PHYSICS (PHYS)

PHYS 50. First-Year Seminar: Time and the Medieval Cosmos. 3 Credits. 
This course introduces first-year students to the basic motions of the solar system as viewed from the Earth along with the mechanical and mathematical models used to reproduce them, while exploring the history of medieval and early modern education, theology, and natural philosophy.
Gen Ed: HS.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: HIST 50.

PHYS 51. First-Year Seminar: The Interplay of Music and Physics. 3 Credits.
Acoustics and music from a practical standpoint.
Gen Ed: PL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: MUSC 51.

PHYS 52. First-Year Seminar: Making the Right Connections. 3 Credits.
This seminar investigates the multiple roles that computers and microprocessors perform in scientific investigations and the impact of technological advances on society. Students perform experiments, take field trips to research laboratories, and gain hands-on experience with computer-based instrumentation.
Gen Ed: PX.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 53. First-Year Seminar: Handcrafting in the Nanoworld: Building Models and Manipulating Molecules. 3 Credits.
This seminar provides a general introduction to nanoscience and nanotechnology, focusing on recent advances in molecular electronics, nanomaterials, and biomedical research. Course activities include group model-building projects, presentations, and discussions of reading material.
Gen Ed: PL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 54. First-Year Seminar: Physics of Movies. 3 Credits.
Students watch and analyze short movie clips that demonstrate interesting, unusual, or impossible physics. Group analysis emphasized.
Gen Ed: PL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 55. First-Year Seminar: Introduction to Mechatronics. 4 Credits.
Introduction to important skills and knowledge required in the STEM fields of today and tomorrow, from academic, employment, and social perspectives. All students, regardless of their educational goals, will achieve critical introductory skills in numerical reasoning and analysis, engineering design and prototyping, computer programming and electronics, and will demonstrate proficiency and knowledge about topics that increasingly impact society, including Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Quantum Computing.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 61. First-Year Seminar: The Copernican Revolution. 3 Credits.
This seminar explores the 2,000-year effort to understand the motion of the sun, moon, stars, and five visible planets. Earth-centered cosmos gives way to the conclusion that earth is just another body in space. Cultural changes accompany this revolution in thinking.
Gen Ed: PL, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASTR 61.

PHYS 63. First-Year Seminar: Catastrophe and Chaos: Unpredictable Physics. 3 Credits.
Physics is often seen as the most precise and deterministic of sciences. Determinism can break down, however. This seminar explores the rich and diverse areas of modern physics in which ‘unpredictability’ is the norm. Honors version available
Gen Ed: PL, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASTR 63.

PHYS 63H. First-Year Seminar: Catastrophe and Chaos: Unpredictable Physics. 3 Credits.
Physics is often seen as the most precise and deterministic of sciences. Determinism can break down, however. This seminar explores the rich and diverse areas of modern physics in which ‘unpredictability’ is the norm.
Gen Ed: PL, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASTR 63H.

PHYS 89. First-Year Seminar: Special Topics. 3 Credits.
Special Topics course. Content will vary each semester.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 100. How Things Work. 4 Credits.
Demystifying the working of objects such as CD players, microwave ovens, lasers, computers, roller coasters, rockets, light bulbs, automobiles, clocks, copy machines, X-ray and CAT-scan machines, and nuclear reactors.
Gen Ed: PX.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 101. Basic Concepts of Physics. 4 Credits.
Basic principles of physics with introduction to quantum physics, atoms, nuclei, and relativity. Not to be taken for credit after PHYS 104-105 or 114-115 or 116-117 or 118-119. Three lecture and two laboratory hours a week.
Gen Ed: PX.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 102. General Physics Lecture I. 3 Credits.
Lecture portion of 104, awarded as AP credit.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 103. General Physics Lecture II. 3 Credits.
Lecture portion of 105, awarded as AP credit.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 104. General Physics I. 4 Credits.
Three lecture hours and two laboratory hours a week. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 104 and PHYS 114, 116, or 118.
Requisites: Pre- or corequisite, MATH 130; permission of the instructor for students lacking the pre- or corequisite.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.
PHYS 105. General Physics II. 4 Credits.
Three lecture hours and two laboratory hours a week. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 105 and PHYS 115, 117, or 119.
Requisites: Pre- or corequisite, PHYS 104; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 106. Inquiry into the Physical World. 4 Credits.
A hands-on/minds-on approach to learning the basic concepts of physical science. Emphasis will be placed on examining the nature of science, your own learning, and the way scientists learn science.
Gen Ed: PX.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 108. Climate and Energy Transitions: Understanding the Forecasts. 4 Credits.
This course examines uncertainties in projecting future fossil fuel consumption and impact on global climate by quantifying how effectively alternative power-generation and energy-storage technologies can scale to meet needs in developing and developed nations, and by understanding past and present climates.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: MASC 108, GEOL 108.

