

# Opasraportti

## Courses in English for Exchange Students, 2013-14: Physics (2013 - 2014)

Courses in English for exchange students:

This Weboodi Course Catalogue lists courses taught in English for exchange students at the Department of Physics during the academic year 2013-2014.

When planning your exchange studies and the required learning agreement please use the information provided under the **Courses** tab in this Study Guide. Please read carefully the information of each course you wish to take (language of instruction, target group, course content, timing, preceding studies, additional information etc.).

All exchange students must submit their exchange application through SoleMOVE.

Accepted exchange students are required to register to all courses. Course registration takes place once you have arrived in Oulu and received your University of Oulu login information. More information on registration will be provided during orientation. When registering you will be able to find detailed information on teaching and schedule under **Instruction** tab.

Individual course codes include information on the level of course.

76xxxxP, 76xxxxY = basic, introductory level courses

76xxxxA = for 2-3 year students, Bachelor level courses

76xxxxS = for 4-5 year students, Master level courses

Typically all the basic and Bachelor level courses will be lectured in Finnish. All the Master level courses can be lectured in English if required or needed. In every course there will be material and/or books in English. Also in exercises help is given in English.

Exams are normally in Finnish but exams can be obtained in English by request. Contact your teacher well enough (more than one week) before the exam.

Any general questions about courses in English at the Department of Physics should be addressed to:

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Further information on application process for incoming exchange students:

<http://www.oulu.fi/english/studentexchange>  
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## Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

766650S: Applications of SR physics, 5 op

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 761661S: Molecular physics, 8 op  
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 764627S: Virtual measurement environments, 5 op

## Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

### Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

#### **766650S: Applications of SR physics, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

4 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After the course the student is ready to start the MSc thesis and PhD works in the group.

**Contents:**

Research methods based on the use of synchrotron radiation and their applications. Timely topics are introduced every year.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 24 h, exercises 10 h, self-study 73 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture notes

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Marko Huttula

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/766650S/>

**766355A: Basics of space physics, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

766345A Basics of space physics 6.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

In most years

**Learning outcomes:**

The student identifies and is capable of naming the basic concepts and processes of solar activity, solar wind, magnetosphere and ionosphere. He can explain the reasons for different phenomena in space physics and apply the theory to simple problems.

**Contents:**

This lecture course gives the basic view on the near space around the Earth. The solar wind is a continuous plasma flow emerging from the Sun. It compresses the magnetic field of the Earth into a region with a cometary shape, called the magnetosphere. The solar radiation and charged particles precipitating from the magnetosphere ionise the upper part of the atmosphere thus creating the ionosphere. The lecture course contains the physics of the Sun, the solar wind, the magnetosphere and the ionosphere, as well as the effects of the the Sun and the solar wind on the magnetosphere and the ionosphere. There are plasma bursts in the Sun causing disturbances in the surrounding space. These phenomena create the varying space weather. The space weather may affect e. g. telecommunication links, electrical power networks and operation of satellites. It may also cause health hazards

for astronauts. Since the near space contains ionised gas in magnetic field, plasma physics is used in explaining the phenomena.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 40 h, exercises 20 h, self-study 73 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

K. Mursula: Avaruusfysiikan perusteet (Basics of Space physics; in Finnish; distributed in the web page of the Department). Supporting material for instance: H. Koskinen: Johdatus plasmafysiikkaan ja sen avaruussovellutuksiin (Limes ry); A. Brekke: Physics of the upper polar atmosphere (Wiley & Sons).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Two written intermediate examinations or one final examination.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kalevi Mursula

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/766355A>

Passing the course helps in getting drafted in various project works of the space physics group.

## 764660S: Bioelectronics, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

4th spring

**Learning outcomes:**

Students have basic skills for understanding and analyzing of electronics and its applications to measurements of living organisms.

**Contents:**

The course introduces bioelectric recording techniques, electrodes, most commonly used amplifier types, basic signal processing of biosignals, but also concepts related to the origin of bio-potentials and currents and how they are distributed in biological volume conductors.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 24 h, MatLab-based project work 10 h, calculation exercises 15 h, self-study 84 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Physics courses, programming skills.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lectures and lecture notes. Books e.g. Semmlöv J, Circuits signals and systems for bioenergetics, Elsevier Academic Press, 2005; Electronic Signal Processing, parts I-IV, The Open University Press, Milton Keynes 1984. Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Final exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Matti Weckström

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/764660S/>

## 764623S: Cell membrane biophysics, 7 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

764323A Cell membrane biophysics 7.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

7 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

3rd or 4th autumn

**Learning outcomes:**

After finishing the course the student is able to describe the basics of cell membrane structure and function, to present the basic biophysical models describing the electrical function of the cell membrane, and to solve problems and calculations concerning these models. In addition, the student will be able to make and present a short review and a talk about given scientific literature of this field.

**Contents:**

During the course the students will become acquainted with the central biophysical phenomena of the cell membrane, for example: the physical structure and properties of the cell membrane, lipids and proteins in the membrane, permeation and selectivity, ion channels and their kinetics. In addition they will get to know the basics about the theory of the intracellular or cell membrane recordings, the models describing the electrical function of the cell membrane and the analysis of these signals.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

30 h of lectures, 22 h of calculation exercises, 4-8 h seminars, seminar presentation, weekly assignments, self-study 131 h

**Target group:**

Biophysics students: recommended in minor (LuK), compulsory in major (FM). Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Introduction to biophysics (764103P) and Foundations of cellular biophysics (764115P) are recommended to be done before this course.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture handouts; J. Keener, J. Sneyd: *Mathematical Physiology*, Springer, Berlin, 1998 (partly).; D. Johnston, S. Wu: *Foundations of Cellular Neurophysiology*, MIT Press, Cambridge MA, 1995 (partly).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Home exam, final exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kyösti Heimonen and Marja Hyvönen

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

## 764323A: Cell membrane biophysics, 7 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

764623S Cell membrane biophysics 7.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

7 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

3rd or 4th autumn

**Learning outcomes:**

After finishing the course the student is able to describe the basics of cell membrane structure and function, to present the basic biophysical models describing the electrical function of the cell membrane, and to solve problems and calculations concerning these models. In addition, the student will be able to make and present a short review and a talk about given scientific literature of this field.

