

**SYLLABUS** (Subject to Modification)  
**PHYS. 4310**  
**Quantum Mechanics**

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Spring 2020

Lecture: MWF 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.  
Recitation: W 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.  
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**Prerequisite(s):** PHYS. 3010/PHYS.3030 and MATH. 3410

PHYS. 3010: Modern Physics

PHYS. 3030: Laboratory in Modern Physics

**Recommended Prerequisites:**

MATH. 2700: Linear Algebra and Vector Geometry

MATH. 3410: Differential Equations I

MATH. 3420: Differential Equations II

PHYS. 3310: Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences

**Text:** *Introduction to Quantum Mechanics*, David J. Griffiths and Darrell F. Schroeter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

Cambridge University Press.

ISBN: 978-1-107-18963-8 Hardback

DOI: 10.1017/9781316995433

<https://www.reed.edu/physics/faculty/griffiths/QM3a.pdf>

<https://www.reed.edu/physics/faculty/griffiths/QM3ErrataCurrent.pdf>

**Useful Resources:**

- *Basic Quantum Mechanics*, J. M. Cassels, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, (McGraw-Hill Ltd, 1982) ISBN: 0 333 18599.
- *Quantum Mechanics*, Eugen Merzbacher, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 1961, 1970, 1988, 1998) ISBN: 0-471-88702-1.
- *Principles of Quantum Mechanics*, R. Shankar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, (Springer Science+Business Media, Inc. 1994) ISBN; 0-306-44790-8.
- *Quantum Mechanics*, Leonard I. Schiff, (International Student Edition, McGraw-Hill International Book Company, 1968) ISBN 9-07-085643-5.
- *Introductory Quantum Mechanics*, R. L. Liboff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, (Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc., 1992) ISBN 0-201-54715-5.
- *Quantum Physics*, Stephen Gasiorowicz, (John Wiley, 1974).
- *Mathematical Methods for Science Students*, G. Stephenson.
- *Quantum Physics of Atoms, Molecules, Solids, Nuclei, and Particles*, R. Eisberg and R. Resnick, (John Wiley & Sons 1974, 1985), ISBN: 0-471.12.E34.
- *Mathematical Methods for Physicists, A Comprehensive Guide*, 7th Edition, George B. Arfken, Hans J. Weber, and Frank E. Harris, Academic Press, An imprint of Elsevier elsevierdirect.com, ISBN-13: 978-0123846549, ISBN-10: 0123846544.

- *NIST Digital Library of Mathematical Functions*, <http://dlmf.nist.gov/>
- [http://www.demonstrations.wolfram.com/search.html?query=Quantum Mechanics](http://www.demonstrations.wolfram.com/search.html?query=Quantum+Mechanics)
- *Physics of Atoms and Molecules*, B. H. Bransden and C. J. Joachain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2003 Prentice Hall, An imprint of Pearson Education, Harlow, England, London, New York, ISBN 0582 35692 X.

**Course Content:** 3 hours. (3;0;1) Origins of the modern theory of atomic structure; Schrödinger's formulation of non-relativistic, single-particle quantum mechanics and application to simple systems; the one-electron atom.

**Course Objectives:**

- To learn basis quantum mechanics and its mathematical formulation.
- To be ready to take the graduate Quantum Mechanics courses.

**Exams:** There are three term exams and one final exam. Exams will be based on the text reading, any other assigned readings, class lectures, homework and any additional material given. Closed book exams. Calculators can not be used. No make-up exams given in general. Terms exams are scheduled in class and recitation on Wednesdays.

**Homework:** *Weekly homework that is due at beginning of the Friday class and to be given in class. No-late homework accepted unless permission given by instructor.* The plan is for homework assignments to be placed on *Canvas*.

**Canvas:** Please check blackboard daily Monday-Saturday for possible announcements, Mathematica files and references.

**Reading:** Read appropriate sections of the book before class. Read from additional material if suggested. Read class notes and book after class.

**Attendance:** Required attendance for both class and recitation.

**Recitation:** The plan for recitation includes discussing homework, having quizzes, doing extra problems and reviewing the material.