PHYS 114. General Physics I: For Students of the Life Sciences. 4 Credits.
Basic principles of physics, including forces, energy, oscillations, sound, diffusion, and heat transfer, and applications to biological systems. Intended to meet the needs of, but not restricted to, students majoring in the life sciences. Students may not receive credit for PHYS 114 in addition to PHYS 104, 116, or 118.
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 130.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 115. General Physics II: For Students of the Life Sciences. 4 Credits.
Basic principles of physics, including fluids, electricity, magnetism, optics, quantum physics, and nuclear physics, and applications to biological systems. Intended to meet the needs of, but not restricted to, students majoring in the life sciences. Students may not receive credit for PHYS 115 in addition to PHYS 105, 117, or 119.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 114.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 116. Mechanics. 4 Credits.
Mechanics of particles and rigid bodies. Newton's laws; conservation principles. Oscillatory and wave motion. Sound. Lecture, recitation, and laboratory. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 116 and PHYS 104, 114, or 118.
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 231; pre- or corequisite, MATH 232; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 116H. Mechanics. 4 Credits.
Mechanics of particles and rigid bodies. Newton's laws; conservation principles. Oscillatory and wave motion. Sound. Lecture, recitation, and laboratory. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 116 and PHYS 104, 114, or 118.
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 231; pre- or corequisite, MATH 232; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 117. Electromagnetism and Optics. 4 Credits.
Electricity and magnetism; laws of Coulomb, Ampere, and Faraday. Electromagnetic oscillations and waves. Light; diffraction and interference. Lecture, recitation, and laboratory. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 117 and PHYS 105, 115, or 119. Honors version available
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 232 and PHYS 116; pre- or corequisite, MATH 233; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 117H. Electromagnetism and Optics. 4 Credits.
Electricity and magnetism; laws of Coulomb, Ampere, and Faraday. Electromagnetic oscillations and waves. Light; diffraction and interference. Lecture, recitation, and laboratory. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 117 and PHYS 105, 115, and 119.
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 232 and PHYS 116; pre- or corequisite, MATH 233; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 118. Introductory Calculus-based Mechanics and Relativity. 4 Credits.
Mechanics of particles and rigid bodies. Newton's laws; mechanical and potential energy; mechanical conservation laws; frame-dependence of physical laws; Einstein's Theory of Relativity. Lecture and studio. Students may not receive credit for PHYS 118 in addition to PHYS 104, 114, or 116.
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 231; pre- or corequisite, MATH 232; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 119. Introductory Calculus-based Electromagnetism and Quanta. 4 Credits.
Unification of the laws of electricity and magnetism; electromagnetic waves; the particle-wave duality; fundamental principles and applications of quantum mechanics. Lecture and studio. Students may not receive credit for PHYS 119 in addition to PHYS 105, 115, or 117.
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 232 and PHYS 118; pre- or corequisite, MATH 233; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Gen Ed: PX, QI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 128. Modern Physics. 3 Credits.
Special relativity theory, black body radiation, photons and electrons; wave particle duality. Elements of atomic theory, nuclei and fundamental particles. Three lecture hours a week.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 117 (or PHYS 105 by permission of the instructor); co-requisite, PHYS 128L.
Grading status: Letter grade.
PHYS 128L. Modern Physics Laboratory. 1 Credit.
Selected modern physics experiments. Written research reports and oral presentations. Three laboratory hours a week.
Requisites: Pre- or corequisite, PHYS 128.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 131. Energy: Physical Principles and the Quest for Alternatives to Dwindling Oil and Gas. 3 Credits.
A quantitative exploration of the physical principles behind energy development and use within modern civilization, the stark impact of depleted fossil fuel reserves, and alternative sources.
Requisites: Corequisite, PHYS 131L.
Gen Ed: PX, Q1
