DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING PHYSICS

Programs
Undergraduate
Majors
• Engineering Physics Major (https://catalog.tulane.edu/science-engineering/physics-engineering/engineering-physics-major)
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Minors

Certificates
• Computational Engineering Certificate (https://catalog.tulane.edu/science-engineering/physics-engineering/computational-engineering-certificate)

Graduate
• Materials Physics and Engineering, PhD (https://catalog.tulane.edu/science-engineering/physics-engineering/materials-physics-engineering-phd)
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Courses
Engineering Physics (ENGP)
ENGP 1005 Intro Electronics with Lab (3 Credit Hours)
Introductory course designed for high school students enrolled in the TSSP summer program.

ENGP 1010 Intro to Maker Space (3 Credit Hours)
The course will focus on practical application and a “hands-on” lab approach to learning design software and creating working models using the tools of the MakerSpace. Limited to high school students.

ENGP 1015 Intro to Engineering Design (3 Credit Hours)
The objective of this course is to introduce high school students to the product design process. Through team projects geared toward creating physical solutions for real world problems, students will be challenged to begin thinking critically and applying physical fundamentals to complex systems. Daily lectures will highlight phases of the design process, including problem identification, conceptual design, and early prototyping. Additionally students will gain experience with computer-aided design and be provided an introduction to rapid prototyping. This will be a 2 week course, and will only be open to high school students.

ENGP 1410 Statics (3 Credit Hours)
Statics of particles and rigid bodies. Concepts of force, moments, free body diagrams, equilibrium and friction with engineering applications. Prerequisites: PHYS 1310.
Prerequisite(s): PHYS 1310, 1310, 1310 or 1310.

ENGP 1940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

ENGP 2010 Electric Circuits (3 Credit Hours)
A fundamental course dealing with electric charge, current, voltage, power, energy, and passive and active circuit elements. Response of linear circuits to steady state and time dependent signals, differential equations, circuit laws, network analysis, frequency response, phasors, and transfer functions. Prerequisites: MATH 1220, PHYS 1320.
Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 1320, 1320, 1320 or 1320) and (MATH 1220, 1220, 1220, 1220, 1310, 1310, 1310 or 1310).
Corequisite(s): ENGP 2011.
ENGP 2011 Electric Circuits Lab (1 Credit Hour)
This course is intended to provide an understanding of the basic principles of electronics, including the design and application of electronic projects to real-world objectives. The course will focus on practical application and a “hands-on” lab approach to electronics. Some computer programming will also be included.

Prerequisite(s): ENGP 2010*.
* May be taken concurrently.

ENGP 2020 Computing Concepts & App. (4 Credit Hours)
This course introduces students to the foundations of algorithm development and programming, the basics of matrix algebra, numerical analysis, and solving ordinary differential equations.

Corequisite(s): ENGP 2021.

ENGP 2021 Computing Concepts & App. Lab (0 Credit Hours)
Lab for ENGP 2020

ENGP 2310 Product & Experimental Design (3 Credit Hours)
The objective of this course is to introduce students to the design process as they are starting their engineering studies. Through team projects geared toward translating bench research into product development, students will be challenged to begin thinking critically and applying physical fundamentals to complex systems. Weekly lectures will highlight phases of the design process, including problem identification, conceptual design, and early prototyping. Additionally, in the context of product and experimental design, students will gain experience with computer aided design and be provided an introduction to statistics. Course restricted to ENGP and PHYS majors, or by permission of the instructors.

Corequisite(s): ENGP 2311.

ENGP 2311 Product & Experimental Design Lab (0 Credit Hours)
Lab section for ENGP 2310

Corequisite(s): ENGP 2310.

ENGP 2420 Engineering Dynamics (3 Credit Hours)
Kinematics and kinetics of particles and rigid bodies. Work-energy and impulse-momentum methods applied to particles and rigid bodies. Mechanical vibrations. Prerequisites: MATH 1220 and ENGP 1410

Prerequisite(s): (MATH 1220, 1220, 1220, 1220, 1310, 1310 or 1210) and (ENGP 1410, 1410, 1410 or 1410).

ENGP 2430 Mechanics of Materials (3 Credit Hours)
Concepts of stress and strain. Generalized Hooke’s Law. Mohr’s circle. Formulations for axial, shear, bending, torsion, and combined stresses applied to tension members, pinned points, symmetric and unsymmetric beams, and shafts. Euler buckling criteria for columns. Prerequisites: ENGP 2410, MATH 1220.

Prerequisite(s): (ENGP 1410, 1410, 1410 or 1410) and (MATH 1220, 1220, 1220, 1220, 1310, 1310 or 1310).

ENGP 2890 Service Learning: ENGP 2430 (0-1 Credit Hours)
This course fulfills the lower division service learning requirement. See the advisor for Engineering Physics. PHYS 2910 may be substituted for this.