**Contents:**

During the course the students will become acquainted with the central biophysical phenomena of the cell membrane, for example: the physical structure and properties of the cell membrane, lipids and proteins in the membrane, permeation and selectivity, ion channels and their kinetics. In addition they will get to know the basics about the theory of the intracellular or cell membrane recordings, the models describing the electrical function of the cell membrane and the analysis of these signals.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 30 h, calculation exercises 22 h, seminars 4-8 h, seminar presentation, weekly assignments, self-study 131 h

**Target group:**

Biophysics students: recommended in minor (LuK), compulsory in major (FM). Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Introduction to biophysics (764103P) and Foundations of cellular biophysics (764115P) are recommended to be done before this course.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture handouts; J. Keener, J. Sneyd: *Mathematical Physiology*, Springer, Berlin, 1998 (partly).; D. Johnston, S. Wu: *Foundations of Cellular Neurophysiology*, MIT Press, Cambridge MA, 1995 (partly).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Home exam, final exam

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kyösti Heimonen and Marja Hyvönen

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/764323A/>

## 76655S: Cosmic Rays, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Roughly every third year.

**Learning outcomes:**

After passing the course the student is able to describe in physical terms the properties, origins, temporal variability, atmospheric effects and experimental methods of cosmic rays, and is able to apply physical theories describing the acceleration and modulation of cosmic rays to explain the properties of cosmic rays.

**Contents:**

This is an optional physics course at an advanced level on cosmic rays. Cosmic rays are energetic particles from space that can pass through the geomagnetic field and the atmosphere and cause radiation even on the ground. Cosmic rays are energized, e.g., in supernova shocks and solar bursts. Cosmic rays can be used to study the Sun, the heliosphere and the more distant universe.

*Contents briefly:* Components of cosmic rays, composition, energy spectrum and origin of galactic cosmic rays, acceleration of cosmic rays, solar cosmic rays and their production in flares and coronal mass ejections, modulation of cosmic rays in the heliosphere, Parker's theory, temporal variation of cosmic rays, reactions in the atmosphere and possible climatic effects, detection of cosmic rays in Oulu and elsewhere.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 44 h, 10 exercises (20 h), self-study 149 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Recommended courses: 766355A Basics of space physics or 761353A Basics of plasma physics, or equivalent knowledge.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Parts from: T.K. Gaisser, Cosmic rays and particle physics, Cambridge Univ. Press; P.K.F. Grieder, Cosmic rays at the Earth, Elsevier, 2001.

Lecture notes: K. Mursula ja Ilya Usoskin: Cosmic rays.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kalevi Mursula

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/766655S/>

**761673S: Electron and ion spectroscopy, 8 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After passing the course of Electron and Ion spectroscopy students are able to explain the basic concepts of electron spectroscopy. Students recognize the special characters of synchrotron radiation and can explain the basics of measuring the electron and ion spectra. The student can give an example of a calculational method, which she/he can use to interpret the experimental electron spectrum.

**Contents:**

The course gives an introduction to the basics of electron and ion spectroscopy research at the department of physics. The main goal is the understanding of the electron structure and its dynamics when atoms or molecules are excited by energetic photon or electron beam. Besides the basic ideas of electron spectroscopy, experimental set ups are described in details. The theoretical methods used in the interpretation of experimental spectra will be overviewed.

The course starts with a general overview to basics nature of electronic states and the transitions involved in spectroscopy. The conventional sources of ionization and the synchrotron radiation (SR) in spectroscopic research will be overviewed. Then the experimental apparatus for electron and ion spectroscopy will be presented and the handling of the data and experimental interpretation is covered. The course includes two laboratory exercises where the students familiarize to the experimental devices and learn to use datahandling software.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 40 h, exercises 16 h, laboratory exercises 8 h, self-study 149 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic knowledges of atomic physics.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture notes

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Marko Huttula

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/761673S/>



## 764632S: Electrophysiological recordings, 6 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After taking the course student can describe principles of the electrophysiological methods and their benefits and limitations. The student can also analyze some of the results produced by the recordings. In addition the student can and has done successfully all the central work phases belonging to the methods in question, and thus is independently able to continue to practice them further if necessary.

**Contents:**

The course provides theoretical and hands-on practical introduction on the electrophysiological methods that enable recording electrical signals generated by the nervous system ranging from the populations of neurons to currents generated by single ion channels embedded on the cellular membranes (intra- and extracellular as well as patch-clamp recordings). Laboratory exercises are given on each technique to transfer theoretical knowledge into practical skills and to familiarize students with the typical instrumentation. The course also introduces basic data analysis methods that enable evaluating the recording quality and investigating function of the system under study.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 12 h, laboratory demonstrations or practical lab-work 45 h, self-study 94 h

**Target group:**

Optional for biophysics M.Sc. students; post-graduate students. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

764323A/764623S Cell membrane biophysics, 764338A/764638S Basic neuroscience and 764680S Neural information processing

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lectures and lecture notes, book: The Axon Guide ( [http://www.moleculardevices.com/pages/instruments/axon\\_guide.html](http://www.moleculardevices.com/pages/instruments/axon_guide.html)).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Mikko Vähäsöyrinki, Matti Weckström, Kyösti Heimonen

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/764632S/>

## 762606S: GIS and spatial data 2, 3 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Moisio, Kari Juhani

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

3 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish (optionally English)

**Timing:**

3th -5th year

**Learning outcomes:**

After this course student can use GIS-software, he can identify, apply and modify different types of spatial data and analyze them with spatial analysis tools. He can also create understandable and clear visual presentations.

