

Course Code	PHYS8002 (RPG)		
Title	Advanced Topics in Theoretical Physics		
Offering Department	Physics		
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Cui Physics		
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Teachers Involved	Name	Department	Percentage
	Various teachers in the department	Physics	100
Course Objectives	To provide an opportunity for students to extend their studies in theoretical aspects of fundamental physics.		
Course Contents & Topics	A series of lectures on advanced topics in theoretical physics, including quantum theory, electromagnetism and statistical mechanics, and their application to several fields of physics of contemporary interest, including astrophysics and condensed matter physics.		
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)	On successful completion of this course, students should be able to: CLO 1 have a comprehensive overview of topics in theoretical physics CLO 2 understand the basic concepts, research oriented techniques and research advances in theoretical physics CLO 3 apply knowledge in understanding theoretical physics		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Nil		
Offer in 2026 - 2027	Y 1st sem 2nd sem	Examination	Dec May
Course Grade	A+ to F		
Grade Descriptors	A: Demonstrate thorough mastery at an advanced level of extensive knowledge and skills required for attaining all the course learning outcomes. Show strong analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, with evidence of original thought, and ability to apply knowledge to a wide range of complex, familiar and unfamiliar situations. Apply highly effective organizational and presentational skills. B: Demonstrate substantial command of a broad range of knowledge and skills required for attaining at least most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to familiar and some unfamiliar situations. Apply effective organizational and presentational skills. C: Demonstrate general but incomplete command of knowledge and skills required for attaining most of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some analytical and critical abilities and logical thinking, and ability to apply knowledge to most familiar situations. Apply moderately effective organizational and presentational skills. D: Demonstrate partial but limited command of knowledge and skills required for attaining some of the course learning outcomes. Show evidence of some coherent and logical thinking, but with limited analytical and critical abilities. Show limited ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Apply limited or barely effective organizational and presentational skills. Fail: Demonstrate little or no evidence of command of knowledge and skills required for attaining the course learning outcomes. Lack of analytical and critical abilities,		

	logical and coherent thinking. Show very little or no ability to apply knowledge to solve problems. Organization and presentational skills are minimally effective or ineffective.		
Course Type	Lecture-based elective course		
Course Teaching & Learning Activities	Activities	Details	No. of Hours
	Lectures		36
	Tutorials		8
	Reading/Self study		80
Assessment Methods and Weighting	Methods	Details	Weighting in final course grade (%)
	Examination		50
	Coursework		50
Quota	9999 (9999 if no quota)		
Required/recommended reading and online materials	Nil		