**Quizzes:** The plan is to give quizzes during some of the recitations. Quizzes may also be passed out during recitation to do outside of recitation. The quizzes do not help directly towards your grade, but take them seriously.

**Grading:**

Three unit exam average	60%	A: 90-100
Homework	15%	B: 80-89
Comprehensive final	<u>25%</u>	C: 70-79
	100%	D 60 -69
		F: < 60

**Policies and Procedures:**

<https://teachingcommons.unt.edu/teaching-handbook/definitions-and-policies/>

Emergency Notifications & Procedures

[unt-teaching-policies/emergency-notifications-procedures](https://teachingcommons.unt.edu/teaching-handbook/definitions-and-policies/unt-teaching-policies/emergency-notifications-procedures)

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<https://emergency.unt.edu/>

<https://emergency.unt.edu/emergency-floor-plans>

[physics\\_building\\_emergency\\_floorplan\\_2019.pdf](#)

If there is a tornado or hurricane, please proceed to the physics basement.

Cell phones, iPads, tablets, etc, are to be turned off during class during to class and recitation, other than when taking SPOT evaluations if done in class or recitation.

Extra Help: If you are having trouble with this class, please come by my office during office hours or make an appointment to see me. I am also available by email at [squin-tanilla@unt.edu](mailto:squin-tanilla@unt.edu).

Student Academic Integrity: <https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003>

Office of the Registrar: <https://registrar.unt.edu/>

Spring 2020 Registration Guide including Important Dates:

<https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide>

Student Evaluation System: <http://vpaa.unt.edu/spot>

<https://vpaa.unt.edu/spot/summer2019/spring-2020-calendar>

<https://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2019-20/calendar> Office of Disability Access

<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/16-001>

<https://disability.unt.edu/parents-faculty-staff/taglines>

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*In attachment of an email by the Physics Dept. Main Office.*

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1-1	M	Jan. 13	Chp. 1	Wave Equation	
1-2	W	Jan. 15	Chp. 1	Wave Equation	
1-3	F	Jan. 17	Chp. 1	Wave Equation	
2-4	W	Jan. 22	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
2-5	F	Jan. 24	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	Hwk due
3-6	M	Jan. 27	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
3-7	W	Jan. 29	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
3-8	F	Jan. 31	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	Hwk due
4-9	M	Feb. 3	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
4-10	W	Feb. 5	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
4-11	F	Feb. 7	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	Hwk due
5-12	M	Feb. 10	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
5-13	W	Feb. 12	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
5-14	F	Feb. 14	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	Hwk due
6-15	M	Feb. 17	Chp. 2	Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation	
6-16	W	Feb. 19	Exam 1.	Chapters 1 & 2	
6-17	F	Feb. 21	Chp. 3	Formalism	Hwk due
7-18	M	Feb. 24	Chp. 3	Formalism	
7-19	W	Feb. 26	Chp. 3	Formalism	
7-20	F	Feb. 28	Chp. 3	Formalism	Hwk due
8-21	M	Mar. 2	Chp. 3	Formalism	
8-22	W	Mar. 4	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
8-23	F	Mar. 6	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	Hwk due

Spring Break, March 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>

9-24	M	Mar. 16	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
9-25	W	Mar. 18	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
9-26	F	Mar. 20	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	Hwk due
10-27	M	Mar. 23	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
10-28	W	Mar. 27	Exam 2	Chapters 2 & 3	
10-29	F	Mar. 29	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	Hwk due
11-30	M	Mar. 30	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
11-31	W	Apr. 1	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
11-32	F	Apr. 3	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	Hwk due
12-33	M	Apr. 6	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
12-34	W	Apr. 8	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
12-35	F	Apr. 10	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	Hwk due
13-36	M	Apr. 13	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
13-37	W	Apr. 15	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	
13-38	F	Apr. 17	Chp. 4	QM in 3D	Hwk due
14-39	M	Apr. 20	Chp. 4.	QM in 3D	
14-40	W	Apr. 22	Exam 3.	Chapters 3 & 4	
14-41	F	Apr. 24	Chp. 5	Identical Particles	Hwk due
15-42	M	Apr. 27	Chp. 5	Identical Particles	
15-43	W	Apr. 29	Review		

Final Exam: Saturday, May 2, 2020, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.