ENGP 2940 Transfer Course Work (3 Credit Hours)

ENGP 3120 Materials Science & Engr (3 Credit Hours)
The structure and properties of engineering materials are considered. Coverage includes basic atomic and microscopic structure, testing methods, phase relationships, and strengthening techniques. Emphasis is placed on common industrial materials. Thermodynamics and kinetics aspects of material science are discussed. Prerequisites: CHEM 1070, CHEM 1080, PHYS 1310, PHYS 1320, MATH 2210.

Prerequisite(s): (CHEM 1080, 1080, 1080 or 1080) and (PHYS 1320, 1320, 1320 or 1320) and (MATH 2210, 2210, 2210 or 2210).

ENGP 3170 Computnl Physics & Engr (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the use of computational methods in physics and engineering. Writing computer code and using data visualization techniques to solve experimental and theoretical problems. Data analysis and modeling, Monte Carlo simulations, numerical differentiation and integration, ordinary and partial differential equations, electrostatics, nonlinear dynamics and chaos, fast Fourier transform, noisy signal processing, quantum spectra, thermodynamics. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 and MATH 2210 or 2240.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350 and (MATH 2210, 2210, 2210, 2210, 2210 or 2240).
ENGP 3430 Quantum information Sci & Eng (3 Credit Hours)
This survey course introduces students to the new world of quantum information, quantum communication, and quantum computing. The course is intended for advanced undergraduates and beginning graduate students in physics, engineering, and mathematics. Topics include: Quantum states, operators, and linear algebra; Bits and qubits; Ensembles and density operators; Unitary transformations; Gates and circuits; Information and entropy; POVM measurement; Multiparticle systems; Bell inequality, Bell states, and non-locality; Measures of entanglement; Quantum communication and cryptography; Teleportation; Superdense coding; Quantum noise and error correction; Classical and quantum computational complexity; Quantum algorithms: Deutsch-Jozsa, Grover, Shor; DiVincenzo criteria; Physical realizations of quantum computers: trapped ions, solid state qubits; Quantum optics and quantum internet; Topological quantum computation; Quantum biology.
Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350 and (MATH 2210 or 2240).

ENGP 3290 Computational Materials Scienc (3 Credit Hours)
Computational Materials Science and Engineering: This course will cover theories, implementations, and applications of common quantum mechanical software for computational study of materials. State-of-the-art computational methods will be introduced for materials research with emphasis on the atomic and nano scales and hands-on modeling on PCs and supercomputers. The class is aimed at beginning graduate students and upper level undergraduate students, and will introduce a variety of computational methods used in different fields of materials science. The main focus is quantum mechanical methods with a short overview of atomistic methods for modeling materials. These methods will be applied to the properties of real materials, such as electronic structure, mechanical behavior, diffusion and phase transformations. Computational design of materials using materials database via high-throughput and machine learning methods will also be covered.

ENGP 3350 Kinetics of Material Systems (3 Credit Hours)
This course covers all aspects of kinetics in material systems. Topics include thermodynamics, steady state and time dependent diffusion, phase transformations, statistical mechanics, structure evolution, boundaries and interfaces, solidification, and precipitation effects.
Prerequisite(s): ENGP 3120.

ENGP 3360 Structure of Materials (3 Credit Hours)
The properties of matter depend on which of the about 100 different kinds of atoms they are made of and how they are bonded together in different crystal structures; specifically, the atomic structure primarily affects the chemical, physical, thermal, electrical, magnetic, and optical properties of materials. Metals behave differently than ceramics, and ceramics behave differently than polymers. Students will learn the different states of condensed matter and develop a set of tools for describing the crystalline structure of all of them. They will gain a better understanding of the principles of structure common to all materials. Key concepts, such as symmetry theory will be introduced and applied to provide a common viewpoint for describing structures of ceramic, metallic, and polymeric materials and the latter includes optical microscopy, electron optics, x-ray diffraction and some surface analytical techniques. Structure-sensitive properties of real materials will also be introduced.

ENGP 3370 Processing of Biomaterials (3 Credit Hours)
Processing of biomaterials gives an overview of the most advanced techniques to process biomaterials into structures that satisfy next generation applications. All materials classes will be covered including polymers, ceramics, metals, composites and cells and tissues. In each case, the material-specific processing and the properties and potential applications will be covered.

ENGP 3380 Materials for Energy (3 Credit Hours)
The course begins with a history of our understanding and utilization of different sources of energy and a review of thermodynamics. In all cases, the most effective materials used are discussed as well as the relevant fundamental equations used and approaches for improving the figure-of-merit. The 5 different forms of energy are introduced - mechanical, electromagnetic, thermal, chemical, and nuclear - and discussed. Materials and techniques used for energy applications are discussed including thermoelectrics, fossil fuels, nanoparticles, different approaches for energy storage, fuel cells, nuclear energy (fission and fusion), energy biological systems - from cellular scale and ATP and catabolism/anabolism to biomass conversion, and magnetohydrodynamics. Techniques for energy conversion, biomimetics, energy and the environment and material issues for energy transformation are discussed. The sun is also discussed as a source of energy for photosynthesis, photovoltaics, and photothermal power generation.
Prerequisite(s): ENGP 3120.