**Contents:**

In this course student familiarizes to GIS-software and the possibilities they offer in presenting and analyzing spatial data in practical exercises.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Exercises 30 h, course is passed by returning exercise report, self-study 50 h

**Target group:**

No specific target group

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Course GIS and spatial data 1 is recommended before participation.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Exercise material.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

In this course assessment is based on the evaluation of the written reports of exercises  
Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kari Moisio

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/762606S/>

## 765330A: Galaxies, 6 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

765309A Galaxies 5.0 op

765630S Galaxies 6.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

2nd - 3th year

**Learning outcomes:**

Student recognizes the main components of galaxies and can apply them to classify galaxies. Student can describe the theories of formation of galactic structures. Student can describe in detail the contemporary view of large scale structure and cosmology. Student can solve mathematical problems related to the course and recognizes the terminology well enough to be able to read scientific publications.

**Contents:**

We begin with the classification of galaxies, which introduces many of the concepts needed in the course. Most of the large galaxies are either spiral galaxies or elliptical galaxies. We study the structure and kinematics in both these galaxy types, including the theories of spiral formation. Especial emphasis is placed on our own galaxy, the Milky Way. We also examine the structure in larger scale: groups and clusters of galaxies. We discuss several distance measurement methods, which lead us to the expansion of the universe and the principles of cosmology. The course also covers the exotic world of active galactic nuclei.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 32 h, exercises, self-study 107 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Fundamentals of astronomy (recommended)

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Sparke, L., Gallagher, J.: Galaxies in the Universe, Cambridge, 2nd ed., 2007.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Pertti Rautiainen

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/765330A/>

## 762629S: Geophysical properties of the crust and upper mantle in Fennoscandia, 4 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

4 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English or Finnish

**Timing:**

4. - 5. year

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon the completion of the course, a student

- can define the major geophysical features of the lithosphere in Fennoscandia

- is able to compare these with the data and models from other geoscience research (geology, geochemistry, geodesy)

- can list major current research programs and projects investigating the Fennoscandian lithosphere and can list major teams and organizations doing lithospheric research in Fennoscandia

**Contents:**

Introduction to the geophysical properties and structure of the Earth's crust and upper mantle in Fennoscandia and in surrounding regions. The students will get familiar with the tectono-geological interpretation of the models

from the seismic, electrical and electromagnetic, gravimetric, geodetic, magnetic, thermal and rheological research of the lithosphere in Fennoscandia. Independent studies in small groups are an essential part of studies.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 20 h, homework exercises 20 h in small groups, self-study 67 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programmes in physics and in geology. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Handouts and other material delivered in lectures. Selected articles from geophysical and geological literature.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Examination (form to be selected during the course) and the completion of the homework exercises

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Toivo Korja

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/762629S/>

## 762616S: Ground Penetrating Radar Sounding, 5 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Moisio, Kari Juhani

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

4th or 5th year

**Learning outcomes:**

After completion the student identifies the special characteristics of GPR soundings and can process and interpret GPR data using modern computer software.

**Contents:**

Ground penetrating radar (GPR) is a high frequency (20-2000 MHz) electromagnetic research instrument that is widely used in surficial and environmental geology and geotechnical and geophysical investigations. The course provides students with the basic knowledge and skills on GPR as a geophysical investigation method. The course deals with theoretical background, practical measurement arrangements, data processing, presentation and analysis. The course includes exercises, where basic mathematics and data processing are introduced, and a compulsory practical work, where the students process and interpret GPR data from their own measurements.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 20 h and 20 h demonstrations and practical work, self-study 93 h

**Target group:**

MSc students of geophysics, students of surficial and environmental geology, and students of water resources and environmental engineering. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture notes, selected articles from geophysical journals and Jol, H.M (Ed.), 2009. Ground penetrating radar theory and applications.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Exam and approved report

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Markku Pirttijärvi

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/762616S/>

**764629S: Identification of linear systems, 5 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

4th-5th spring

**Learning outcomes:**

The students can use modern methods to identify linear biological systems.

**Contents:**

The course introduces the concept of system identification. Starting from Fourier analysis, computation of frequency response functions and coherence functions will be taught. With examples and using real data the meaning, interpretation and use of these functions are also treated. The course ends with independent analysing project.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 10 h, project work 30 h, self-study 105 h

**Target group:**

Compulsory for M.Sc. students in biophysics

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Biosystem analysis (764364A), Differential equations, Basic programming skills with MatLab.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lectures and lecture notes, System identification booklet (in English). Marmarelis V.Z.: Nonlinear dynamic modeling of physiological systems, IEEE Press, 2004. J. Bendat, Nonlinear system techniques and applications, Wiley, New York, 1998. (only parts of these books).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Grading is based on project report

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Matti Weckström

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/764629S/>

**764630S: Identification of nonlinear systems, 6 op**

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2009 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

4th-5th spring

**Learning outcomes:**

The students can use modern computational methods to identify nonlinear biological systems.

