

Course Code	PHYS8002 (RPG)		
Title	Advanced Topics in Theoretical Physics		
Offering Department	Physics		
Course Co-ordinator	Prof X D Cui Physics		
Course Co-ordinator Email	xdcui@hku.hk		
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)	<p>On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:</p> <p>CLO 1 have a comprehensive overview of topics in theoretical physics</p> <p>CLO 2 understand the basic concepts, research oriented techniques and research advances in theoretical physics</p> <p>CLO 3 apply knowledge in understanding theoretical physics</p>		
Pre-requisites (and Co-requisites and Impermissible combinations)	Nil		
Offer in 2023 - 2024	Y	1st sem 2nd sem	Examination Dec May
Course Grade	Pass or Fail		
Grade Descriptors	<p>Pass: 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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
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