ENGP 3430 Prof Develop Engineers I (2 Credit Hours)
This course is designed to inform students in engineering physics of the wide variety of career paths available in engineering and related fields, and help with development of professional skills essential for building a productive and fulfilling career. Overview of career profiles, portfolio building, elements of project management, economic analysis, professional certifications, intellectual property, entrepreneurship, ethics, research and professional communication.

ENGP 3440 Prof Develop Engineers II (1 Credit Hour)
This course is designed to inform students in engineering physics of the wide variety of career paths available in engineering and related fields, and help with development of professional skills essential for building a productive and fulfilling career.
Prerequisite(s): ENGP 3430.
ENGP 3530 Advanced Laboratory I (3 Credit Hours)
Advanced experiments in modern physics and engineering, particularly nuclear physics and engineering, emphasizing research techniques and analysis of data using computers. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 or approval of instructor.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350, 2350, 2350 or 2350.

ENGP 3560 Photonic Materials & Devices (3 Credit Hours)
This course will cover the theory, design, fabrication, characterization, and application of photonic materials and devices. The course will start with a review of the fundamentals of photonics, including ray optics, wave optics, and nanophotonics/quantum optics. The course will then focus on light-matter interactions and photonic materials, including dielectrics, semiconductors, metals, metamaterials, and photonic crystals. Using these principles and materials, we will explore a number of device architectures, including LEDs, lasers, photodetectors, photovoltaics, etc. We will then discuss fabrication methods for making these materials and devices and common optoelectronic characterization techniques. The course will conclude with exploration of cutting edge topics in photonics research. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 and PHYS 2360 (or equivalent) or instructor approval.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350 and 2360.

ENGP 3600 Nanoscience & Technology (3 Credit Hours)
Nanoscience and technology is often branded the science of the 21st century. It has been promised that nanotechnology will have similar stimulating effects on the world’s economy and society as the industrial-and microelectronics- revolution. Nanoscience is an interdisciplinary effort with the aim to manipulate and control matter at length scales down to single molecules and atoms and thus to create materials and devices with novel properties. With diminishing dimensions material properties are being governed by quantum mechanics. The description and exploitation of quantum phenomena in novel devices is the quintessence of nanophysics. Consequently, the main emphasis of this course is to give an overview of the physics of low dimensional solid state systems. This course is supplementary to courses in solid state physics and surface science but can be taken independently. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350, 2350, 2350 or 2350.

ENGP 3620 MicroFab and Nanotech (3 Credit Hours)
Nano/micro-electromechanical devices (N/MEMS) require knowledge of a broad range of disciplines, from the fundamental physics of mechanics and electromagnetism to practical nano/microfabrication processes and techniques. This course is opened for the introduction of this interdisciplinary engineering field, using examples and design projects drawn from real-word N/MEMS applications. Lectures will cover nano/micro-fabrication technologies, material properties at different scaling, physical principle and behaviors of nano/microstructural behavior, piezoresistive and capacitive sensing, electrostatic actuation, fluid damping, noise, and feedback systems.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2360.

ENGP 3660 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
Special Topics.

ENGP 3665 Special Topics Lab (1-3 Credit Hours)
Special Topics Lab.

ENGP 3700 Electric Prop of Materls (3 Credit Hours)
Quantum physics, electronics and energy bands in crystals, electronic transport in materials, photoconductivity, Hall effect, quantum Hall effect, superconductors and their applications, magnetic properties of material and their applications, thermal properties of materials and dielectric properties of materials. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350, 2360 or instructor approval.

Prerequisite(s): (ENGP 3120 or 3120) and (PHYS 2360, 2360, 2360 or 2360).

ENGP 3720 Mechanic Behavior of Materials (3 Credit Hours)
The course covers the general foundations of elasticity and plasticity theory, dislocation theory, and strengthening mechanisms. Basics of materials forming processes are studied. An overview for non-destructive testing of materials is taught. The course emphasis is on destructive mechanical testing of materials including: tension, torsion, hardness, fatigue and creep tests, in addition to fracture mechanics and failure analysis.

Prerequisite(s): (ENGP 3120 or 3120) and (ENGP 2430 or 2430) and (MATH 2210 or 2210).

ENGP 3760 Thermodynamics of Materials (3 Credit Hours)
The course covers the general foundation of both statistical thermodynamics and classical thermodynamics, including thermodynamics laws, auxiliary functions, and behavior of gases and solutions. In addition, special attention is dedicated to equilibria of reactions and phase diagrams of materials. Computer-based programs will be used to solve thermodynamics problems for complicated materials.

