

**COURSE DATA****Data Subject**

Code	34254
Name	Quantum physics laboratory
Cycle	Grade
ECTS Credits	5.0
Academic year	2023 - 2024

Study (s)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1105 - Degree in Physics	Faculty of Physics	3	Annual
1928 - Double Degree Program Physics-Mathematics	Double Degree Program Physics and Mathematics	4	First term
1929 - Double Degree Program in Physics and Chemistry	Double Degree Program Physics and Chemistry	4	First term

Subject-matter

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1105 - Degree in Physics	10 - Experimental physics laboratory	Obligatory
1928 - Double Degree Program Physics-Mathematics	4 - Cuarto Curso (Obligatorio)	Obligatory
1929 - Double Degree Program in Physics and Chemistry	4 - Cuarto Curso (Obligatorio)	Obligatory

Coordination

Name	Department
SANTAMARIA LUNA, ARCADIO	185 - Theoretical Physics

SUMMARY

Experimentation plays an essential role in physics, not only as a direct source of knowledge but also as a means to validate or refute the theories proposed. Laboratory work in physics studies should be designed primarily to make students understand this crucial role. The subject of "Quantum Physics Laboratory" is designed to try to achieve this goal in a field of physics that requires, at a theoretical level, a high level of mental abstraction. Thus, laboratory experiments proposed aim, on the one hand, a phenomenological-historical introduction to quantum ideas (photon energy levels in atoms, momentum - wavelength relationship...) that led to the birth of quantum mechanics and, moreover, a better conceptual



understanding of it.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

It is assumed that the student knows some general techniques for collecting and processing experimental data (measurements, errors, graphic representations, fits ...) for having taken other laboratory subjects, particularly the Physics laboratory in the first year. The necessary theoretical background is provided by the Quantum Physics subject that must be taken either simultaneously or previously.

COMPETENCES (RD 1393/2007) // LEARNING OUTCOMES (RD 822/2021)

1105 - Degree in Physics

- Knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of physics in theoretical and experimental aspects, and the mathematical background needed for its formulation.
- To know how to apply the knowledge acquired to professional activity, to know how to solve problems and develop and defend arguments, relying on this knowledge.
- Ability to collect and interpret relevant data in order to make judgements.
- Problem solving: be able to evaluate clearly the orders of magnitude in situations which are physically different, but show analogies, thus allowing the use of known solutions in new problems .
- Have become familiar with most important experimental methods and be able to perform experiments independently, estimate uncertainties, as well as to describe, analyse and critically evaluate experimental data according to the physical models involved. Know how to use basic instrumentation.
- Physics general culture: Be familiar with the most important areas of physics and with those approaches which span many areas in physics, or connections of physics with other sciences.
- Prob. solving and computer skills: be able to perform calculations independently, even when a small PC or a large computer is needed, including the development of software programmes.
- Basic & applied Research: acquire an understanding of the nature and ways of physics research and of how physics research is applicable to many fields other than physics, e.g. engineering; be able to design experimental and/or theoretical procedures for: (i) solving current problems in academic or industrial research; (ii) improving the existing results.
- Foreign Language skills: Have improved command of English (or other foreign languages of interest) through: use of the basic literature, written and oral communication (scientific and technical English), participation in courses, study abroad via exchange programmes, and recognition of credits at foreign universities or research centres.



- Literature Search: be able to search for and use physical and other technical literature, as well as any other sources of information relevant to research work and technical project development.
- Learning ability: be able to enter new fields through independent study, in physics and science and technology in general.
- Communication Skills (written and oral): Being able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions through argumentation and reasoning which are characteristic of the scientific activity, using basic concepts and tools of physics.
- Students must have acquired knowledge and understanding in a specific field of study, on the basis of general secondary education and at a level that includes mainly knowledge drawn from advanced textbooks, but also some cutting-edge knowledge in their field of study.
- Students must be able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and have acquired the competences required for the preparation and defence of arguments and for problem solving in their field of study.
- Students must have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually in their field of study) to make judgements that take relevant social, scientific or ethical issues into consideration.
- Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.
- Students must have developed the learning skills needed to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.

LEARNING OUTCOMES (RD 1393/2007) // NO CONTENT (RD 822/2021)

Knowing the processes, techniques and tools of basic quantum physics.

Developing an intuition about quantum physics concepts of the physical processes involved in the experiments.

Developing criticism through reasoned interpretation, from the quantum theory to the experimental results.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

- 1 Black body: Stefan-Boltzmann Law. Determination of Planck's constant
- 2 Millikans experiment. Electrons charge.
- 3 Photoelectric Effect: Measurement of stopping potential and determination of Planck's constant
- 4 Franck-Hertz experiment with mercury and neon. Estimation of the cross section for the inelastic collision of electrons with atoms.
- 5 X-ray: spectrum, determination of Planck's constant and characteristic peaks
- 6 Electron diffraction: determination of distances between atomic planes of graphite.
- 7 Diffraction through a slit and Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.



WORKLOAD

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Laboratory practices	50,00	100
Study and independent work	55,00	0
Preparation of evaluation activities	8,00	0
Preparation of practical classes and problem	12,00	0
TOTAL	125,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- Laboratory sessions in small groups in which students conduct experimental work in groups and individually, taking measurements in experimental devices, and the recording of data and its preliminary analysis.
- Preparation of the experimental sessions and study of the theoretical aspects.
- Personal work for the study and interpretation of the observed phenomenology and data processing, basic statistics, results, interpretations, conclusions and communication.

EVALUATION

1) Continuous assessment based on:

- Attendance, attitude and skills showed in the lab sessions as well as preparation and prior to the laboratory sessions documentation.
- Notebook practices or logbook to collect experimental work, both in terms of collecting data as graphs, analysis and more immediate results and their justification and argument. Special care will be paid the appropriate management of orders of magnitude and units of measure.
- Practical tests in the laboratory.
 - Attendance at laboratory sessions is mandatory and a necessary condition to pass the subject (the activity can not be made up).

2) An oral or written examination, or a presentation.

70% of the grade will be based on those aspects included in the ongoing evaluation, plus 30% from the examination.



REFERENCES

Basic

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- C. Sánchez del Río: Física Cuántica, vol. I, Ed. Eudema Universidad 1991
- M. Alonso y E. J. Finn: Física, vols. II y III. Ed. Fondo Educativo Interamericano 1971