



MANONMANIAM SUNDARANAR UNIVERSITY,
TIRUNELVELI-12
SYLLABUS



PG - COURSES – AFFILIATED COLLEGES

Course Structure for M. Sc. Physics

(Choice Based Credit System)

(with effect from the academic year 2023-2024 onwards)

Semester-IV				
Part	Subject Status	Subject Title	Subject Code	Credit
3	Core	NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS	VPHC41	5
3	Core Practical- IV	ADVANCED PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS - II AND NUMERICAL METHODS IN C++	VPHL41	4
3	ELECTIVE	ELECTRO MAGNETIC THEORY	VPHE41	3
3	Core	PROJECT WITH VIVA VOCE	VPHP41	8
3	SEC - 3	SOLAR ENERGY UTILIZATION	VPHSE41	2
3	EXTENSION ACTIVITY	CHOOSE ANY ONE FROM LIST - I	VPHEA41	1



Total Marks: 100 Internal Exam: 25 marks + External Exam: 75 marks

A. Scheme for internal Assessment:

Maximum marks for written test: **15 marks**

3 internal tests, each of **I hour** duration shall be conducted every semester.

To the average of the **best two** written examinations must be added the marks scored in. The **assignment** for 5 marks and Seminar for 5 marks

The break up for internal assessment shall be:

Written test- 15 marks; Assignment -5 marks; Seminar-5 Marks Total - 25 marks

B. Scheme of External Examination

3 hrs. examination at the end of the semester

A – Part : 1 mark question two - from each unit

B – Part : 5 marks question one - from each unit

C – Part : 8 marks question one - from each unit

➤ **Conversion of Marks into Grade Points and Letter Grades**

S.No.	Percentage of Marks	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Performance
1	90 - 100	O+	10	Outstanding
2	80 - 89	O	9	Excellent
3	70 - 79	A+	8	Very Good
4	60 - 69	A	7	Good
5	55 - 59	B+	6	Above Average
6	50 - 54	B	5	Pass
7	0 - 49	RA	-	ReAppear
8	Absent	AA	-	Absent

➤ **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\Sigma (GP \times C)}{\Sigma C}$$

- **GP** = Grade point, **C** = Credit
- CGPA is calculated only for Part-III courses
- CGPA for a semester is awarded on cumulative basis

➤ **Classification**

- First Class with Distinction : CGPA $\geq 7.5^*$
- First Class : CGPA ≥ 6.0
- Second Class : CGPA ≥ 5.0 and < 6.0
- Third Class : CGPA < 5.0



NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS

Learning Objectives

- Introduces students to the different models of the nucleus in a chronological order
- Imparts an in-depth knowledge on the nuclear force, experiments to study it and the types of nuclear reactions and their principles
- Provides students with details of nuclear decay with relevant theories
- Exposes students to the Standard Model of Elementary Particles and Higgs boson

UNIT I: NUCLEAR MODELS

Liquid drop model – Weizacker mass formula – Isobaric mass parabola – Mirror Pair - Bohr Wheeler theory of fission – shell model – spin-orbit coupling – magic numbers – angular momenta and parity of ground states – magnetic moment – Schmidt model – electric Quadrupole moment - Bohr and Mottelson collective model – rotational and vibrational bands.

UNIT II: NUCLEAR FORCES

Nucleon – nucleon interaction – Tensor forces – properties of nuclear forces – ground state of deuteron – Exchange Forces - Meson theory of nuclear forces – Yukawa potential – nucleon- nucleon scattering – effective range theory – spin dependence of nuclear forces - charge independence and charge symmetry – isospin formalism.

UNIT III: NUCLEAR REACTIONS

Kinds of nuclear reactions – Reaction kinematics – Q-value – Partial wave analysis of scattering and reaction cross section – scattering length – Compound nuclear reactions – Reciprocity theorem – Resonances – Breit Wigner one level formula – Direct reactions - Nuclear Chain reaction – four factor formula.

UNIT IV: NUCLEAR DECAY

Beta decay – Continuous Beta spectrum – Fermi theory of beta decay - Comparative Half-life – Fermi Kurie Plot – mass of neutrino – allowed and forbidden decay – neutrino physics – Helicity - Parity violation - Gamma decay – multipole radiations – Angular Correlation - internal conversion – nuclear isomerism – angular momentum and parity selection rules.

UNIT V: ELEMENTARY PARTICLES

Classification of Elementary Particles – Types of Interaction and conservation laws – Families of elementary particles – Isospin – Quantum Numbers – Strangeness –

Hypercharge and Quarks –SU (2) and SU (3) groups-Gell Mann matrices– Gell Mann Okuba Mass formula- Quark Model. Standard model of particle physics – Higgs boson.