Prerequisite(s): ENGP 3120 and (MATH 2210, 2210, 2210, 2210 or 2210).
ENGP 3890  Service Learning: ENGP 3950  (0-1 Credit Hours)

ENGP 3940  Transfer Coursework  (3 Credit Hours)

ENGP 3950  Engineers for Int’l Deve  (1 Credit Hour)
Engineers for International Development at Tulane University exists for students to participate in community-driven development programs worldwide through the design and implementation of sustainable engineering projects, while fostering responsible leadership. We work both internationally and locally to build and educate communities about their basic infrastructure systems such as drinking water, sanitation, and safe homes.

ENGP 4310  Team Dsgn Proj &Prf Pr I  (3 Credit Hours)
Design project taken in the fourth year of study with student teams. Advanced treatment of engineering design principles and an introduction to manufacturing processes. Students are presented with a product specification, and they must prepare a preliminary proposal, form a project team and develop a suitable design. Prerequisites: ENGP 2020, 2310, or approval of instructor.

Prerequisite(s): (ENGP 2020, 2020, 2020 or 2020 and ENGP 2310, 2310, 2310 or 2310).

ENGP 4320  Team Dsgn Proj &Prf P II  (3 Credit Hours)
Design project taken in the fourth year of study with student teams. Continuation of ENGP 4310. Notes: Capstone requirement for majors. Prerequisites: ENGP 4310 or approval of instructor.

Prerequisite(s): ENGP 4310.

ENGP 4660  Special Topics  (1-3 Credit Hours)
Special Topics.

ENGP 4880  Writing Intensive: ENGP 4320  (1 Credit Hour)
Course to be attached to regular courses that incorporate a writing component within the regular course. Register within department.

ENGP 4890  Service Learning: ENGP 4320  (0-1 Credit Hours)

ENGP 4910  Independent Study  (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent Studies. Prerequisites: Approval of instructor and chair of department.

ENGP 4940  Transfer Coursework  (3 Credit Hours)

ENGP 4990  Honors Thesis  (3 Credit Hours)
Honors Thesis. Notes: Open only to candidates for honors degrees with departmental approval.

ENGP 5000  Honors Thesis  (4 Credit Hours)
Honors Thesis. Notes: Open only to candidates for honors degrees with departmental approval.

ENGP 5380  Study Abroad  (1-20 Credit Hours)
Courses taught abroad by non-Tulane faculty. Does not count toward Tulane GPA.

ENGP 5390  Study Abroad  (1-20 Credit Hours)
Courses taught abroad by non-Tulane faculty. Does not count toward Tulane GPA.

ENGP 6660  Special Topics  (1-3 Credit Hours)
Special Topics.

ENGP 6940  Transfer Coursework  (1-4 Credit Hours)
Transfer Coursework.

Physics (PHYS)

PHYS 1010  Great Ideas in Science &Tech  (4 Credit Hours)
For non-scientists. Basic principles of science, applications and their relevance to our world. Typically includes astronomy, universe, Newtonian mechanics, energy and applications, symmetry in nature, order and disorder, electricity and applications, quantum mechanics, atoms and molecules, DNA, computer technology, and ethical issues. Laboratory.

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1011.

PHYS 1011  Great Ideas in Sci & Tech Lab  (0 Credit Hours)
Lab section for PHYS 1010

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1010.
PHYS 1015  Materials Science & Eng & Lab  (3 Credit Hours)
This summer session will focus on the field of Materials, which is an interdisciplinary field applying the properties of matter to various areas of science and engineering. This two-week (ten-day) course is intended for high school students who wish to explore and stimulate their interest in the materials sciences and engineering. The course consists of rotations between six materials science research laboratories in the Department of Physics and Engineering Physics. Each rotation combines lectures with hands-on laboratory activities to excite and introduce students to contemporary methods and issues in superconductivity, optics and lasers, biomaterials, nanomaterials, nanotechnology, and energy harvesting materials and technologies. Emphasis is placed on demonstrating basic principles and hands-on student involvement. Laboratory activities will be supervised by Tulane faculty members and graduate students.

PHYS 1050  Physics for Architects  (3 Credit Hours)
A non-calculus course in classical physics stressing the fundamental physical laws and their application to architecture. Main topics include Newtonian mechanics with an emphasis on equilibrium applications, elasticity, fluids, and thermal processes. Credit not given for PHYS 1050 and PHYS 1210 or 1310. Does not count towards the B.S. Physics or B.S.E. Engineering Physics degrees.

PHYS 1210  Introductory Physics I  (4 Credit Hours)
A non-calculus course in classical physics stressing the fundamental physical laws. Newtonian mechanics, oscillations, and classical waves normally are treated in 1210. A weekly laboratory is included; the laboratory includes a review of techniques of problem solving, as well as experiments in classical physics. Not open for credit to students who have completed 1310. Does not count towards the B.S. Physics or B.S.E. Engineering Physics degrees.

