semester hours) This course introduces atomistic and quantum simulation methods and their applications to modeling study nanomaterials (nanoparticles, nanowires, and thin films). The course has three main parts: basic theory of materials (thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, and solid state physics), computational methods to model materials systems, and applications to practical problems. There are three main themes of the course: structure-property relationship of nanomaterials; atomistic modeling for atomic structure optimization; and quantum simulations for electronic structure study and functional property analysis. Prerequisite: MSEN 6319 or equivalent. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5381** Space Science (3 semester hours) Introduction to the dynamics of the middle and upper atmospheres, ionospheres and magnetospheres of the earth and planets and the interplanetary medium. Topics include: turbulence and diffusion, photochemistry, aurorae and airglow, space weather and the global electric circuit. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5382** Space Science Instrumentation (3 semester hours) Design, testing and operational criteria for space flight instrumentation including retarding potential analyzers, drift meters, neutral and ion mass spectrometers, auroral particle spectrometers, fast ion mass spectrometers, Langmuir probes, and optical spectrometers; ground support equipment; microprocessor design and operations. (3-0) R

**PHYS 5383 (EEMF 5383, MECH 5383, MSEN 5383)** Plasma Technology (3 semester hours) Hardware oriented study of useful laboratory plasmas. Topics will include vacuum technology, gas kinetic theory, basic plasma theory and an introduction to the uses of plasmas in various industries. (3-0) T

**PHYS 5385** Natural And Anthropogenic Effects on The Atmosphere (3 semester hours) An examination of the physical, chemical and electrical effects on the atmosphere and clouds due to varying solar photon and solar wind inputs; and of the physical and chemical effects on ozone and atmospheric temperature following anthropogenic release of CFC’s and greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Suitable for Science Education and other non-physics majors. (3-0) R
PHYS 5391 Relativity I (3 semester hours) Mach's principle and the abolition of absolute space; the principle of relativity; the principle of equivalence; basic cosmology; four-vector calculus; special relativistic kinematics, optics, mechanics, and electromagnetism; basic ideas of general relativity. (3-0) T

PHYS 5392 Relativity II (3 semester hours) Tensor calculus and Riemannian geometry; mathematical foundation of general relativity; the crucial tests; fundamentals of theoretical relativistic cosmology; the Friedmann model universes; comparison with observation. (Normally follows PHYS 5391.) (3-0) T

PHYS 5395 Cosmology (3 semester hours) The course is an overview of contemporary cosmology including: cosmological models of the universe and their parameters; large scale structure of the universe; dark matter; cosmological probes and techniques such as gravitational lensing, cosmic microwave background radiation, and supernova searches; very early stages of the universe; dark energy and recent cosmic acceleration. (3-0) T

PHYS 5v48 Topics in Physics (1-6 semester hours) Topics may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours. ([1-6]-0) R

PHYS 5v49 Special Topics in Physics (1-6 semester hours) Topics may vary from semester to semester. P/F grading. (May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours.) ([1-6]-0) R

PHYS 6300 Quantum Mechanics I (3 semester hours) Dirac formalism, kets, bras, operators and position, momentum, and matrix representations, change of basis, Stern-Gerlach experiment, observables and uncertainty principle, translations, wave functions, time evolution, the Schrodinger and Heisenberg pictures, simple harmonic oscillator, wave equation, WKB approximation, rotations, angular momentum, spin, Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, perturbation theory, variational methods. Prerequisite: PHYS 5311 or consent of instructor. (3-0) Y

PHYS 6301 Quantum Mechanics II (3 semester hours) Non-relativistic many-particle systems and their second quantization description with creation and annihilation operators; Interactions and Hartree-Fock approximation, quasi-particles; attraction of fermions and superconductivity; repulsion of bosons and super fluidity; lattice systems, classical fields and canonical quantization of wave equations; free electromagnetic field, gauges and quantization: photons; coherent states; Interaction of light with atoms and condensed systems: emission, absorption and scattering; vacuum fluctuations and Casimir force; elements of relativistic quantum mechanics: Klein-Gordon and Dirac equations; particles and antiparticles; spin-orbit coupling; fine structure of the hydrogen atom; micro-causality and spin-statistics theorem; non-relativistic scattering theory: scattering amplitudes, phase shifts, cross-section and optical theorem; Born series; inelastic and resonance scattering; perturbative analysis of the interacting fields: Time evolution and interaction representation, S-matrix and Feynman diagrams; simple scattering processes; Dyson's equation, self-energy and renormalization. Prerequisite: PHYS 6300. (3-0) Y

