

**Winter 2012      PHY 5015 Non-Classical Physics for Secondary School Educators**

**Lecture Hours:**      M 5 - 8 PM

**Location:**            219 Physics

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**Course Objective:** To develop conceptual understanding and problem solving Skills in Modern Physics  
All information, , problems, assignments will be posted on Blackboard

**Text Book:** Most of the topics listed below will follow Chapters 26- 30 in College Physics by Serway and Faughn 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Some copies are available. Please wait until first day of class before buying this book.

**Home work :** Weekly home work will be assigned. These need to be submitted at the beginning of class the following week.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1/9	Review of classical Physics, What is Modern Physics, Maxwell's equation, EM waves and properties, Black body radiation, Energy, Plank's hypothesis, particle theory of light, photo effect.
1/23	X-rays, X-ray diffraction, Photons, The Compton Effect, matter waves, wave- particle duality, the wave function, de Broglie waves Uncertainty Principle, Applications and implications of quantum theory.
1/30	Model of the atom, Atomic spectra, Bohr Model, Modifications, Hydrogen atom wave function, quantum mechanics of hydrogen atom, the quantum numbers.
2/06	Multi electron atoms, electron cloud, Pauli's exclusion principle, Excited states and spectra, Characteristic X-rays, atomic transitions. Lasers.
2/13	Hydrogen molecule, Covalent bond, ionic bonding, Molecular vibrations and rotations, molecular spectra.
2/20	Exam-1 ( 1 hour) Ionic and covalent solids, Energy bands in solids, intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors,

Semiconductor devices and superconductivity.

- 2/27 Properties of Nucleus, Nuclear Structure and stability, BE, Radioactivity, Radioactive decay processes,
- 3/05 Nuclear reactions, radiology and other nuclear medical applications.
- 3/12 No Class- Spring Break
- 3/19 Exam-2 ( 1 hour)  
Nuclear Fission, Reactors, Nuclear Fusion, Fundamental forces of nature.
- 3/26 Elementary particles, anti particles, Families of particles, conservations laws. Quark and standard models.
- 4/02 Relativity, Introduction to Galilean Relativity, Michelson Morley Expt. and speed of Light, Einstein's special theory of relativity, Length, time and mass Relativistic velocities, momentum and energy.
- 4/09 Relativity (cont), General Relativity, Pair production and annihilation the cosmic connection.
- 4/16 Ultimate building blocks of matter, Astrophysics (Neutron Stars, Black holes), the cosmic connection.
- 4/23 Review
- 4/30 Final Exam

Grades in this course will be determined by your performance on the exams, assigned homework problems and the project write up

**Lab:** There is no lab component for the course. However, the course may include participation in some lab/demos such as photoelectric effect, Radioactivity etc. These will be announced in class. Participation is not mandatory. Those who wish to enroll in a lab can register for PHY 3310 (Modern Physics Lab) after discussing it with instructor.

Exams: There will 2 mid term and one final exam.

Homework	25%
First Exam	20 %
Second Exam	20 %
Final Exam	35 %