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1211.

PHYS 1211  Introductory Physics I Lab  (0 Credit Hours)
Lab section for PHYS 1210

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1210.

PHYS 1220  Introductory Physics II  (4 Credit Hours)
A continuation of PHYS 1210. Electricity and magnetism, optics, and thermal phenomena. A weekly laboratory is included. Not open for credit to students who have completed 1320. Does not count towards the B.S. Physics or B.S.E. Engineering Physics degrees.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 1210, 1210, 1210, 1210, 1310, 1310 or 1310.

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1221.

PHYS 1221  Introductory Physics II Lab  (0 Credit Hours)
Lab section for PHYS 1220

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1220.

PHYS 1310  General Physics I  (4 Credit Hours)
Prior or concurrent study in calculus is required. A calculus-based course in classical physics designed primarily for physical science and engineering majors. Newtonian mechanics, oscillations, and classical wave motion are studied. Emphasis is on understanding basic principles and solving problems. A weekly laboratory is included. The laboratory includes a review of techniques for problem solving, as well as experiments in classical physics.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 1150, 1210 or 1310.

* May be taken concurrently.

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1311.

PHYS 1311  General Physics I Lab  (0 Credit Hours)
Lab section for PHYS 1310

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1310.

PHYS 1320  General Physics II  (4 Credit Hours)
A continuation of PHYS 1310. Emphasis on electricity and magnetism, with selected topics in optics and modern physics. The laboratory includes a review of techniques for problem solving, as well as experiments in classical physics.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 1310, 1310, 1310, 1310 or 1310.

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1321.

PHYS 1321  General Physics II Lab  (0 Credit Hours)
Lab section for PHYS 1320

Corequisite(s): PHYS 1320.
PHYS 1890  Service Learning: PHYS 1320  (0-1 Credit Hours)

PHYS 1940  Transfer Coursework  (3 Credit Hours)

PHYS 2350  Modern Physics I  (3 Credit Hours)
Quantitative treatment of important topics of 20th-century physics, focused on special relativity and introductory quantum physics. Planck's and de Broglie's hypotheses, photons, the Bohr model, introduction to wave mechanics, the hydrogen atom, spatial quantization, spin, exclusion principle, multi-electron atoms. Prerequisites: PHYS 1210 and 1220 or 1310 and 1320, MATH 1210 and 1220 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 1220, 1220, 1220 or 1220) or (PHYS 1320, 1320, 1320 or 1320) and (MATH 1220, 1220, 1220, 1220, 1310, 1310, 1310 or 1310).

PHYS 2360  Modern Physics II  (3 Credit Hours)
An overview of the major fields in modern physics. Quantum statistics. Diatomic molecules, electrons in metals, band theory of solids, superconductivity, properties of nuclei, radioactivity, nuclear reactions, interaction of particles with matter, elementary particles, the standard model and cosmology. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350, 2350, 2350 or 2350.

PHYS 2890  Service Learning: PHYS 2910  (0-1 Credit Hours)
Service learning.

PHYS 2910  Intro to Physics Pedagogy  (1 Credit Hour)
Introduction to the theory and practice of teaching physics courses through workshops, observations and assisting teachers at local schools with lectures and/or classroom demonstrations. Prerequisites: PHYS 1210 and 1220 or 1310 and 1320.

Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 1210 or 1310) and (PHYS 1220 or 1320).

PHYS 2940  Transfer Coursework  (3 Credit Hours)

PHYS 3010  Theoretical Physics  (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the methods of theoretical physics emphasizing modern mathematical techniques, numerical methods using computers, and computer algebra. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 and 11 credits of mathematics, or approval of instructor.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350, 2350, 2350 or 2350.

PHYS 3150  Intro To Neutron Science  (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the theory and applications of neutron scattering, neutron optics, neutron interferometry and neutron beta decay. This course explores the many uses of thermal and cold neutron beams to study condensed matter, nuclear, molecular and biological systems; test fundamental principles of quantum mechanics and advance the frontier of particle physics. Prerequisites: MATH 2210, MATH 2240 or equivalent; PHYS 2350, PHYS 2360 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 2210, 2240, PHYS 2350 or 2360.

PHYS 3170  Computnl Physics & Engr  (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the use of computational methods in physics and engineering. Writing computer code and using data visualization techniques to help solve experimental and theoretical problems. Data analysis and modeling, Monte Carlo simulations, numerical differentiation and integration, ordinary and partial differential equations, electrostatics nonlinear dynamics and chaos, fast Fourier transform, noisy signal processing, quantum spectra, thermodynamics. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 and MATH 2210 or 2240.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350 and (MATH 2210 or 2240).