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 131L. Energy: Physical Principles and the Quest for Alternatives to Dwindling Oil and Gas. 1 Credit.
Explore renewable and nonrenewable energy sources. Three laboratory hours per week.
Requisites: Corequisite, PHYS 131.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 132. Science and Society. 3 Credits.
A description of the scientific community and how scientists relate to such sociotechnical issues as the space program, the arms race, the energy problem, computer technology, medical technology, and pseudosciences.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 133. How Bio Works. 3 Credits.
Physics of biology and biotechnology. Life as an assembly of molecular machines that manipulate DNA, replicate cells, propel bacteria, and contract muscles. Nanotechnology for DNA biotechnology and microscale fluid chips.
Gen Ed: PL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 201. Basic Mechanics. 3 Credits.
A one-semester course in statics, kinematics, simple harmonic motion, central forces, and applications from modern physics.
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 233 and one of PHYS 105, 115, 117, 119; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 211. Intermediate Electromagnetism. 3 Credits.
Electric fields and potentials, dielectrics, steady currents, magnetic flux and magnetic materials, electromagnetic induction. Emphasis on Maxwell's equations and their application to electromagnetic waves in bounded and unbounded media.
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 233 and one of PHYS 105, 115, 117, 119.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 231. Physical Computing. 3 Credits.
Combines sensors and actuators to sense, interact with, and control the nearby physical environment. Students are introduced to analog and digital electronics, lab equipment, Python and C-like programming, the Arduino microcontroller, 3-D design tools, and Makerspace prototyping. Students collaborate, then propose and complete individual final projects.
Requisites: Pre- or corequisite, PHYS 114 or 118; permission of the instructor for students lacking the pre- or corequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 281L. Experimental Techniques in Physics. 2 Credits.
Exploration of modern physics experiments, techniques, and data analysis to prepare students for research and advanced laboratory work. Written and oral reports with peer review. Meets four hours per week.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 119; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Gen Ed: CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 295. Research with Faculty Mentor I. 1-12 Credits.
Students undertake independent research with a faculty mentor. Approved learning contract required.
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 311. Electromagnetism I. 3 Credits.
Brief treatment of DC and AC circuit theory. Electrostatics: dielectrics, the magnetic field, and magnetic materials.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 331; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 313. Space and Time in Physics and Philosophy. 3 Credits.
Contingent and necessary properties of space and time. The direction and flow of time. Fatalism. Effects preceding their causes.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 331. Numerical Techniques for the Sciences I. 4 Credits.
Applications of calculus, vector analysis, differential equations, complex numbers, and computer programming to realistic physical systems. Three lecture and two computational laboratory hours per week.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 104, 114, 116, or 118; pre- or corequisite, MATH 383.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 332. Numerical Techniques for the Sciences II. 4 Credits.
Modeling of celestial dynamics, nuclear physics problems, electrodynamics; Monte Carlo integration in particle and theoretical physics; data modeling for physics and astronomy; gravitation, electromagnetism, fluid dynamics and quantum mechanics. Three lecture and two computational laboratory hours per week. Previously offered as PHYS 358.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 281L and 331.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 351. Electronics I. 4 Credits.
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 233, PHYS 281L, and one of PHYS 105, 115, 117, or 119; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 352. Electronics II. 4 Credits.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 351; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.
PHYS 354. Quantum Mechanics, Weirdness, and Reality. 3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary course on the weirdness of quantum mechanics and the problem of interpreting it. Nonlocality, the measurement problem, superpositions, Bohm's theory, collapse theories, and the many-worlds interpretation.

Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 231 and any PHYS course numbered 100 or greater; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.

Gen Ed: PH.
Grading status: Letter grade

Same as: PHIL 354.

PHYS 391. Senior Seminar. 1-15 Credits.
To be taken by seniors with permission of the department.

Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 395. Research with Faculty Mentor II. 1-12 Credits.
Students undertake independent research with a faculty mentor. Approved learning contract required. A research proposal and/or summary research report is required. Although not mandatory, a submission of a research proposal to an internal or external competition for funding is encouraged. Students must also present their research at an appropriate symposium, conference, or seminar.

Gen Ed: CI, EE- Mentored Research.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 12 total credits. 4 total completions.

Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 400. Mechanics I. 3 Credits.

Requisites: Pre- or corequisites, MATH 383 and PHYS 331; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.

Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 401. Mechanics II. 3 Credits.
Equilibrium statistical mechanics; the laws of thermodynamics, internal energy, enthalpy, entropy, thermodynamic potentials, Maxwell's equations.

Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 383, and either PHYS 201 and 211 or 311 and 401.

Grading status: Letter grade

Same as: GEOL 422.

PHYS 421. Introduction to Quantum Mechanics. 3 Credits.

Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 383; MATH 547 or PHYS 331; pre- or corequisite, PHYS 401; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.

Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 422. Physics of the Earth's Interior. 3 Credits.

Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 383, and either PHYS 201 and 211 or 311 and 401.

Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 424. General Physics I. 4 Credits.
This course is specifically for certification of high school teachers. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 424 and PHYS 104 or 114.

Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 425. General Physics II. 4 Credits.
This course is specifically for certification of high school teachers. Students may not receive credit for both PHYS 425 and PHYS 105 or 115.

Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 441. Thermal Physics. 3 Credits.
Equilibrium statistical mechanics; the laws of thermodynamics, internal energy, enthalpy, entropy, thermodynamic potentials, Maxwell's equations.

Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 233, and PHYS 117 or 119; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.

Grading status: Letter grade

Same as: BMME 441.

PHYS 444. Quantum Computing. 3 Credits.
Recommended preparation, some knowledge of basic linear algebra. An introduction to quantum computing. Basic math and quantum mechanics necessary to understand the operation of quantum bits. Quantum gates, circuits, and algorithms, including Shor's algorithm for factoring and Grover's search algorithm. Entanglement and error correction. Quantum encryption, annealing, and simulation. Brief discussion of technologies.

Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 232, and PHYS 116 or 118.

Grading status: Letter grade

Same as: COMP 447.

PHYS 461. Introduction to Medical Physics. 3 Credits.
This class will introduce how physics principles and techniques have been applied to medical imaging and radiation therapy. Topics will include ionizing radiation and radiation safety, x-ray and computed tomography, ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography, and radiation therapy. Topics such as the career path to become a medical physicist will also be discussed. The class will have lectures given by the instructor and guest lectures by experts and practitioners in this field.

Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 117 or 119.

Grading status: Letter grade.
PHYS 471. Physics of Solid State Electronic Devices. 3 Credits.
Properties of crystal lattices, electrons in energy bands, behavior of majority and minority charge carriers, PN junctions related to the structure and function of semiconductor diodes, transistors, display devices.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 117 or 119; pre- or corequisite, PHYS 211 or 311.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 472. Chemistry and Physics of Electronic Materials Processing. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. A survey of materials processing and characterization used in fabricating microelectronic devices. Crystal growth, thin film deposition and etching, and microlithography.
Requisites: Prerequisite, CHEM 482 or PHYS 117 or 119.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: APPL 472, CHEM 472.

PHYS 481L. Advanced Laboratory I. 2 Credits.
Selected experiments illustrating modern techniques such as the use of laser technology to study the interaction of electromagnetic fields and matter. Six laboratory hours a week.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 281L, and PHYS 351 or 352; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 491L. Materials Laboratory I. 2 Credits.
Structure determination and measurement of the optical, electrical, and magnetic properties of solids.
Requisites: Prerequisites, APPL 470 and PHYS 351.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: APPL 491L.

PHYS 492L. Materials Laboratory II. 2 Credits.
Continuation of PHYS 491L with emphasis on low- and high-temperature behavior, the physical and chemical behavior of lattice imperfections and amorphous materials, and the nature of radiation damage.
Requisites: Prerequisite, APPL 491L or PHYS 491L.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: APPL 492L.

