CS 563 Image Analysis 3-3-0
Cross-listed with CS 463. Image analysis is concerned with the development of machine algorithms in order mimic the biological organism's ability to see and understand images and videos. The course content include: camera models and calibration, image enhancement, features extraction and representation, shape from shading, stereo and texture, optical flow, motion analysis, high level vision and case studies.

CS 564 Computer Networks & Distributed Algorithms 3-3-0
Cross-listed with CS 464. The course presents computer networks at a functional level, with strong emphasis on programming distributed applications over a network. Discussion will be based on open networking and application standards such as the TCP/IP protocol suite and the Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX). The concept of distributed algorithms together with the associated challenges and examples are then presented. Programming distributed applications (in C or C++) is an integral part of the course. Students are expected to work on a large, distributed, and practically meaningful application as part of the course.

CS 565 Advanced Topics in Computer Analysis 3-3-0
The course will present advanced topics of current interest or research directions in Computer Applications. The course content is expected to vary according to the interests of students and faculty. Students are expected to prepare a research paper during the course, or pursue an applied project.

CS 567 Advanced Topics in Algorithms 3-3-0
Cross-listed with CS 467. The course covers some advanced aspects of algorithms and complexity. It studies the topic of NP- complete problems. Some specialized algorithms in several areas will be discussed, such as Bioinformatics, Computational Geometry and Network Flow.

CS 569 Special Topics in Computer Science 3-3-0
The course will present topics of current interest in Computer Science. The course content varies reflecting the interests of the faculty. Students are expected to participate in the presentation of the lecture material and engage in independent research.

CS 590 Master's Project 9-0-0
The Master's project consists of addressing a CS research topic which may be theoretical or practical. Research topics may be given individually or as "grand challenges" to several candidates; however, all the work for the project must be individual. Students can choose to do a project from the topics proposed by the department or opt for an internship at a public institution or a private company. All topics must be approved in advance by the course coordinator. The project must demonstrate that a student understands and is capable of employing research methods and has command of the subject, must show evidence of perspective on the topic, and must show that appropriate methodology has been understood and applied. The deliverable for the project is a report (with appended code if applicable) that, in addition to the above, should show that the student is capable of writing a professional technical document.

CS 596 Research Topics in Computer Science 3-3-0
This course provides an introduction to the primary and secondary sources of information in the computing science literature. Faculty discuss their own research objectives and present an overview of research issues in the major subject areas of Computer Science. Students are required to submit and present a paper on a topic that relates to their research.

CS 597F Graduate Seminar 6-0-0
Students are expected to participate in the departmental seminars and give at a minimum two presentations (one outlining their thesis proposal, and another one about their thesis work). All Master's students are normally expected to enrol in this course in their first year in the program. Students will not receive credit for both this course and CS 598 at the same time.

CS 599 Master's Thesis 24-0-0

MSc in Physics

Program Overview

The Master of Science (MSc) program is designed to give students a much deeper appreciation of physics while at the same time training them to become independent researchers and scientists. Graduate supervision is available in a wide variety of disciplines including astrophysics, exoplanetary science, theoretical cosmology, gravitational theory, and particle physics.

Master's in Physics (45 credits) CONPHY

Students who have completed a BSc degree in physics with at least a B average will be considered for admission into the graduate program. Students who have completed only a major in the subject may be required to take additional courses at the Master's level. Students who have been admitted will be assigned a supervisor by the Chair of Physics and Astronomy. The student's research interests will be taken into consideration when a supervisor is assigned. Current areas of research in the department include astrophysics, gravity and cosmology, particle physics, and theoretical physics.

Course Requirements (MSc):
The MSc degree requires the successful defense of a thesis (15 credits), satisfactory participation in the seminar series (18 credits), and the completion of a minimum of 12 credits in course work. Course selection is determined in consultation with the thesis supervisor and departmental chair. All MSc students must make an oral presentation and defense of their thesis before graduating. The normal period for completion of the M.Sc. degree requirements is two academic years (five semesters). The minimum number of credits required to complete the program is 45.

List of Courses

PHY 561 Quantum Mechanics I 3-3-0
Foundation of quantum mechanics; Schrodinger equation, angular momentum, central potentials, harmonic oscillator, hydrogen atom.
Students who have received credit for PHY 461 may not enrol in this course.

PHY 562 Quantum Mechanics II 3-3-0
Matrix mechanics and applications of quantum mechanics to various branches of physics. Perturbation theory, scattering, molecular applications, and Hartree-Fock Theory.
Students who have received credit for PHY 462 may not enrol in this course.