PHYS 3210  Molec Biophysics & Polymer Phy  (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the physics of polymers and the physical bases underlying the biofunctionality of macromolecules in living systems. Themes of molecular self-organization, conformation, complementarity, and information content are emphasized and related to protein, lipid, and nucleic acid structure and processes. Introduction to scattering and other spectroscopic techniques. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 or equivalent, CHEM 1070 or equivalent, and MATH 1220 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 1220 or 1310.

PHYS 3230  Quantum Information Sci & Eng  (3 Credit Hours)
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PHYS 3310  Quantum Optics (3 Credit Hours)
Quantum optics is an emerging field of physics that involves the study of semi-classical and quantum-mechanical models of the electromagnetic field, as well as its interaction with atoms and molecules. These nonclassical and quantum features of light have been shown to break the barriers imposed by classical physics in a variety of fields, such as communication, interferometry, computation, and imaging. The main emphasis of this course will be to introduce these nonclassical features, quantize the electromagnetic field, introduce fundamental tests of quantum mechanics by use of optics, and explore the applications of nonclassical concepts such as entanglement.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 1320.
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Prerequisite(s): ENGP 3120.

PHYS 3450  Elem Particle Physics (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to modern elementary particle physics, with an emphasis on the Standard Model, its phenomenology, and dynamics. The Standard Model explains, in principle and with remarkable success, virtually all phenomena that are observed in nature except gravity. The course begins with a qualitative examination of the electromagnetic, strong, and weak interactions and an introduction to the elementary particles through the use of Feynman diagrams. This is followed by relativistic kinematics, the quantum theory of angular momentum and spin, discrete symmetries, and bound states of leptons and quarks, with a focus on the hadrons. Finally the Dirac equation, the Feynman calculus, and the mathematical tools needed to calculate basic decay lifetimes and cross sections involving the electromagnetic and weak interactions are developed and applied.

Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 1310, 1310, 1310 or 1310) and PHYS 1320, 2350 and 2360 and (MATH 2210, 2210, 2210, 2210 or 2210).
PHYS 3530 Advanced Laboratory (3 Credit Hours)
Advanced experiments in modern physics, particularly nuclear physics, emphasizing research techniques and analysis of data using computers. Prerequisite(s): PHYS 2350 or approval of instructor.

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This course will cover the theory, design, fabrication, characterization, and application of photonic materials and devices. The course will start with a review of the fundamentals of photonics, including ray optics, wave optics, and nanophotonics/quantum optics. The course will then focus on light-matter interactions and photonic materials, including dielectrics, semiconductors, metals, metamaterials, and photonic crystals. Using these principles and materials, we will explore a number of device architectures, including LEDs, lasers, photodetectors, photovoltaics, etc. We will then discuss fabrication methods for making these materials and devices and common optoelectronic characterization techniques. The course will conclude with exploration of cutting edge topics in photonics research. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 and PHYS 2360 (or equivalent) or instructor approval.

PHYS 3600 Nanoscience & Technology (3 Credit Hours)
Nanoscience and technology is often branded the science of the 21st century. It has been promised that nanotechnology will have similar stimulating effects on the world’s economy and society as the industrial-and microelectronics-revolution. Nanoscience is an interdisciplinary effort with the aim to manipulate and control matter at length scales down to single molecules and atoms and thus to create materials and devices with novel properties. With diminishing dimensions material properties are being governed by quantum mechanics. The description and exploitation of quantum phenomena in novel devices is the quintessence of nanophysics. Consequently, the main emphasis of this course is to give an overview of the physics of low dimensional solid state systems. This course is supplementary to courses in solid state physics and surface science but can be taken independently. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350.

PHYS 3620 MicroFab and Nanotech (3 Credit Hours)
Nano/micro-electromechanical devices (N/MEMS) require knowledge of a broad range of disciplines, from the fundamental physics of mechanics and electromagnetism to practical nano/microfabrication processes and techniques. This course is opened for the introduction of this interdisciplinary engineering field, using examples and design projects drawn from real-word N/MEMS applications. Lectures will cover nano/micro-fabrication technologies, material properties at different scaling, physical principle and behaviors of nano/microstructural behavior, piezoresistive and capacitive sensing, electrostatic actuation, fluid damping, noise, and feedback systems.

PHYS 3630 Electromagnetic Theory (3 Credit Hours)
Electrostatic fields in a vacuum, dielectric materials, solutions to Laplace’s and Poisson’s equations, currents, magnetic fields, vector potentials, electromagnetic induction, relation to Special Relativity, Maxwell’s equations, and the properties of classical electromagnetic waves. Prerequisites: PHYS 1310, PHYS 1320, and Mathematics 2210 or equivalent.

PHYS 3660 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
Special Topics.

PHYS 3700 Electronic Prop of Materls (3 Credit Hours)
Quantum physics, electronics and energy bands in crystals, electronic transport in materials, photoconductivity, Hall effect, quantum Hall effect, superconductors and their applications, magnetic properties of material and their applications, thermal properties of materials and dielectric properties of materials. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350/2360 or instructor approval.