UNIT VI: PROFESSIONAL COMPONENTS

Expert Lectures, Online Seminars - Webinars on Industrial Interactions/Visits, Competitive Examinations, Employable and Communication Skill Enhancement, Social Accountability and Patriotism

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ELECTROMAGNETIC THEORY

Learning Objectives

- To acquire knowledge about boundary conditions between two media and the technique of method of separation of variables
- To understand Biot – Savart's law and Ampere's circuital law
- To comprehend the physical ideas contained in Maxwell's equations, Coulomb & Lorentz gauges, conservation laws
- To assimilate the concepts of propagation, polarization, reflection and refraction of electromagnetic waves
- To grasp the concept of plasma as the fourth state of matter

UNIT I: ELECTROSTATICS

Boundary value problems and Laplace equation – Boundary conditions and uniqueness theorem – Laplace equation in three dimension – Solution in Cartesian and spherical polar coordinates – Examples of solutions for boundary value problems. Polarization and displacement vectors - Boundary conditions - Dielectric sphere in a uniform field – Molecular polarizability and electrical susceptibility – Electrostatic energy in the presence of dielectric – Multipole expansion.

UNIT II: MAGNETO STATICS

Biot-Savart's Law - Ampere's law - Magnetic vector potential and magnetic field of a localized current distribution - Magnetic moment, force and torque on a current distribution in an external field - Magneto static energy - Magnetic induction and magnetic field in macroscopic media - Boundary conditions - Uniformly magnetized sphere.

UNIT III: MAXWELL EQUATIONS

Faraday's laws of Induction - Maxwell's displacement current - Maxwell's equations - Vector and scalar potentials - Gauge invariance - Wave equation and plane wave solution- Coulomb and Lorentz gauges - Energy and momentum of the field - Poynting's theorem - Lorentz force - Conservation laws for a system of charges and electromagnetic fields.

UNIT IV: WAVE PROPAGATION

Plane waves in non-conducting media - Linear and circular polarization, reflection and refraction at a plane interface - Waves in a conducting medium - Propagation of waves in a rectangular wave guide. Inhomogeneous wave equation and retarded potentials - Radiation from a localized source - Oscillating electric dipole

UNIT V: ELEMENTARY PLASMA PHYSICS

The Boltzmann Equation - Simplified magneto-hydrodynamic equations - Electron plasma oscillations - The Debye shielding problem - Plasma confinement in a



magnetic field - Magneto- hydrodynamic waves - Alfvén waves and magneto sonic waves.

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5. <https://www.cliffsnotes.com/study-guides/physics/electricity-andmagnetism/electrostatics>

Practical – IV: ADVANCED PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS – II AND NUMERICAL METHODS IN C++

Learning Objectives

- To apply theoretical knowledge through hands-on experiments in order to analyze and understand the characteristics and behaviors of various physical and electronic systems, while developing practical skills in measurement, data analysis, and circuit design.



- To familiarize the students with numerical methods used in problem-solving by writing programs using the high level language C++

Advanced Physics Experiments – II and Numerical Methods in C++

Section A: Advanced Physics Experiments – II (Any 6 Experiments)

1. Investigate the equilibrium points of the logistic map equation $X_{n+1} = aX_n (1 - X_n)$ for various parameter values and initial conditions:
 - a) Determine the equilibrium points for 'a' ranging from 0.5 to 2.5 with a step size of 0.1 considering $x_0=0.1$.
 - b) Explore the behavior of the logistic map for 'a' values between 3.5 and 4.0 with a step size of 0.05 for $x_0=0.2$.
 - c) Analyze the dynamics near the period-doubling bifurcation point at $a \approx 3.828$, considering $x_0=0.3$.
 - d) Plot x_n versus n for each scenario and generate bifurcation diagrams to visualize the system's behavior.
2. Determination of resistivity of a semiconductor by Four Probe Method.
3. Examine the input-output characteristics of an ADC or DAC IC (0800 series). The characteristics may include parameters such as linearity, accuracy, resolution and dynamic range.
4. Photo Conductivity Experiment:
 - a) To plot the current-voltage characteristics of a CdS Photo Resistor (LDR) at constant irradiance.
 - b) To measure the Photo current as a function of irradiance at constant voltage
5. Determination of the distance between two tracks of a CD and a DVD using a Solid state laser
6. Verification of Thevenin's and Max power theorems
7. Study the Characteristics of a Load cell
8. Design of a Serial Shift Registers using necessary Flip-Flop ICs
9. Design of Encoder and Decoder Circuits using necessary ICs
10. Study of a quartz crystal (1 MHz) and construction of a Pierce crystal Oscillator using digital inverters
11. UV spectral data analysis for the given spectrum
12. Simulation of satellite orbit around the earth using the universal law of gravitation in Scilab

Section – B : Numerical Methods in C++ (Any SIX programs with Algorithm and Flow chart)

1. Algebraic and Transcendental equation.
 - a) Solution of the given equations using Newton Raphson Method – manual calculation.
 - b) C++ program to find the solution using N-R method and verification.