**Contents:**

The course introduces the concepts related to nonlinear systems and how they differ fundamentally from linear ones. Different methods to achieve nonlinear identification are dealt with and the errors in the estimates are also treated. With examples and using real data the meaning, interpretation and use of nonlinear functions are examined. The course ends with independent analysing project.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 10 h, project work 30 h, self-study 120 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Identification of linear systems (764629S), Biosystems analysis (764364A), Differential equations, Basic programming skills with MatLab.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lectures and lecture notes, System identification booklet (in English). Marmarelis V.Z.: Nonlinear dynamic modeling of physiological systems, IEEE Press, 2004. J. Bendat, Nonlinear system techniques and applications, Wiley, New York, 1998. (only parts of these books).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Grading is based on project report.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Matti Weckström

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/764630S/>

**761658S: Ionospheric physics, 8 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** English, Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After the course, the student can describe how the ionosphere is formed in the upper atmosphere and solve problems associated with the most important physical processes, e.g. the production and loss of ionization, electric currents, and ambipolar diffusion.

**Contents:**

The topic of this course is the ionised part of the upper atmosphere of the Earth, which is called the ionosphere. Ionosphere is created mainly by the EUV radiation from the Sun. The ionosphere at high latitudes is much more dynamic than at mid or low latitudes. This is because the high-latitude ionosphere is magnetically connected to the magnetosphere of the Earth, which in turn is connected to the solar wind in a complex way. Intense electric currents are flowing in the high-latitude ionosphere and aurora (northern lights) appear. The ionosphere was originally found because of its effect on the propagation of radio waves (radio connections around the Earth without satellites are only possible due to the ionosphere). On the other hand, the most important methods of ionospheric research are based on radio waves. Therefore, the physics of the ionosphere has also practical applications and consequences.

*Contents in brief:* Solar radiation, the atmosphere of the Earth and its dynamics, formation of the ionosphere and ion chemistry, plasma motion and diffusion in the ionosphere, ionospheric electrical currents and electric fields, some selected phenomena of the ionosphere (e.g. electrojets in the equatorial and auroral regions, sporadic-E layers and polar wind).

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 40 h, exercises 20 h, self-study 153 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No prerequisites are required, but useful basics are given in course 766355A Basics of space physics.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

A. Aikio and T. Nygrén: Ionospheric Physics, available on the web-page of the course. This is in some parts based on the textbook: A. Brekke, Physics of the Upper Atmosphere, John Wiley & Sons, 1997.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

End examination, possibly also project work that will be graded.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Anita Aikio

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/761658S/>

## 766310A: Laboratory Course in Electron Spectroscopy, 2 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.01.2011 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** English

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

2 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

First year of MSc programme

**Learning outcomes:**

After the course students can explain basic methods of performing and data handling of experiments in Electron Spectroscopy Research Group. Students learn a manner to formal results reporting and are able to describe physical basis of the measurements.

**Contents:**

The course is a substitute of the Laboratory exercises in physics 3 tailored to the students in *SR Masters Programme*. The course includes a common introductory part and three laboratory exercises at the Electron Spectroscopy research group. The focus is on the methods and special requirements on experimental research on the field of atomic- and molecular physics. Through the laboratory work and results reporting students will be familiarized to the experimental devices and principles of ion- and electron spectroscopy. The demonstration cover also introduction to the generation and maintaining a vacuum environment necessary for experiments.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Laboratory work in small groups

**Target group:**

Recommended for all students attending to the *SR Masters Programme*. No credits given for students successfully passed the course 766308A.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Preliminary work instructions

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Accepted reports

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Marko Huttula

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/766310A/>

## 761657S: Magnetospheric physics, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**



Roughly every third year.

**Learning outcomes:**

After passing the course the student is able to describe the formation of the magnetosphere as an interaction between solar wind and planetary magnetic field, to explain in physical terms the essential factors and phenomena of magnetospheric structure and dynamics, to compare different magnetospheres, and to apply basic methods of space plasmas to describe magnetospheric phenomena.

**Contents:**

This is an optional physics course at an advanced level on magnetospheric physics. A magnetosphere is made by the interaction between a planet's internal magnetic field and the interplanetary magnetic field carried by the solar wind. This interaction forms a comet-like magnetic bubble, whose size, shape and structure vary constantly, depending on the conditions of solar wind and the interplanetary magnetic field.

Contents briefly: Formation of a magnetosphere, Chapman-Ferraro model, magnetospheric boundaries, tail and cusp, magnetospheric plasmas and current systems, reconnection of magnetic fields, magnetosphere-ionosphere coupling, magnetospheric dynamics (magnetic activity, auroras, substorm process, magnetic storms), other planetary magnetospheres.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 44 h, 10 exercises (20 h), self-study 149 h

**Target group:**

Recommended especially for students of space physics, astronomy and theoretical physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Recommended courses: 766355A Basics of space physics or 761353A Basics of plasma physics, or equivalent knowledge.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Parts of books: H. Koskinen, Johdatus plasmafysiikkaan ja sen avaruussovellutuksiin. Limes, 2001; Prölss, Physics of the Earth's space environment, Springer, 2004; G. Parks, Physics of space plasmas. An introduction, Addison-Wesley, 1991; Kivelson-Russell, Introduction to space physics, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1995.

Lecture notes: K. Mursula: Magnetosfäärifysiikka.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kalevi Mursula

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/761657S/>

## 761661S: Molecular physics, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After passing the course, the students can routinely apply the formalism of quantum mechanics and group theory to molecular problems, understand the basic features of the electronic structure of atoms and molecules, and know about the methods of electronic structure calculation.

**Contents:**

The course will provide the necessary background for students interested in molecular spectroscopy and/or the electronic structure calculations of molecules, materials and nanostructures. Subject matters: the basics of quantum mechanics, group theory, perturbation theory, variation theory, the structure and spectra of atoms, molecular electronic structure, computation of molecular electronic structure (quantum chemistry).

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 44 h, demonstrations 20 h, self-study 149 h

**Target group:**

Advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students of physics, chemistry and materials sciences. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Necessary background: Intermediate courses in atomic and thermal physics, or the corresponding knowledge.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

P.W. Atkins and R.S. Friedman, "Molecular Quantum Mechanics", 4th edition, Chapters 1 - 9, Oxford University Press, 2005.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Final examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Juha Vaara

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/761661S/>

## 76660S: Molecular properties, 6 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.08.2010 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year.