PHYS 6302 Quantum Mechanics III (3 semester hours) Advanced topics in quantum mechanics. Prerequisite: PHYS 6300 and 6301 (3-0) R

PHYS 6303 Applications of Group Theory In Physics (3 semester hours) Group representation theory and selected applications in atomic, molecular and elementary-particle physics. Survey of abstract group theory and matrix representations of SU(2) and the rotation group, group theory and special functions, the role of group theory in the calculation of energy levels, matrix elements and selection rules, Abelian and non-Abelian gauge field theories, the Dirac equation, representations of SU(3), and the standard model of
elementary-particle physics. Prerequisite: PHYS 5301. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6313** Elementary Particles (3 semester hours) Elementary particles and their interaction; classification of elementary particles; fermions and bosons; particles and antiparticles; leptons and hadrons; mesons and baryons; stable particles and resonances; hadrons as composites of quarks and antiquarks; fundamental interactions and fields; electromagnetic, gravitational, weak and strong interactions; conservation laws in fundamental interactions; parity, isospin, strangeness, G-parity; helicity and chirality; charge conjugation and time reversal; strong reflection and CPT theorem; gauge invariance; quarks and gluons; discovery of c, b and t quarks and the W+ and Z0 particles; recent discoveries. (Normally follows PHYS 6300 or 6301.) (3-0) T

**PHYS 6314** High Energy Physics (3 semester hours) Electromagnetic and nuclear interactions of particles with matter; particle detectors; accelerators and colliding beam machines; invariance principles and conservation laws; hadron-hadron interactions; static quark model of hadrons; weak interactions; lepton-quark interactions; the parton model of hadrons; fundamental interactions and their unification; generalized gauge invariance; the Weinberg-Salam Model and its experimental tests: quantum chromodynamics; quark-quark interactions; grand unification theories; proton decay, magnetic monopoles, neutrino oscillations and cosmological aspects; supersymmetries. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6339** Special Topics In Quantum Electronics (3 semester hours) Topics vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours.) (3-0) R

**PHYS 6341** Nuclear Physics I: The Principles of Nuclear Physics (3 semester hours) Atomic physics; atomic spectra, x-rays and atomic structure. The constitution of the nucleus; isotopes, natural radioactivity, artificial nuclear disintegration and artificial radioactivity; alpha-, beta-, and gamma-decay; nuclear reactions, nuclear forces and nuclear structure. Nuclear models, neutron physics and nuclear fission. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6342** Nuclear Physics II: Physics and Measurement Of Nuclear Radiations (3 semester hours) Interaction of nuclear radiation with matter; electromagnetic interaction of electrons and photons; nuclear interactions. Operation and construction of counters and particle track detectors; electronic data acquisition and analysis systems. Statistical evaluation of experimental data. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6349** Special Topics in High Energy Physics (3 semester hours) Topics vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours.) (3-0) R

**PHYS 6353** Atomic and Molecular Processes (3 semester hours) Study of theory and experimental methods applied to elastic scattering, excitation and ionization of atoms and molecules by electron and ion impact, electron attachment and detachment, and charge transfer processes. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6369** Special Topics in Optics (3 semester hours) Topics vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours.) (3-0) R