2. Algebraic and Transcendental equations.
 - a) Solution of the given equations using Bisection Method – manual calculation.
 - b) C++ program to find the solution using Bisection method and verification.
3. Curve Fitting – Linear Fit
 - a) Principle of least square and fitting a straight line.
 - b) C++ program to fit a straight line using the given data related with any physics experiment.
4. Curve Fitting – Non Linear Fit
 - a) Principle of fitting a second degree polynomial using method of least square
 - b) C++ program to fit a polynomial using the given data related with any physics experiment.
5. Interpolation
 - a) Derive Lagrangian interpolation formula.
 - b) C++ program to interpolate using the given data related with any physics experiment by Lagrangian Method.
6. Solution of simultaneous equations -Gauss Elimination method.
 - a) Procedure to solve Simultaneous equations using Gauss Elimination (GE) Method
 - b) C++ program for solving unknown branch currents in Wheatstone's bridge using GE method.
7. Numerical solution of ordinary Differential Equations.
 - a) Derivation of Exponential law of Radioactive decay.
 - b) RK 4th order method of solving a given 1st order differential equation.
 - c) C++ program using RK method to solve radioactive problem – Compare output with the analytical result.
8. Area under the Curve - Numerical integration
 - a) Derivation of Trapezoidal and Simpson's rule
 - b) C++ programs for Trapezoidal and Simpson 1/3 rule
 - c) Comparison of the program output with direct integration.
9. Random Number Generation and Montecarlo Method
 - a) Generate and scale the random numbers for the desired range using the C++ library functions.
 - b) Evaluate the given integral using Montecarlo method.
10. Matrix Multiplication
 - a) Multiplication of two given matrices
 - b) Rotation matrix definition.
 - c) C++ program to rotate the given 2D- object about the origin using



rotation matrix through the given angle.

11. Inverse of a Matrix

- a) Procedure to determine the Inverse of a Matrix using Gauss elimination Method.
- b) C++ Program to find the Inverse of a Matrix using Gauss Elimination Method.

12. Numerical Differentiation

- a) Numerical differentiation – related to any physical problem
- b) Derivation of Newton's law of cooling –equation
- c) C++ program to verify the Newton's law of cooling from the given experimental data.

SOLAR ENERGY UTILIZATION

Learning Objectives

- To impart fundamental aspects of solar energy utilization.
- To give adequate exposure to solar energy related industries
- To harness entrepreneurship skills
- To understand the different types of solar cells and channelizing them to the different sectors of society
- To develop an industrialist mindset by utilizing renewable source of energy

UNIT I

HEAT TRANSFER & RADIATION ANALYSIS

Introduction to sun and solar energy – Conduction, Convection and Radiation – Solar Radiation at the earth's surface – Earth radiation budget- Determination of solar time – Solar energy measuring methods and instruments- Analysis of Solar insolation .

UNIT II

SOLAR COLLECTORS

Physical principles of conversion of solar radiation into heat flat plate collectors - General characteristics – Focusing collector systems – Thermal performance evaluation of optical loss.

UNIT III

SOLAR HEATERS

Types of solar water heater - Solar heating system – Collectors and storage tanks – Solar ponds – Solar cooling systems – Design and cost estimation of a solar thermal system (Load analysis, system design, component list, price break down)

UNIT IV

SOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION

Photo Voltaic principles – Types of solar cells – Crystalline silicon/amorphous silicon



and Thermo - electric conversion - process flow of silicon solar cells- different approaches on the process- texturization, diffusion, Antireflective coatings, metallization-Emerging solar cell technologies.

UNIT V

NANOMATERIALS IN FUEL CELL APPLICATIONS

Use of nanostructures and nanomaterial in fuel cell technology - high and low temperature fuel cells, cathode and anode reactions, fuel cell catalysts, electrolytes, ceramic catalysts. Use of Nano technology in hydrogen production and storage.

Industrial visit – data collection and analysis - presentation

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