**Learning outcomes:**

After passing the course, the students understand the basic quantum-mechanical principles behind both experimental spectroscopic and computational (electronic-structure) means of investigating the structure and properties of molecules in the gas phase, in solution and in the solid state.

**Contents:**

Molecular rotations and vibrations, electronic transitions, electric, optical, and magnetic properties of molecules.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 35 h, demonstrations 16 h, two computer-based homework exercises, self-study 109 h

**Target group:**

Advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students of physics, chemistry and materials sciences. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Necessary background: Intermediate courses in atomic and thermal physics, 761661S Molecular physics or the corresponding knowledge.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

P.W. Atkins and R.S. Friedman, "Molecular Quantum Mechanics", 4th edition, Chapters 10 - 13, Oxford University Press, 2005. Lecture notes.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Final examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Juha Vaara

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/766660S/>

## 761663S: NMR spectroscopy, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Every second year (odd year), autumn

**Learning outcomes:**

After completion, student understands the physical basis of NMR phenomenon and realizes the potential of NMR spectroscopy in the studies of molecular and materials properties.

**Contents:**

NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance) spectroscopy is a versatile tool for studying the physical properties of all states of matter. It makes possible, for example, the determination of molecular structures, even those of biological macromolecules, other molecular properties and the study of their dynamics. The most well-known application of NMR phenomenon is magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

During the course, students get familiar with the basics of NMR spectroscopy, the interactions affecting the structure of NMR spectra and the principles of a spectrometer. Modern NMR allows the manipulation of nuclear spins applying various pulse sequences, and pulse sequences related to, *e.g.*, polarization transfer will be treated as well as the basics of multidimensional NMR.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 44 h, exercises 20 h, self-study 149 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Basic knowledge on quantum mechanics and atomic physics helps but is not compulsory.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Material will be distributed during the course. Suitable literature is, for example, M.H. Levitt, Spin dynamics. Basics of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (John Wiley & Sons, Chichester, 2001). J. Keeler, Understanding NMR Spectroscopy (John Wiley & Sons, Chichester, 2007).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Ville-Veikko Telkki

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/761663S/>

## 761670S: NMR spectroscopy in solids, 6 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

The student can explain the basic principles of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR spectroscopy) in the solid state and can derive their consequences in the extent and level of the lectures (see Contents). In addition, he/she can solve problems which require profound understanding of the essential contents of the course.

**Contents:**

The course deals, e.g., with the NMR parameters in the solid state, single crystal spectra, powder patterns, sample spinning experiments (MAS, VAS, DAS, DOR and spinning sidebands), dipolar line broadening, and cross polarization.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 35 h, 10 exercises (20 h), self-study 105 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

761663S NMR spectroscopy is helpful, but not necessary.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Material available from the lectures and/or web pages of the course.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Juhani Lounila

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/761670S/>

## 761644S: Physical measurements, 6 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year.

**Learning outcomes:**

After passing the course the students can explain basic principles of generating and maintaining vacuum atmosphere using different kinds of vacuum pump systems and pressure gauges, can give examples on methods of the experimental research of atomic and molecular physics and are able to name special properties of them.

**Contents:**

The course will focus on the methods and special requirements on experimental research on the field of atomic- and molecular physics. The lessons and demonstration cover the basic principles related to generation and maintaining a vacuum environment necessary for experiments. The students will be introduced to the designing of a vacuum system and learn the vacuum diagnostics as well as the working principles of most common vacuum pumps and pressure gauges. The course will also cover introduction to charge particle and radiation detection and analysis.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 30 h, exercises 10 h, laboratory exercise 6 h, self-study 116 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Fontell, Maula, Nieminen..., Insinööri-tieto OY: "Tyhjiötekniikka"

Material distributed at lessons

Optional/Additional: Moore, Davis & Coplan, Building Scientific Apparatus, Cambridge Press (chapters 3, 5, 7)

Hablanian; High Vacuum Technology, A Practical guide, Marcel Dekker Inc (1997)

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Marko Huttula

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/761644S/>

## 765303A: Planetology, 7 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

7 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After the course the student is able to apply basic concepts and methods of solar system science and planetology to current problems in the field.

**Contents:**

The course describes and discusses observations of planets and their satellites, planetary rings, asteroids and meteoroids, comets and dwarf planets. Modern research methods and their application to up to date problems and various phenomena in the solar system are introduced. Topics of planetary formation as well as extrasolar planets will be briefly discussed.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 24 h and exercises, self-study 163 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

`Planetary Sciences', I. de Pater, J.J. Lissauer (Cambridge University Press), `Solar System Dynamics', C.D. Murray, S.F. Dermott (Cambridge University Press)

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination and points from worked exercise problems

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Jürgen Schmidt

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://noppa oulu.fi/noppa/kurssi/765303a/etusivu>

## 763312A: Quantum mechanics I, 10 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

763612S Quantum mechanics I 10.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

10 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English (or Finnish, depending on the participants)

**Timing:**

3rd autumn

**Learning outcomes:**

Applications of modern nanotechnology based on quantum mechanics belong to our everyday life. Particles in this micro world are in quantum states classified with quantum numbers and corresponding wave functions. Quantum states and wave functions are solutions of the Schrödinger equation and their eigenvalues are the measurable quantities. After the course student can present basic principles and postulates of quantum mechanics and can solve the Schrödinger equation in one- and three-dimensional problems, which have important applications in condensed matter theory as well as in atomic, nuclear and molecular physics. One of the basic principles of quantum mechanics is the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, which states, for example, that the position and velocity of a particle cannot be measured exactly at the same time. After the course students can derive the uncertainty principle and interpret what happens in a quantum mechanical measurement.