PHYS 3720 Mechanic Behavior of Materials (3 Credit Hours)
The course covers the general foundations of elasticity and plasticity theory, dislocation theory, and strengthening mechanisms. Basics of materials forming processes are studied. An overview for non-destructive testing of materials is taught. The course emphasis is on destructive mechanical testing of materials including: tension, torsion, hardness, fatigue and creep tests, in addition to fracture mechanics and failure analysis.

PHYS 3740 Classical Mechanics (3 Credit Hours)
Newtonian mechanics, oscillations, central force motion, special theory of relativity, dynamics of rigid bodies, and the Lagrangian formulation of classical mechanics. Prerequisites: PHYS 1310, 1320, and MATH 2210.
PHYS 3760 Thermodynamics of Materials (3 Credit Hours)
The course covers the general foundation of both statistical thermodynamics and classical thermodynamics, including thermodynamics laws, auxiliary functions, and behavior of gases and solutions. In addition, special attention is dedicated to equilibria of reactions and phase diagrams of materials. Computer-based programs will be used to solve thermodynamics problems for complicated materials.

PHYS 3800 Physics Colloquium (1 Credit Hour)
A series of undergraduate and faculty seminars emphasizing topics and points of view not covered in the standard curriculum, but which are nonetheless important to the education of a physicist. Notes: Required of all majors. Prerequisites: Junior standing or departmental approval.

PHYS 3880 Writing Practicum (1 Credit Hour)
Writing Practicum. Notes: Does not count toward Physics courses or electives for the Physics major. Prerequisites: Successful completion of the First-Year Writing Requirement. Corequisites: Three-credit departmental course.

PHYS 3890 Service Learning (0-1 Credit Hours)
Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit corequisite course.

PHYS 3940 Transfer Coursework (1-4 Credit Hours)
Transfer Coursework.

PHYS 4230 Thermal Physics (3 Credit Hours)
A study of the physical properties of matter where temperature is an important variable. The laws of thermodynamics, equations of state, thermodynamic potentials. Kinetic theory of gases. Elementary statistical postulates. Ensembles, the partition function. Entropy, phase transitions. Prerequisites: PHYS 1210 and 1220, or 1310 and 1320.

Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 1210, 1210, 1210 or 1210) and (PHYS 1220, 1220, 1220 or 1220) or (PHYS 1310, 1310, 1310 or 1310) and (PHYS 1320, 1320, 1320 or 1320).

PHYS 4470 Intro Quantum Mechanics (3 Credit Hours)
The postulates of quantum mechanics, Schroedinger equation, operator methods, angular momentum, fermion and boson systems, and Heisenberg formulations, applications to simple physical systems. Prerequisites: PHYS 2350 and MATH 2210.

Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 2350, 2350, 2350 or 2350) and (MATH 2210, 2210, 2210, 2210 or 2210).

PHYS 4650 Optics (3 Credit Hours)
Geometrical, physical and quantum optics, with an emphasis on the classical electromagnetic aspects of optics pertaining to scattering, reflection, refraction, dispersion, polarization and interference. Applications to optical instruments, spectroscopy, interferometry, and Fourier optics. Prerequisites: PHYS 1210 and 1220, or PHYS 1310 and PHYS 1320, integral and differential calculus. PHYS 3630 recommended but not required.

Prerequisite(s): (PHYS 1320, 1320, 1320 or 1320) and (MATH 2210, 2210, 2210, 2210 or 2210).

PHYS 4660 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
Special Topics.

PHYS 4910 Independent Studies (1-3 Credit Hours)
Independent Studies. Prerequisites: Approval of instructor and chair of department.

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PHYS 4940 Transfer Coursework (1-4 Credit Hours)
Transfer Coursework.

PHYS 4990 Honors Thesis (3 Credit Hours)
Honors thesis research, first semester. Register in department.

PHYS 5000 Honors Thesis (4 Credit Hours)
Honors thesis research, second semester. Register in department.

PHYS 5380 Study Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)
Courses taught abroad by non-Tulane faculty. Does not count toward Tulane GPA.

PHYS 5390 Study Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)
Courses taught abroad by non-Tulane faculty. Does not count toward Tulane GPA.
PHYS 6010 Techniques Theor Phys I (3 Credit Hours)
Mathematical techniques used in theoretical physics. Topics include partial differential equations, orthogonal coordinate systems, separation of variables, introduction to ordinary differential equations, series solutions and convergence; Sturm Liouville theory, eigensystems and orthogonal functions; complex variables, Taylor and Laurent series, contour integration, integration by steepest descents, and conformal mappings.

PHYS 6020 Techniques Theor Phys II (3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 6010, 6010, 6010, 6010, 6010 or 6010.

