

**COURSE OF STUDY** *Physics (LM-17)*
**ACADEMIC YEAR** 2023-2024

**ACADEMIC SUBJECT** *Physical applications of group theory*

General information	
Year of the course	2nd
Academic calendar	1st semester: September - December 2023
Credits (CFU/ECTS):	3
SSD	FIS/02
Language	English
Mode of attendance	Recommended, not 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	

<b>Learning Objectives</b>	Understanding Group Theory
<b>Course prerequisites</b>	Basic Physics and Mathematics knowledge

<b>Teaching strategie</b>	Lessons on the blackboard
<b>Expected learning outcomes in terms of</b>	
<b>Knowledge and understanding on:</b>	Understanding Group Theory
<b>Applying knowledge and understanding on:</b>	Ability to solve problems using the acquired theoretical knowledge and identifying the correct reasoning
<b>Soft skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Making informed judgments and choices</b> Ability to proceed autonomously in the study of group theory</li> <li>● <b>Communicating knowledge and understanding</b> Ability to properly express the acquired knowledge properly</li> <li>● <b>Capacities to continue learning</b> Ability to study autonomously from texts and scientific literature</li> </ul>
<b>Syllabus</b>	
<b>Content knowledge</b>	Introduction to Symmetry in Physics; Groups and Representations Definitions and examples

	<p>Group of Permutations <math>S_n</math>          General properties of groups          Conjugation classes          Subgroups. Normal subgroups. Homomorphisms.          Group representations          Schur Lemmas. Orthogonality theorem. Characters. Character table. Direct product and decomposition          Symmetric group <math>S_n</math> and its representations. Young tableaux. Irreps of <math>SU(N)</math> and <math>S_n</math>. Tensorial method.          Lie groups.  <math>SO(2), SO(3)</math> and <math>SU(2)</math>.  <math>SU(N)</math>          Young tableaux.          Lie Algebras          Simple Lie Algebras. Killing form. Root quantization. Dynkin diagrams. Weights and representations.</p>
<b>Texts and readings</b>	<p>H.F. Jones, <i>Groups, Representations and Physics</i>, Taylor &amp; Francis; 2 edition          H. Georgi, <i>Lie Algebras In Particle Physics: from Isospin To Unified Theories</i> (Frontiers in Physics), Westview Press; 2 edition (October 22, 1999)          F. Stancu, <i>Group Theory in Subnuclear Physics</i>, Oxford Studies in Nuclear Physics</p>
<b>Notes, additional materials</b>	Notes from the teacher
<b>Repository</b>	

<b>Assessment</b>	
Assessment methods	Oral test
Assessment criteria	Adequate comprehension and global knowledge of concepts and topics described throughout the course. Ability to properly express the acquired knowledge.
Final exam and grading criteria	Oral test (100%)
<b>Further information</b>	
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