PHYS 501. Seminar for Physics and Astronomy Teaching Assistants. 1 Credit.
How students learn and understand physics and astronomy. How to teach using current research-based methods.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 515. Optics. 3 Credits.
Broad coverage including ray, wave, Gaussian, and Fourier optics. Interference, diffraction, polarization, and coherence. Optical properties of materials, absorption, scattering. Fiber optics, lasers, semiconductors, imaging, and special topics. Previously offered as PHYS 415.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 311 and 412; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisites.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 521. Applications of Quantum Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Emphasizes atomic physics but includes topics from nuclear, solid state, and particle physics, such as energy levels, the periodic system, selection rules, and fundamentals of spectroscopy.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 421.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 529. Introduction to Magnetic Resonance. 3 Credits.
This course will provide a broad coverage of important physics principles behind nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, especially the applications of quantum mechanics. Theoretical approaches and tools for grasping the design principles of various important NMR spectroscopic techniques will be discussed. It will show, for instance, how to use NMR spectroscopy to determine molecular structures and dynamics, and how to obtain images and functional information using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 421 or CHEM 486; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 543. Nuclear Physics. 3 Credits.
Structure of nucleons and nuclei, nuclear models, forces and interactions, nuclear reactions.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 421; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 545. Introductory Elementary Particle Physics. 3 Credits.
Relativistic kinematics, symmetries and conservation laws, elementary particles and bound states, gauge theories, quantum electrodynamics, chromodynamics, electroweak unification, standard model and beyond.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 412 and 421.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 573. Introductory Solid State Physics. 3 Credits.
Crystalline properties of solids, types of crystalline solids, electron and mechanical waves in crystals, electrical and magnetic properties of solids, semiconductors; low temperature phenomena; imperfections in nearly perfect crystals.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 421; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: APPL 573.

PHYS 581. Renewable Electric Power Systems. 3 Credits.
Broad and quantitative study of renewable electric power systems: wind systems, photovoltaic cells, distributed generation (concentrating solar power, microhydro, biomass), and the economics of these technologies.
Requisites: Prerequisites, BIOL 101L, and 202 or 271; and PHYS 131, and 131L or 281L, and 201 or 401, and 211 or 311, and 351; pre- or corequisites, CHEM 261 and 481.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 582. Decarbonizing Fuels. 3 Credits.
Assess quantitatively the feasibility of powering humanity without increasing release of climate-altering carbon dioxide and other organic greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Can these gases be removed? Which bio-chemical-physical novelties may scale to meet growing demand and at what cost?
Requisites: Prerequisites, BIOL 101L, and 202 or 271; and PHYS 131, and 131L or 281L, and 201 or 401, and 211 or 311, and 351; pre- or corequisites, CHEM 261 and 481.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 585. Imaging Science: From Cells to Stars. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of imaging as applied to biological, medical and astronomy imaging systems. Physics of radiation and particle sources, image formation and detection physics. Principles of optics, coherence, Fourier methods, statistics, especially as they cross disciplinary boundaries for new opportunities in imaging.
Requisites: Prerequisites, MATH 233 and PHYS 118.
Grading status: Letter grade.
PHYS 594. Nonlinear Dynamics. 3 Credits.
Interdisciplinary introduction to nonlinear dynamics and chaos. Fixed
points, bifurcations, strange attractors, with applications to physics,
biology, chemistry, finance.
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 383; permission of the instructor for
students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: MATH 594.

PHYS 631. Mathematical Methods of Theoretical Physics. 3 Credits.
Linear vector spaces and matrices, curvilinear coordinates, functions
of complex variables, ordinary and partial differential equations, Fourier
series, integral transforms, special functions, differential forms.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 281L and 332.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 632. Advanced Research Analytics. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, ability to program in a high-level computer
language. Permission of the instructor for students lacking the required
preparation. Methods required for the analysis, interpretation, and
evaluation of physics measurements and theory. Error analysis, statistical
tests, model fitting, parameter estimation, Monte Carlo methods,
Bayesian inference, noise mitigation, experimental design, big data,
selected numerical techniques including differential equations and
Fourier techniques.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 633. Scientific Programming. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, elementary Fortran, C, or Pascal programming.
Structured programming in Fortran or Pascal; use of secondary storage
and program packages; numerical methods for advanced problems, error
propagation and computational efficiency; symbolic mathematics by
computer.
Requisites: Prerequisite, MATH 528 or 529, or PHYS 631 or 632.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 660. Fluid Dynamics. 3 Credits.
The physical properties of fluids, kinematics, governing equations,
viscous incompressible flow, vorticity dynamics, boundary layers,
irrotational incompressible flow.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 401; permission of the instructor for
students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: MASC 560, ENVR 452, GEOL 560.