**Contents:**

The course begins with basic principles and postulates of quantum mechanics, which lead to derivation of the Schrödinger equation. As examples several one-dimensional problems for scattering and bound states are solved. Special emphasis is put on the symmetry of the system. In three-dimensional problems the symmetry is connected with the angular momentum. The corresponding operators and quantum numbers are derived. As examples the hydrogen atom and harmonic oscillator are solved. The Heisenberg uncertainty relation is presented. The time independent perturbation theory with some examples is introduced.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 50 h, 13 exercises (á 3 h), self-study 178 h

**Target group:**

Compulsory for theoretical physicists and physicists. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Atomic physics (766326A) and knowledge of differential equations.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

M. Saarela: Kvanttimekaniikka I (lecture notes 2010), C. Cohen-Tannoudji, L. Diu & F. Laloe: Quantum Mechanics vol. I (1977), J. J. Powell & B. Crasemann: Quantum Mechanics (1961), L.I. Schiff: Quantum Mechanics (1968).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Two written intermediate examinations or one final examination.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Jani Tuorila

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://noppa oulu fi/noppa/kurssi/763312A/etusivu>

**763612S: Quantum mechanics I, 10 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

763312A Quantum mechanics I 10.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

10 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English (or Finnish, depending on the participants)

**Timing:**

3rd autumn or later

**Learning outcomes:**

Applications of modern nanotechnology based on quantum mechanics belong to our everyday life. Particles in this micro world are in quantum states classified with quantum numbers and corresponding wave functions. Quantum states and wave functions are solutions of the Schrödinger equation and their eigenvalues are the measurable quantities. After the course student can present basic principles and postulates of quantum mechanics and can solve the Schrödinger equation in one- and three-dimensional problems, which have important applications in condensed matter theory as well as in atomic, nuclear and molecular physics. One of the basic principles of quantum mechanics is the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, which states, for example, that the position and velocity of a particle cannot be measured exactly at the same time. After the course students can derive the uncertainty principle and interpret what happens in a quantum mechanical measurement.

**Contents:**

See [763312A](#) Quantum mechanics I.

**Target group:**

Compulsory for physicists.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Person responsible:**

Jani Tuorila

**Other information:**

<https://noppa oulu.fi/noppa/kurssi/763312A/etusivu>

## 763613S: Quantum mechanics II, 10 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

763313A Quantum mechanics II 10.0 op

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

10 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English (or Finnish, depending on the participants)

**Timing:**

Spring

**Learning outcomes:**

Heisenberg developed the representation of quantum mechanics, which is based on matrices and the theory of Hilbert space. Measurable quantities are described by Hermitian operators and their eigenvalues are results of measurements. A quantum state is a linear combination of the eigenstates of the Hermitian matrix and the corresponding coefficients determine the probability of the measured result. The representation the system can by transformed by unitary transformations without changing the measurable quantities. After the course students can solve different eigenvalue problems by using matrices, can calculate the quantum numbers of the system, and can estimate the effect of a perturbation. An important skill is the use of symmetry in choosing the applied method.

**Contents:**

See [763313A](#)

**Target group:**

Advanced course for students in physics.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Person responsible:**

Jani Tuorila

**Other information:**

<https://noppa oulu.fi/noppa/kurssi/763313A/etusivu>

## 763313A: Quantum mechanics II, 10 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies



**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

763613S Quantum mechanics II 10.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

10 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English (or Finnish, depending on the participants)

**Timing:**

3rd spring

**Learning outcomes:**

Heisenberg developed the representation of quantum mechanics, which is based on matrices and the theory of Hilbert space. Measurable quantities are described by Hermitian operators and their eigenvalues are results of measurements. A quantum state is a linear combination of the eigenstates of the Hermitian matrix and the corresponding coefficients determine the probability of the measured result. The representation the system can be transformed by unitary transformations without changing the measurable quantities. After the course students can solve different eigenvalue problems by using matrices, can calculate the quantum numbers of the system, and can estimate the effect of a perturbation. An important skill is the use of symmetry in choosing the applied method.

**Contents:**

An important example of the basic ideas in quantum mechanics is the two-level system which is the key element of a quantum computer. For atomic, molecular and nuclear physics the essential quantity in classifying states is the angular momentum, which we study in detail including the particle spin. As an example we calculate relativistic corrections to hydrogen atom, Zeeman effect, bound states of ionic Hydrogen molecule and He-atom and energy levels of AB-spin systems. We derive the Fermi golden rule to calculate radiation induced transitions between eigenstates. Finally we study interactions between particles using scattering theory. Concepts like cross section, phase shift, scattering amplitude and Green's function are introduced.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 50 h, 14 exercises, self-study 175 h

**Target group:**

For all interested in modern, quantum phenomena, compulsory for theoretical physicists. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Quantum Mechanics I (763312A) and knowledge of differential equations.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

M. Saarela: Kvanttimekaniikka II (lecture notes 2004), C. Cohen-Tannoudji, L. Diu & F. Laloe: Quantum Mechanics vol. I (1977), J. J. Powell & B. Crasemann: Quantum Mechanics (1961), L.I. Schiff: Quantum Mechanics (1968).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Two written intermediate examinations or one final examination.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Jani Tuorila

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://noppa oulu.fi/noppa/kurssi/763313A/etusivu>

**763693S: Quantum optics in electric circuits, 6 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

763634S Quantum devices 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

3rd - 5th year

**Learning outcomes:**

To solve time-dependent quantum mechanical problems in harmonic oscillator, two-state system and free electrons that involve damping and noise.

