COURSE OF STUDY Fisica (L-30)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

ACADEMIC SUBJECT Istituzioni di Fisica Teorica II

Modulo A: Meccanica Quantistica

General information	
Year of the course	3rd
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	1st semester: Third week of September – Third week of December
Credits (CFU/ETCS):	5
SSD	FIS/02
Language	Italian
Mode of attendance	Not compulsory

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Office Hours (and modalities: e.g., by appointment, on line, etc.)	Students are invited to send an e-mail to arrange individual or group meetings

Work schedule			
Hours			
Total	Lectures	Hands-on (laboratory, workshops, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
150	24	30	96
CFU/ETCS			
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Learning Objectives	In-depth knowledge of the theoretical foundations of Quantum Mechanics and ability to apply them to realistic physical models, also using approximation methods.
Course prerequisites	Postulates of Quantum Mechanics. Complex annalysis. Differential and operator calculus. One-dimensional quantum systems. Quantum dynamics.

Teaching strategy	Lectures and exercise sessions
Expected learning outcomes in terms of	
Knowledge and understanding on	Composite systems. Total angular momentum. Spin. Symmetries. identical particles. Quantum dynamics.
Applying knowledge and understanding on	Analytical and approximation techniques for understanding quantum phenomena and solving problems in quantum mechanics.
Soft skills	☐ **Making informed judgments and choices** Relationship between Experimental Physics and Theoretical Physics. The use of analogy in the development of scientific knowledge. ☐ **Communicating knowledge and understanding** The student will acquire mastery of the lexicon of quantum physics.

	☐ **Capacities to continue learning** Ability to resolve quantum mechanical problems. Ability to consult bibliographic material and material on the web
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Content knowledge	***Angular momentum.*** Rotations and commutation relations. Spin and orbital angular momentum. Composition of Angular Momenta. Clebsch-Gordan coefficients. Examples. Schwinger model. Exercises. ***Symmetries.*** Symmetries, conservation laws and degeneracies. Discrete symmetries, spatial inversion and parity operator. Parity of the orbital angular momentum eigenstates. Exercises. ***Central potentials.*** Hamiltonian in spherical coordinates. Radial equation. Behavior of the radial function at the origin. Solution of the radial equation for the free particle, particle in a sphere, and particle in a potential well. Expansion of plane waves into spherical waves. Hydrogen atom. Exercises. ***Identical particles.*** Permutation symmetry. Indistinguishability principle. Bosons and Fermions. Two-electron system. Helium atom. Exercises. ***Perturbation theory.*** Time-independent perturbation theory: nondegenerate and degenerate case. The Stark effect. Fine structure. Time-dependent perturbation theory. Instant perturbation. Periodic perturbation. Fermi's Golden Rule. Exercises. ***Quantum dynamics.*** Time evolution and Schroedinger equation. Interaction picture and Dyson series. Propagator. Feynman path integrals. Semiclassical limit.
Texts and readings	- J.J. Sakurai, J. Napolitano, Modern Quantum Mechanics, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2020; - Lecture notes
Notes, additional materials	*Additional books:* - L.D. Landau, E.M. Lifshitz, Quantum Mechanics, Pergamon Press, Oxford 1962; - A. Messiah, Mecanique Quantique, Dunod, Paris 1962, volume I; - J. Schwinger, Quantum Mechanics, Springer, Berlin 2001; - A. Peres, Quantum Theory: Concepts and Methods, Kluwer, Dordrecht 1995; - L. Angelini, Meccanica Quantistica: problemi scelti, Springer-Verlag Italia, Milano 2018
Repository	http://www.ba.infn.it/~facchi/Sito/Lectures.html

Assessment	
Assessment methods	Written exam; oral exam
Assessment criteria	☐ **Knowledge and understanding** Knowledge of the theoretical fundamentals of quantum mechanics ☐ **Applying knowledge and understanding** Using the acquired knowledge to solve problems in quantum mechanics ☐ **Autonomy of judgement** Developing physical and mathematical tools to properly model simple quantum systems ☐ **Communicating knowledge and understanding** Expressing the physical and mathematical concepts of quantum mechanicas ☐ ***Capacities to continue learning*** Developing mathematical and physical tools to model simple nonrelativistic

	quantum systems.
Final exam and grading criteria	Written exam (50%). Oral exam (50%)
Further information	