PHYS 671L. Independent Laboratory I. 3 Credits.
Six laboratory hours a week.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 401 and 412; permission of the instructor
for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 672L. Independent Laboratory II. 3 Credits.
Six laboratory hours a week.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 401 and 412; permission of the instructor
for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 691H. Senior Honor Thesis Research I. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. Readings in physics and directed research
for a senior honor thesis project. Required of all candidates for
graduation with honors in physics.
Gen Ed: EE - Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 692H. Senior Honor Thesis Research II. 3 Credits.
Readings in physics and directed research for a senior honor thesis
project. Required of all candidates for graduation with honors in physics.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 691H.
Gen Ed: EE - Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 701. Classical Dynamics. 3 Credits.
Variational principles, Lagrangian and Hamiltonian mechanics.
Symmetries and conservation laws. Two-body problems, perturbations,
and small oscillations, rigid-body motion. Relation of classical to
quantum mechanics.
Requisites: Prerequisite, advanced undergraduate mechanics.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 711. Electromagnetic Theory I. 3 Credits.
Electrostatics, magnetostatics, time-varying fields, Maxwell's equations.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 631 and 632.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 712. Electromagnetic Theory. 3 Credits.
Maxwell's equations, time-varying fields, and conservation laws. Plane
EM waves, polarization, propagation, dispersive media. Wave guides and
resonant cavities. Radiation from slow-moving charges. Special theory
of relativity. Radiation from relativistic charges. Interaction between
radiation and matter.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 715. Visualization in the Sciences. 3 Credits.
Computational visualization applied in the natural sciences. For both
computer science and natural science students. Available techniques
and their characteristics, based on human perception, using software
visualization toolkits. Project course.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: COMP 715, MTSC 715.

PHYS 721. Quantum Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Review of nonrelativistic quantum mechanics. Spin, angular momentum,
perturbation theory, scattering, identical particles, Hartree-Fock method,
Dirac equation, radiation theory.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 421.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 722. Quantum Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Review of nonrelativistic quantum mechanics. Spin, angular momentum,
perturbation theory, scattering, identical particles, Hartree-Fock method,
Dirac equation, radiation theory.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 421.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 741. Statistical Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Classical and quantal statistical mechanics, ensembles, partition
functions, ideal Fermi and Bose gases.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 701 and 721.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 771L. Advanced Spectroscopic Techniques. 3 Credits.
Advanced spectroscopic techniques, including Rutherford
backscattering-channeling, perturbed angular correlation, Raman
scattering, electron paramagnetic resonance, nuclear magnetic
resonance, optical absorption, and Hall effect. Two hours of lecture and
three hours of laboratory a week.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 401 or 412; permission of the instructor
for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.
PHYS 772L. Advanced Spectroscopic Techniques. 3 Credits.
Advanced spectroscopic techniques, including Rutherford backscattering-channeling, perturbed angular correlation, Raman scattering, electron paramagnetic resonance, nuclear magnetic resonance, optical absorption and Hall effect. One hour of lecture and five hours of laboratory a week.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 401 or 412; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 780. Advanced Materials Science. 3 Credits.
This course covers the physical fundamentals of material science with an in-depth discussion of structure formation in soft and hard materials and how structure determines material mechanical, electrical, thermal, and optical properties. Topics include amorphous and crystal structures, defects, dislocation theory, thermodynamics and phase diagrams, diffusion, interfaces and microstructures, solidification, and theory of phase transformation. Special emphasis will be on the structure-property relationships of (bio)polymers, (nano)composites, and their structure property relationships.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: MTSC 780, BMME 780, CHEM 780.

