

## PHY 616

### Quantum Field Theory I

Semester/Term: Fall 2021

Credit Hours: 3.0

#### Instructor Information

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#### Course Description

The course provides an introduction to quantum field theory. Topics include scalar field theory, fermion field theory, perturbation theory, quantum electrodynamics, and radiative corrections.

#### Recommended Materials

The course will roughly follow part I of:

Peskin and Schroeder, *An introduction to quantum field theory*

Other recommended books for selected topics are:

Weinberg, *Quantum field theory*, volumes 1 and 2

Cheng and Li, *Gauge theory of elementary particle physics*

#### Activities and Assignments

There will be five core topics in the course, each with a corresponding problem set (75%), and a final project (25%). Homework assignments are an essential part of the course. It is legitimate to discuss problems with other students, consult textbooks or get advice from your instructor. However, the final work must be yours!

#### Course Assignments

- 5 graded homework assignments at 15 points each (lowest grade of 5 dropped)
- 1 Final project 25 points

#### Submission of Assignments

Online via Canvas

#### Course Grading

Grading Scale for graduate students:

80 - 100%	= A
70 - 79%	= B
60 - 69%	= C
Below 60%	= E

#### Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Date	Ch. in PS	Topic
1,2,3	Aug 23-Sept 8	2	1. Scalar field theory
4,5,6	Sept 13-Sept 29	3	2. Fermion field theory
7,8,9	Oct 4-Oct 20	4	3. Perturbation theory

	Oct 25		Fall Break October 25-26
10,11,12	Oct 27-Nov 10	5	4. QED
13,14,15	Nov 15-Dec 1	6,7	5. Radiative corrections and LSZ
16	Dec 6-Dec 8		Review

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## Attendance Policy

Attendance and participation in lectures is expected.

## Academic Integrity– Prohibition on Plagiarism (Senate Rules 6.3.1)

Per University policy, students shall not plagiarize, cheat, or falsify or misuse academic records. Students are expected to adhere to University policy on cheating and plagiarism in all courses. The minimum penalty for a first offense is a zero on the assignment on which the offense occurred. If the offense is considered severe or the student has other academic offenses on their record, more serious penalties, up to suspension from the University may be imposed.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious breaches of academic conduct. Each student is advised to become familiar with the various forms of academic dishonesty as explained in the [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). Complete information can be found on the [Academic Ombud](#) page. A plea of ignorance is not acceptable as a defense against the charge of academic dishonesty. It is important that you review this information as all ideas borrowed from others need to be properly credited.

*Senate Rule 6.3.1* (see current [Senate Rules](#)) states that all academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by students to their instructors or other academic supervisors, is expected to be the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression. In cases where students feel unsure about a question of plagiarism involving their work, they are obliged to consult their instructors on the matter before submission.

When students submit work purporting to be their own, but which in any way borrows ideas, organization, wording, or content from another source without appropriate acknowledgment of the fact, the students are guilty of plagiarism.

Plagiarism includes reproducing someone else's work (including, but not limited to a published article, a book, a website, computer code, or a paper from a friend) without clear attribution. Plagiarism also includes the practice of employing or allowing another person to alter or revise the work which a student submits as his/her own, whoever that other person may be, except under specific circumstances (e.g. Writing Center review or peer review) allowed by the Instructor of Record or that person's designee. Plagiarism may also include double submission, self-plagiarism, or unauthorized resubmission of one's own work, as defined by the instructor.

Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, except where prohibited by the Instructor of Record (e.g. individual take-home exams). However, the actual work must be done by the student, and the student alone, unless collaboration is allowed by the Instructor of Record (e.g. group projects).

When a student's assignment involves research in outside sources or information, the student must carefully acknowledge exactly what, where and how he/she has employed them. If the

words of someone else are used, the student must put quotation marks around the passage in question and add an appropriate indication of its origin. Making simple changes while leaving the organization, content, and phraseology intact is plagiaristic. However, nothing in these Rules shall apply to those ideas, which are so generally and freely circulated as to be a part of the public domain.

Please note: Any assignment you turn in may be submitted to an electronic database to check for plagiarism.

### **Academic Integrity – Prohibition on Cheating (Senate Rules 6.3.2)**

Cheating is defined by its general usage. It includes, but is not limited to, the wrongfully giving, taking, or presenting any information or material by a student with the intent of aiding himself/herself or another on any academic work which is considered in any way in the determination of the final grade. The fact that a student could not have benefited from an action is not by itself proof that the action does not constitute cheating. Any question of definition shall be referred to the University Appeals Board.

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- [Religious Observances](#)
- [Verification of Absences](#)
- [Make-Up Work](#)
- [Excused Absences for Military Duties](#)
- [Unexcused Absences](#)
- [Prep Week and Reading Days](#)
- [Accommodation Due to Disability](#)
- [Non-Discrimination Statement and Title IX Information](#)

## Resources Available to Students

Please refer to the University [Resources Available to Students](#) :

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- [Libraries](#)
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- [Non-Discrimination / Title IX](#)
- [Office of LGBTQ\\* Resources](#)
- [Veterans Resource Center](#)

- Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center