UMCS Topology in Condensed Matter Summer 2019/2020

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Course Content: The (potential) topics of this course include:

Topology: Mathematical Background

• Beyond Landau: Topology and Order

- Types of Topology in Condensed Matter: Long Range Entanglement and Symmetry Protected Topology
- Topological Insulators and Superconductors in 1D, 2D, and 3D
- The Ten-Fold Way
- Topology of what exactly?
- Topological invariants
- Bulk-boundary correspondence Majoranas!
- Long range entanglement and quantum order
- Integer and fractional quantum Halle effects
- Berry phase, Aharonov-Bohm effect
- Topology of Fermi surfaces

Grading: The course grade will be based on participation in the classes and a final exam.

Objectives: To have an overview of the different applications of topology in understanding condensed matter systems, and just enough of the mathematical background.

Prerequisites: Condensed Matter Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Linear Algebra.