PHYS 6070 Astrophysics (3 Credit Hours)

PHYS 6150 Intro To Neutron Science (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the theory and applications of neutron scattering, neutron optics, neutron interferometry and neutron beta decay. This course explores the many uses of thermal and cold neutron beams to study condensed matter, nuclear, molecular and biological systems; test fundamental principles of quantum mechanics and advance the frontier of particle physics.

PHYS 6170 Computnl Physics & Engr (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the use of computational methods in physics and engineering. Writing computer code and using data visualization techniques to help solve experimental and theoretical problems. Data analysis and modeling, Monte Carlo simulations, numerical differentiation and integration, ordinary and partial differential equations, electrostatic nonlinear dynamics and chaos, fast Fourier transform, noisy signal processing, quantum spectra, thermodynamics.

PHYS 6210 Molec Biophysics & Polymer Phy (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the physics of polymers and the physical bases underlying the biofunctionality of macromolecules in living systems. Themes of molecular self-organization, conformation, complementarity, and information content are emphasized and related to protein, lipid, and nucleic acid structure and processes. Introduction to scattering and other spectroscopic techniques.

PHYS 6230 Quantum Information Sci & Eng (3 Credit Hours)
This survey course introduces students to the new world of quantum information, quantum communication, and quantum computing. The course is intended for advanced undergraduates and beginning graduate students in physics, engineering, and mathematics. Topics include: Quantum states, operators, and linear algebra; Bits and qubits; Ensembles and density operators; Unitary transformations, Gates and circuits; Information and entropy; POVM measurement; Multipartite systems; Bell inequality; Bell states and non-locality; Measures of entanglement: Quantum communication and cryptography; Teleportation, Superdense coding; Quantum noise and error correction; Classical and quantum computational complexity; Quantum algorithms; Deutsch-Jozsa, Grover, Shor; DiVincenzo criteria; Physical realizations of quantum computers; trapped ions, solid state qubits; Quantum optics and quantum internet; Topological quantum computation; Quantum biology.

PHYS 6300 General Relativity (3 Credit Hours)

PHYS 6310 Quantum Optics (3 Credit Hours)
Quantum optics is an emerging field of physics that involves the study of semi-classical and quantum-mechanical models of the electromagnetic field, as well as its interaction with atoms and molecules. These nonclassical and quantum features of light have been shown to break the barriers imposed by classical physics in a variety of fields, such as communication, interferometry, computation, and imaging. The main emphasis of this course will be to introduce these nonclassical features, quantize the electromagnetic field, introduce fundamental tests of quantum mechanics by use of optics, and explore the applications of nonclassical concepts such as entanglement.

PHYS 6450 Elem Particle Physics (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to modern elementary particle physics, with an emphasis on the Standard Model, its phenomenology, and dynamics. The Standard Model explains, in principle and with remarkable success, virtually all phenomena that are observed in nature except gravity. The course begins with a qualitative examination of the electromagnetic, strong, and weak interactions and an introduction to the elementary particles through the use of Feynman diagrams. This is followed by relativistic kinematics, the quantum theory of angular momentum and spin, discrete symmetries, and bound states of leptons and quarks, with a focus on the hadrons. Finally the Dirac equation, the Feynman calculus, and the mathematical tools needed to calculate basic decay lifetimes and cross sections involving the electromagnetic and weak interactions are developed and applied.
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Transfer Coursework.

Advanced studies of theoretical mechanics. Lagrangian and Hamiltonian methods. Integrable and non-integrable problems.

Advanced studies of statistical mechanics. Probability theory, random walks, statistical ensembles, entropy, quantum statistical mechanics and applications.

Advanced studies of solid state physics. Properties of the solid state, semiconductors, novel systems, applications.

Advanced studies of atomic and molecular physics. The hydrogen, helium and many electron atoms. Diatomic and polyatomic molecules.

Advanced studies of quantum mechanics. Quantization, probability, quantum wave functions, quantum entanglement. Two, three and multi-level quantum systems and applications.

Continuation of PHYS 7170.


Continuation of PHYS 7230.

Advanced Spec Problems (3 Credit Hours)

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Adv Special Problems II (1-9 Credit Hours)

Individual research supervised by faculty.
PHYS 7920 Research II (3 Credit Hours)
Individual research supervised by faculty.

PHYS 7930 Research III (3 Credit Hours)
Individual research supervised by faculty.

PHYS 7940 Research IV (3 Credit Hours)
Individual research supervised by faculty.

PHYS 7951 Advanced Research I (3 Credit Hours)
PHYS 7952 Advanced Research II (3 Credit Hours)

PHYS 7990 Research (1-9 Credit Hours)
Individual research supervised by faculty.

PHYS 9980 Masters Research (3 Credit Hours)
Research toward completion of a masters degree.

PHYS 9990 Dissertation Research (3 Credit Hours)
Research toward completion of a doctoral degree.