COURSE GUIDE

Field and Particle Theory

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Grado (Bachelor's Degree)	Bachelor's Degree in Physics	Branch	Sciences
Module	Relatividad y Teoría de Campos y Partículas	Subject	Teoría de Campos y Partículas

Year of study	4º	Semester	2º	ECTS Credits	6	Course type	Elective course

PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is advised to have passed the following subjects: Calculus I and II (Análisis matemático I y II), Linear Algebra and Geometry (Álgebra lineal y geometría), Mathematical Methods for Physics (Métodos matemáticos de la física), Mechanics and Wave Physics (Mecánica y ondas), Analytic Mechanics (Mecánica analítica y de los medios continuos), Quantum Physics (Fundamentos cuánticos).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENT (According to the programme's verification report)

- Relativistic fields (scalar fields; Dirac equation, antiparticles; vector fields; gauge symmetry).
- Standard Model (quarks and leptons, electroweak and strong interactions; Higgs boson).
- Elementary particle collisions and decays.

SKILLS

GENERAL SKILLS

- CG01 - Capacidad de análisis y síntesis
- CG05 - Capacidad de gestión de la información
- CG06 - Resolución de problemas
- CG08 - Razonamiento crítico
- CG09 - Aprendizaje autónomo
- CG10 - Creatividad

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC SKILLS

- CE01 - Conocer y comprender los fenómenos y las teorías físicas más importantes.
- CE05 - Modelar fenómenos complejos, trasladando un problema físico al lenguaje

matemático.
- CE09 - Aplicar los conocimientos matemáticos en el contexto general de la física.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the concept of of fields and their crucial role in the interplay of special relativity and quantum mechanics.
- Learn and understand the physics laws that govern the subatomic world and the fundamental constituents of nature.
- Learn how to compute observables that allow to compare experimental data with theoretical predictions in particles physics.

PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

THEORY SYLLABUS

1. Introduction. Second quantization. Classical Field Theory.
2. Cross sections and decay rates.
3. S matrix, correlators and Feynman rules.
4. Spin 1, gauge invariance and scalar QED.
5. Spin 1/2, spin-statistics connection and CPT.
6. Quantum Electrodynamics.
7. Non-abelian gauge theories.
8. Spontaneous symmetry breaking and the Standard Model
9. Loop effects in quantum field theory.

PRACTICAL SYLLABUS

1. Problem workshops: discussion of the solutions to the proposed problems.

RECOMMENDED READING

ESSENTIAL READING

- M.D. Schwartz, Quantum Field Theory and the Standard Model, Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- M.E. Peskin, D.V. Schroeder, An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory, Addison-Wesley, 1995.
- Maggiore, A modern introduction to quantum field theory, Oxford University Press, 2005

COMPLEMENTARY READING

- Weinberg, The quantum theory of fields (I and), Cambridge University Press, 1995.

RECOMMENDED LEARNING RESOURCES/TOOLS

- The Particle Adventure: http://www.particleadventure.org/
- High-Energy Physics Literature Database (INSPIRE): http://inspirehep.net/
- The Review of Particle Physics (Particle Data Group): http://pdg.web.cern.ch/pdg/

TEACHING METHODS

- MD01 Lección magistral/expositiva
- MD03 Resolución de problemas
- MD07 Seminarios y/o exposición de trabajos
- MD09 Análisis de fuentes y documentos

ASSESSMENT METHODS (Instruments, criteria and percentages)

ORDINARY EXAMINATION DIET

- Continuous evaluation: 30% of the final mark. Participation in the lectures, discussions, solution to the proposed problems, tests.
- Final exam: 70% of the final mark.

EXTRAORDINARY EXAMINATION DIET

- Final exam corresponding to 100% of the final mark.

SINGLE FINAL ASSESSMENT (evaluación única final)

- Same a extraordinary assessment session.