**PHYS 6371** (MSEN 6371) Advanced Solid State Physics (3 semester hours) Continuation of PHYS 5371/MSEN 5371, transport properties of semiconductors, ferroelectricity and structural phase transitions, magnetism, superconductivity, quantum devices, surfaces. Prerequisite: PHYS/MSEN 5371 or equivalent. (3-0) R
**PHYS 6372** Physical Materials Science (3 semester hours) Advanced concepts of Materials Science. New directions in fabrication routes and materials design, such as biologically-inspired routes to electronic materials. Advanced materials and device characterization. Prerequisite: **PHYS 5376** or equivalent. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6374** (MSEN 6474) Optical Properties of Solids (3 semester hours) Optical response in solids and its applications. Lorentz, Drude and quantum mechanical models for dielectric response function. Kramers-Kronig transformation and sum rules considered. Basic properties related to band structure effects, excitons and other excitations. Experimental techniques including reflectance, absorption, modulated reflectance, Raman scattering. Prerequisite: PHYS/MSEN 5371 or equivalent. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6376** Electronics and Photonics of Molecular and Organic Solids (3 semester hours) Electronic energy bands in molecular solids and conjugated polymers. Elementary excitations: Frenkel, Wannier and charge transfer excitons. Polaron, bipolarons and solitons. Mobility of excitons and charge carriers, photoconductivity. Charge generation and recombination, electroluminescence, photovoltaic phenomena. Spin selective magnetic effects on excitons and carriers. Superconductivity: granular SC, and field induced SC in organic FETs. (3-0) R


**PHYS 6379** Special Topics in Solid State Physics (3 semester hours) Topics vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours.) (3-0) R

**PHYS 6383** (EEMF 6383, MECH 6383) Plasma Science (3 semester hours) Theoretically oriented study of plasmas. Topics to include: fundamental properties of plasmas, fundamental equations (kinetic and fluid theory, electromagnetic waves, plasma waves, plasma sheaths), plasma chemistry and plasma diagnostics. Prerequisite: **EEGR 6316** or equivalent. (3-0) T

**PHYS 6388** Ionospheric Electrodynamics (3 semester hours) Generation of electric fields in the earth's ionosphere. The role of internal dynamos and external generators from the interaction of the earth with the solar wind. Satellite and ground-based observations of ionospheric phenomena such as ExB drift, the polar wind and plasma instabilities. Prerequisites: **PHYS 5320, PHYS 6383**. (3-0) R

**PHYS 6389** Special Topics in Space Physics (3 semester hours) Topics will vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours.) (3-0) S

**PHYS 6399** Special Topics in Relativity (3 semester hours) Topics vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated for credit to a maximum of 9 hours.) (3-0) R

**PHYS 7v10** Internal Research (3-6 Semester Hours) On campus research for Masters in Applied Physics. May be repeated for credit. ([3-6]-0) S
**PHYS 7v20** Industrial Research (3-6 Semester Hours) Industrial research for Masters in Applied Physics. May be repeated for credit. ([3-6]-0) S

**PHYS 8398** Thesis (3 semester hours) (May be repeated for credit.) (3-0) R

**PHYS 8399** Dissertation (3 semester hours) (May be repeated for credit.) (3-0) S

**PHYS 8v10** Research in High Energy Physics And Elementary Particles (3-9 semester hours) (P/F grading) (May be repeated for credit.) ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v20** Research in Cosmology and Astrophysics (3-9 semester hours) (P/F grading) (May be repeated for credit) ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v30** Research in Quantum Electronics (3-9 semester hours) (P/F grading) (May be repeated for credit.) ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v40** Research in Applied Physics (3-9 semester hours) P/F grading. May be repeated for credit. ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v50** Research in Atomic And Molecular Physics (3-9 semester hours) (P/F grading) (May be repeated for credit.) ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v60** Research in Optics (3-9 semester hours) (P/F grading) (May be repeated for credit.) ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v70** Research in Materials Physics (3-9 semester hours) P/F grading. May be repeated for credit. ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v80** Research in Atmospheric And Space Physics (3-9 semester hours) (P/F grading) (May be repeated for credit.) ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v90** Research in Mathematical Physics (3-9 semester hours) (P/F grading) (May be repeated for credit.) ([3-9]-0) S

**PHYS 8v99** Dissertation (1-9 semester hours) (May be repeated for credit.) ([1-9]-0) S