**Contents:**

With present nanofabrication methods it is possible to make such small electric circuits that quantum effects become essential. The circuits behave like artificial atoms and the methods to deal with them resemble those used in quantum optics and NMR rather than traditionally used by electrical engineers. One major topic is how to include dissipation into quantum mechanics. This will be answered by deriving a master equation, and applying it to a harmonic oscillator and to a two-level system. The realization of the two-level system requires a nonlinear element, for which superconducting Josephson junctions are used. Another theme is different types of noise (thermal, shot, quantum). These can be derived by applying scattering formalism which considers electrons in a conductor like waves in a transmission line. We try to answer, among other things, if noise is present at zero temperature, is current flow noisy, and can zero-point fluctuations be measured.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 26 h, 11 exercise sessions, self-study 112 h

**Target group:**

For all interested in time-dependent quantum phenomena.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Recommended prerequisites Quantum mechanics I and II and Analytical mechanics.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

E. Thuneberg, Quantum optics in electric circuits. Exercises.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Erkki Thuneberg

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://noppa oulu fi/noppa/kurssi/763693S/etusivu>

## 765676S: Radiative Processes in Astrophysics, 8 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** English

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

The student should understand in the end of the course the main concepts from classical radiation theory including Maxwell equations, propagation of electromagnetic waves, retarded potentials, multipole radiation, relativistic effects, and various radiative processes that give rise to the observed spectra from a variety of sources such as pulsars, relativistic jets, accretion-powered compact sources, and clusters of galaxies.

**Contents:**

The course is devoted to the classical radiation theory (Maxwell equations, retarded potentials, multipole radiation, spectral distribution, Larmor formula, relativistic effects, bremsstrahlung, synchrotron radiation, and Compton scattering) and its astrophysical applications to the emission processes in pulsars, relativistic jets, accretion-powered compact sources such as black holes and neutron stars, and clusters of galaxies.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 30 h, exercise sessions 12 h, home exercises, self-study 171 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Theoretical Astrophysics

**Recommended optional programme components:**

Fits well together with Gasdynamics and interstellar medium, Relativistic Astrophysics and Stellar Structure and evolution courses. No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously.

**Recommended or required reading:**

Shu, F.H.: The Physics of Astrophysics. Vol 1, Radiation; Rybicki, G. & Lightman, A.: Radiative Processes in Astrophysics, and compendium.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Home exercises (30% of the final score), exam (70%)

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Juri Poutanen

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/765676S/>

## 762636S: Shallow seismic soundings, 6 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Moisio, Kari Juhani

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish (optionally English)

**Timing:**

4th or 5th year

**Learning outcomes:**

After this course student knows how to apply and use seismic methods to investigate soil and bedrock structure. Student can explain theoretical background, limitations and error sources of the seismic methods. Student knows

how use seismic equipment in the field, measure seismic data, interpretate and analyze measured data and he can also create a summary of the measurement.

**Contents:**

This course gives basic knowledge required for seismic refraction-, reflection soundings and surface wave studies and their interpretation. Contents of the course; Physical principles and theory of the seismic soundings, interpretation, processing and measurement in practice. Case histories. Independent work includes refraction or reflection seismic sounding in the field.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 30 h, exercises 15 h, an independent exercise, self-study 115 h

**Target group:**

Optional for students of Geophysics. Recommend for everyone interested in shallow seismic soundings especially for groundwater investigations.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture notes. Selected parts: Burger, H.R., 2006: Introduction to Applied Geophysics: Exploring the Shallow Subsurface; Sjögren, B., 1984: Shallow refraction seismics; Palmer, D., 1986: Refraction seismics; Al-Sadi, H.N., 1982: Seismic exploration.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination and accepted report of an independent exercise

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kari Moisio

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/762636S/>

## 765694S: Special course, 7 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Voidaan suorittaa useasti:** Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**

4 - 10 credits

**Contents:**

With changing topic.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Person responsible:**

Juri Poutanen

## 765608S: Stellar dynamics, 7 op

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**ECTS Credits:**

7 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English (or Finnish)

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After the course the student can discuss the basic principles of galactic dynamics on a level that makes possible to start independent study of research articles published on the field.

**Contents:**

Introduction to stellar dynamics. Galactic dynamics and spiral structure, globular clusters

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 32 h, exercises, demonstrations 20 h, self-study 135 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Recommended: 766323A Mechanics or 765304A Celestial mechanics

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

J. Binney, S. Tremaine: Galactic dynamics, Princeton University Press, 2008 (part of the book).

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Heikki Salo

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/765608S/>

**765343A: Stellar structure and evolution, 7 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** English

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Lectured every 2nd year

**Learning outcomes:**

Students understand basic equations that describe the physics of stellar structure and evolution and know how to use them in practice.

**Contents:**

Stellar equilibrium. Theory of polytropes. Radiation transport. Convection. Nuclear reaction. Stellar evolution.

Stellar pulsations. White dwarfs, degenerate gas. Supernovae. Neutron stars and black holes. The course can be also incorporated into advanced studies with some supplementary work.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 32 h, exercises, self-study 181 h

**Target group:**

Primarily for the students of the degree programme in physics

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

Theoretical Astrophysics (recommended)

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

D. Prialnik: An introduction to the theory of stellar structure and evolution; R. Bowers, T. Deeming: Astrophysics I. Stars; R. Kippenhahn, A. Weigert: Stellar structure and evolution.

Course material availability can be checked [here](#).

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Juri Poutanen

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/765343A/>

**765643S: Stellar structure and evolution, 7 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** English

**ECTS Credits:**

8 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Lectured every 2nd year

**Learning outcomes:**

Students understand basic equations that describe the physics of stellar structure and evolution and know how to use them in practice.