PHYS 821. Advanced Quantum Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Advanced angular momentum, atomic and molecular theory, many-body theory, quantum field theory.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 722.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 822. Field Theory. 3 Credits.
Quantum field theory, path integrals, gauge invariance, renormalization group, Higgs mechanism, electroweak theory, quantum chromodynamics, Standard Model, unified field theories.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 722.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 823. Field Theory. 3 Credits.
Quantum field theory, path integrals, gauge invariance, renormalization group, Higgs mechanism, electroweak theory, quantum chromodynamics, Standard Model, unified field theories.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 722.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 824. Group Theory and its Applications. 3 Credits.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 829. Principles of Magnetic Resonance. 3 Credits.
Prerequisite, CHEM 781 or PHYS 721; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 831. Differential Geometry in Modern Physics. 3 Credits.
Applications to electrodynamics, general relativity, and nonabelian gauge theories of methods of differential geometry, including tensors, spinors, differential forms, connections and curvature, covariant exterior derivatives, and Lie derivatives.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 701, 711, and 712.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 832. General Theory of Relativity. 3 Credits.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 831; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 861. Nuclear Physics. 3 Credits.
Nuclear reactions, scattering, nuclear structure, nuclear astrophysics.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 543 and 721.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 862. Nuclear Physics. 3 Credits.
Requisites: Prerequisites, PHYS 543 and 721.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 871. Solid State Physics. 3 Credits.
Equivalent experience for students lacking the prerequisite. Topics considered include those of PHYS 573, but at a more advanced level, and in addition a detailed discussion of the interaction of waves (electromagnetic, elastic, and electron waves) with periodic structures, e.g., X-ray diffraction, phonons, band theory of metals and semiconductors.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 421.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: MTSC 871.

PHYS 872. Solid State Physics II. 3 Credits.
Topics considered include quantum and thermal fluctuations, and thermodynamics of phase transitions in a broad variety of condensed matter systems, their kinetic theory and hydrodynamics, novel materials (two-dimensional electron gas, graphene, topological insulators and superconductors, Dirac/Weyl/nodal line semimetals), condensed matter applications of modern field-theoretical methods (path integral, renormalization group, holography).
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 871.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: MTSC 872.

PHYS 873. Theory of the Solid State. 3 Credits.
Requisites: Prerequisite, PHYS 722.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 883. Current Advances in Physics. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. In recent years, elementary particle physics, amorphous solids, neutrinos, and electron microscopy have been among the topics discussed.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 885. Introductory Graduate Seminar in Physics and Astronomy. 1 Credit.
Introduction to skills needed for success in graduate courses and research, including practice using general-purpose mathematical/computational tools, assessment of the research landscape and research project design, preparing a proposal, and participating in peer review. Professional development topics such as ethics and etiquette, time management, and career planning are also covered.
Grading status: Letter grade.
PHYS 893. Seminar in Solid State Physics. 1-21 Credits.
Research topics in condensed-matter physics, with emphasis on current experimental and theoretical studies.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 895. Seminar in Nuclear Physics. 1-21 Credits.
Current research topics in low-energy nuclear physics, especially as related to the interests of the Triangle Universities Nuclear Laboratory.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 896. Seminar in Particle Physics. 1-21 Credits.
Symmetries, gauge theories, asymptotic freedom, unified theories of weak and electromagnetic interactions, and recent developments in field theory.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 897. Seminar in Theoretical Physics. 1-21 Credits.
Topics from current theoretical research including, but not restricted to, field theory, particle physics, gravitation, and relativity.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 899. Seminar in Professional Practice. 1-21 Credits.
Required preparation, Ph.D. written exam passed. The role and responsibilities of a physicist in the industrial or corporate environment and as a consultant.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 901. Research. 1-21 Credits.
10 or more laboratory or computation hours a week.
Grading status: Letter grade.

PHYS 992. Master's (Non-Thesis). 3 Credits.

PHYS 993. Master's Research and Thesis. 3 Credits.

PHYS 994. Doctoral Research and Dissertation. 3 Credits.
Fall or spring. Staff.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit.