COURSE OF STUDY *Physics (LM-17)*

ACADEMIC YEAR *2024-2025*

ACADEMIC SUBJECT *Advanced Quantum Field Theory*

General information	
Year of the course	2nd
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	1st semester: September - December 2024
Credits (CFU/ECTS):	3
SSD	FIS/02
Language	English
Mode of attendance	Compulsory

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Work schedule			
Hours			
Total	Lectures	Hands-on (laboratory, workshops, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
75	16	15	44
CFU/ECTS			
3	2	1	

Learning Objectives	Knowledge of the most advanced methods of quantum field theory
Course prerequisites	Basics of quantum field theory

Teaching strategie	Lectures/exercise classes in the classroom
Expected learning outcomes in terms of	
Knowledge and understanding on:	o Consolidation of the knowledge in Quantum Field Theory and of the applications in particle physics and in condensed matter.
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	o Ability in modelling phenomena in particle physics and in condensed matter through techniques of advanced quantum field theory.
Soft skills	● *Making informed judgments and choices* o Development of a critical spirit to distinguish the relevant aspects from the marginal ones in the problems studied. Verify assumptions and approximations ● *Communicating knowledge and understanding* o Development of adequate skill in communicating scientific topics ● *Capacities to continue learning*

	Ability is searching bibliographical references, in using (online) databases, and online material
Syllabus	
Content knowledge	1. *Quantum field theory in condensed matter.* Many body theory. Superfluidity. Quasi-particles. Superfluid Lagrangian. Superconductivity. BCS Theory. 2. *Symmetries and Symmetry Breaking.* Spontaneous symmetry breaking. Goldstone theorem. Higgs mechanism in condensed matter and particle physics. 3. *Topological objects in quantum field theory.* Solitons. Monopoles. Instantones. 4. *Phonons and their interactions.* Quantization of free phonon field. Interactions and interaction scheme. Phonon propagator. Perturbation theory. Feynman diagrams. 5. *Fractional statistics.* Topology. Anyons. Chern-Simons action. Integer and fractional quantum Hall effect. Elements of dual theories. 6. *Renormalization.* Introduction to renormalization and renormalization group.
Texts and readings	1. A. Zee, *"Quantum Field Theory in a Nutshell,"* Princeton University Press. 2. Chetan Nayak, Dispense su *"Quantum Condensed Matter Physics".* 3. Gerard't Hooft *"Monopoles, Instantons and Confinement",* arXiv:hep-th/0010225.
Notes, additional materials	
Repository	

Assessment	
Assessment methods	Oral exams on topic treated during the lectures
Assessment criteria	● *Knowledge and understanding* o Knowledge of advanced theoretical foundation of quantum field theory ● *Applying knowledge and understanding* o Use the acquired knowledge to solve problems of advanced quantum field theory ● *Autonomy of judgment* o Developing physical and mathematical tools to properly model physical problems relative to complex quantum systems ● *Communicating knowledge and understanding* o Express in a proper way physical and mathematical concepts characterizing advanced quantum field theory ● *Communication skills* o Acquire an appropriate rigorous language to communicate science ● *Capacities to continue learning* Develop mathematical and physical tool to model physical problems
Final exam and grading criteria	Clarity in the oral exposition of the physical concepts.
Further information	