PHY 564 Condensed Matter Physics 3-3-0
Topics to be studied include the one-electron theory of solids, energy bands, lattice vibrations, transport theory, and thermodynamic properties.
Students who have received credit for PHY 464 may not enrol in this course.

PHY 565 Electromagnetic Theory 3-3-0
Static and dynamic electric and magnetic fields: Maxwell's equations and solutions involving plane waves. Covariant formulation of electromagnetic field theory.
Students who have received credit for PHY 475 may not enrol in this course.

PHY 566 Theoretical Topics 3-3-0
Topics to be studied will be selected from the areas of special and general relativity, particle physics, astrophysics and cosmology. In particular, the covariant nature of physics and various physical symmetries will be investigated.

PHY 567 Advanced Statistical Mechanics 3-3-0
Derivation of the laws of thermodynamics from statistical principles. Quantum statistics, arbitrarily degenerate and relativistic perfect gases, transport theory, thermodynamic fluctuations, and low-temperature physics will also be studied.
Students who have received credit for PHY 467 may not enrol in this course.

PHY 571 Advanced Quantum Theory 3-3-0
Topics to be studied include: Path integral and second quantization approaches to non-relativistic quantum mechanics. Feynman rules and diagrams. Relativistic quantum field of spin-zero particles.

PHY 572 Particle Physics 3-3-0
Quantum field theory of spin 1⁄2 and spin 1 particles will be introduced. Topics include: renormalization and the renormalization group; quantum electrodynamics and quantum chromodynamics; the Standard Model of particle physics; overview of string theory.

PHY 573 Advanced General Relativity 3-3-0
Topics to be studied include: differential geometry, Einstein equations, junction conditions, shell and dust collapse, gravitational waves and black hole thermodynamics.

PHY 574 Relativistic Astrophysics 3-3-0
Topics to be studied include: Cosmology, inflation, dark energy, compact objects, relativistic fluid dynamics, gravitational lensing, and gravitational waves.

PHY 575 Numerical Methods & Simulations 3-3-0
This course will cover selected topics in High Performance Computing including cellular automata, finite element methods, molecular dynamics, Monte Carlo methods, and multigrid methods, with applications to classical fields, fluid dynamics, materials properties, nanostructures, and biomolecules.

PHY 576 Stellar Astrophysics I 3-3-0
An introduction to the properties of stellar atmospheres and interiors. The equations of stellar evolution, nuclear energy generation, radiative transport and stellar model building will be studied. Further topics include the formation of starts, and the physics associated with supernovae, white dwarfs, neutron stars, and pulsars.

PHY 577 Many-Body Quantum Theory in Condensed Matter Systems 3-3-0
The following topics will be studied: Green's functions at zero and finite temperature; the interacting electron gas; the Hubbard model and strongly correlated systems; electron-phonon interaction; superconductivity and superfluidity.

PHY 578 Selected Topics in Astronomy & Astrophysics 3-3-0
Topics to be determined in consultation with prospective students.

PHY 579 Selected Theoretical Topics 3-3-0
Topics to be determined in consultation with prospective students.

PHY 580F Graduate Seminar I 9-0-0
Students are expected to participate in the departmental seminar series and to make a presentation on either their own work or on a research-related topic. All M.Sc. Students are normally expected to enrol in this course at the beginning of their first year of studies.
Offered alternate years with PHY 581.

PHY 581F Graduate Seminar II 9-0-0
Students in the second year of their degree program are expected to participate in the departmental seminar series and to make a presentation on either their own work or on a research-related topic.
Offered alternate years with PHY 580.

PHY 586 Stellar Astrophysics II 3-3-0
A detailed study of the physics that determines the evolution of stars during all of their possible phases. This includes radiative hydrodynamics and atmospheric modeling, specialized equations of state, and the nuclear physics needed to understand the various channels that lead to the creation of the heavy elements. The physics of neutrino production and detection will also be investigated. These topics will form the basis for a study of the evolution of supernovae and other high-energy phenomena in stellar astrophysics.

PHY 600 Thesis Research Dissertation 15-0-0
Each student is required to carry out independent, publishable research that is presented in the form of a thesis. The research is conducted under the supervision of a faculty member. The thesis will be evaluated externally and must be successfully defended in a meeting for which the presentation of the thesis results is open to all members of the academic community.