**Contents:**

See [765343A](#) Stellar structure and evolution. Compared to 765343A, includes extra homework assignments on more advanced level.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Person responsible:**

Juri Poutanen

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/765643S/>

**762628S: Thermal processes of the earth, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opettajat:** Moisio, Kari Juhani

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish (optionally English)

**Timing:**

4th or 5th year

**Learning outcomes:**

After this course student can define and explain the most important factors affecting heat transport and heat generation below the Earth's surface. Student can define and calculate basic equations describing thermal distribution in the Earth's crust and mantle. He can apply and use analytical solutions of certain thermal processes. He can describe fundamentals of the heat flow determination and the error sources related to them. He also has knowledge of the global heat flow distribution and he can define and explain different thermal processes occurring in the Earth.

**Contents:**

This course focuses in the fundamentals of the thermal phenomena in the Earth, thermal processes in the crust and the mantle and their consequences. Contents; means of heat transport. Rheology. Sources of heat. Thermal history of the Earth. Heat flow, measuring and error sources.

Analytical solutions of thermal mechanisms. Thermal processes on the continents, the oceans and the lithosphere. Thermal phenomena in the mantle.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 24 h, exercises 15 h, an independent exercise, self-study 94 h

**Target group:**

Optional for students of Geophysics. Recommend for everyone interested in thermal phenomena in the earth.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No specific prerequisites

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture notes and Jaupart C. & Mareschal J-C., 2011: Heat Generation and Transport in the Earth . Selected parts: Turcotte, D. L. & Schubert, G., 2002 (2nd Ed.): Geodynamics; Turcotte, D. L. & Olson, P., 2001. Mantle Convection in the Earth and Planets; Ranalli, G., 1995: Rheology of the Earth; Cermak, V. & Rybach, L., (eds.), Terrestrial heat flow and the lithosphere structure.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination and accepted report of an independent exercise

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Kari Moisio

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/762628S/>

## 765368A: Time Series Analysis in Astronomy, 6 op

**Voimassaolo:** 01.01.2011 -

**Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

767301A	Time Series Analysis in Astronomy	5.0 op
767601S	Time Series Analysis in Astronomy	5.0 op
765668S	Time Series Analysis in Astronomy	6.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After taking the course the student is expected to understand basic time series concepts and terminology, to be able to select time series methods appropriate to goals and summarize results of time series analysis in writing. The main objective of this course is to develop the skills needed to do empirical research in fields operating with time series data sets.

**Contents:**

This is an introductory course, with particular emphasis on practical aspects of the typical time series encountered in astronomy and in related field of sciences: search for periodicities hidden in noise. Topics include detrending, filtering, autoregressive modeling, spectral analysis, regression, and wavelet analysis. Methods that can be applied to evenly and unevenly spaced time series are considered.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 24 h, exercises 24 h. The theoretical part of lectures concentrates on both parametric and nonparametric time series analysis methods. The practical part involves programming, application and interpretation of the results. Self-study 85 h.

**Target group:**

Student of the intermediate and advanced level.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

No pre-knowledge is required in the time series analysis field. A rough knowledge of Fourier transforms and related functions as well as some basic knowledge in Statistics would be an advantage.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Numerical Recipes, papers.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

One written examination

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Vitaly Neustroev

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/765368A/>

**765668S: Time Series Analysis in Astronomy, 6 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2011 -

Opiskelumuoto: Advanced Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Department of Physics

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

767301A	Time Series Analysis in Astronomy	5.0 op
767601S	Time Series Analysis in Astronomy	5.0 op
765368A	Time Series Analysis in Astronomy	6.0 op



**ECTS Credits:**

6 credits

**Language of instruction:**

English

**Timing:**

Not lectured every year

**Learning outcomes:**

After taking the course the student is expected to understand basic time series concepts and terminology, to be able to select time series methods appropriate to goals and summarize results of time series analysis in writing. The main objective of this course is to develop the skills needed to do empirical research in fields operating with time series data sets.

**Contents:**See [765368A](#) Time Series Analysis in Astronomy**Assessment methods and criteria:**Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Person responsible:**

Vitaly Neustroev

**764327A: Virtual measurement environments, 5 op****Opiskelumuoto:** Intermediate Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**Leikkaavuudet:**

764627S Virtual measurement environments 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

3rd autumn

**Learning outcomes:**

The students will learn how to construct software environments for measurements and data analysis.

**Contents:**

The course gives basic skills to use MATLAB and LabView programming environments to construct their own (custom) programs, with which they can both measure and analyze data with the computer.

**Mode of delivery:**

Face-to-face teaching

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**

Lectures 10 h, project work about 60 h, self-study 63 h

**Target group:**

Students in biophysics. Also for the other students of the University of Oulu.

**Prerequisites and co-requisites:**

None, but basics of programming principles are useful.

**Recommended optional programme components:**

No alternative course units or course units that should be completed simultaneously

**Recommended or required reading:**

Lecture and exercises notes

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Project reports

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.**Grading:**

Numerical grading scale 0 – 5, where 0 = fail

**Person responsible:**

Matti Weckström, Jouni Takalo

**Working life cooperation:**

No work placement period

**Other information:**

<https://wiki oulu.fi/display/764327A/>

**764627S: Virtual measurement environments, 5 op**

**Opiskelumuoto:** Advanced Studies

**Laji:** Course

**Vastuuyksikkö:** Department of Physics

**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail

**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish

**Leikkaavuudet:**

764327A Virtual measurement environments 5.0 op

**ECTS Credits:**

5 credits

**Language of instruction:**

Finnish

**Timing:**

Autumn

**Learning outcomes:**

The students will learn how to construct software environments for measurements and data analysis.

**Contents:**

See [764327A](#) Virtual measurement environments

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

**Person responsible:**

Matti Weckström, Jouni Takalo