UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE

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COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** PHYS 443, Quantum Mechanics I - Winter 2019

   Lecture 01: TR 14:30 - 15:45 in MS 527

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   Course Site:

   D2L: PHYS 443 L01-(Winter 2019)-Quantum Mechanics I

   Piazza: https://piazza.com/class/jpw28e2f3wx3oj

   Note: Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

2. **Requisites:**

   See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

   Prerequisite(s):
   Physics 325 and 343 and Mathematics 311.

   Note(s):
   a. Prior completion of or concurrent registration in Mathematics 367 or 377 is highly recommended.

3. **Grading:**

   The University policy on grading and related matters is described in F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Component(s)	Weighting %	Date
Homework	25	
Presentation	15	Final week of class
Midterm	20	March 7
Final exam	40	TBD

   Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

   The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D
Minimum % Required	95 %	90 %	85 %	80%	75%	70 %	65 %	60%	55%	50 %	45 %

   This course has a registrar scheduled final exam.

4. **Missed Components Of Term Work:**

   In the event that a student misses the midterm or any course work due to illness, supporting documentation, such as a medical note or a statutory declaration will be required (see Section N.1; for more information regarding the use of statuary declaration/medical notes, see FAQ). Absences must be reported within 48 hrs.

   The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in Section 3.6. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize themselves with these regulations. See also Section E.3 of the University Calendar.

   Homework is to be handed in **in-class**.

   Your worst homework score will not be counted towards your final grade.

   Late homework will be harshly penalized, but can be handed in under my office door within 24 hours of the due date. The late homework penalty will depend on when I collect it from my office: late homework collected the day it's due (i.e. before I go home) will receive a 25% penalty. Homework collected when I return to my office the next morning will receive a 50% penalty. Homework collected any other time during the day after it's due will received a 75% penalty. My comings and goings from my office are unpredictable, so I advise you to simply not hand in homework late!

5. **Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:**

   There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

6. **Course Materials:**

   Required Textbook(s):

   David J. Griffiths and Darrell F. Schroeter, *Introduction to Quantum Mechanics*: Cambridge University Press, 3rd Edition.

7. **Examination Policy:**

   Calculator and one page (double sided) formula sheet allowed.

   Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations.

8. **Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:**

   There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.

9. **Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:**

   For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section E.2 of the University Calendar.

10. **Human Studies Statement:**

    Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

    See also Section E.5 of the University Calendar.

11. **Reappraisal Of Grades:**

    A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

    a. **Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within **15 days** of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall immediately submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered. The department will arrange for a re-assessment of the work if, and only if, the student has sufficient academic grounds. See sections I.1 and

I.2 of the University Calendar

b. **Final Exam:** The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

12. **Other Important Information For Students:**

a. **Mental Health** The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, Mental Health Services Website) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (Mental Health).

b. **SU Wellness Center:** The Students Union Wellness Centre provides health and wellness support for students including information and counselling on physical health, mental health and nutrition. For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre or call 403-210-9355.

c. **Sexual Violence:** The University of Calgary is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. The Sexual Violence Policy (https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf) is a fundamental element in creating and sustaining a safer campus environment for all community members. We understand that sexual violence can undermine students' academic success and we encourage students who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need. The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (svsa@ucalgary.ca) or phone at 403-220-2208 .

d. **Misconduct:** Academic misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under Section K. Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties. Examples of academic misconduct may include: submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work when it is not; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; collaborating in whole or in part without prior agreement of the instructor; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/ fabrication of experimental values in a report. **These are only examples**.

e. **Assembly Points:** In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on assembly points.

f. **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the procedure for accommodations for students with disabilities available at procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf.

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head of the Department of Physics & Astronomy, Dr. David Feder by email phas.ahugrd@ucalgary.ca or phone 403-220-8127. Religious accommodation requests relating to class, test or exam scheduling or absences must be submitted no later than **14 days** prior to the date in question. See Section E.4 of the University Calendar.

g. **Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (See the Campus Safewalk website). Call 403-220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.

h. **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see Legal Services website.

i. **Student Union Information:** VP Academic, Phone: 403-220-3911 Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca. SU Faculty Rep., Phone: 403-220-3913 Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca. Student Ombudsman, Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca.

j. **Internet and Electronic Device Information:** Unless instructed otherwise, cell phones should be turned off during class. All communication with other individuals via laptop, tablet, smart phone or other device is prohibited during class unless specifically permitted by the instructor. Students that violate this policy may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated violations may result in a charge of misconduct.

k. **Surveys:** At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.

l. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or non-academic misconduct, in addition to any other remedies available at law.

Schedule of topics

Week 0: Lecture 0 (January 10)
Introduction and review of syllabus

Week 1: Lectures 1 – 2, (January 15/ 17)

The Stern-Gerlach experiment	Notes
Photo-electric effect	Notes
Photon-antibunching	Notes
Intro to the Schrodinger equation	Notes + Chapter 1.1
Wavefunctions and probability	Chapter 1.2 – 1.4
Examples: electron corrals	

Week 2: Lectures 3 – 4, (January 22/24)

Solutions to the Schrodinger equation	Chapter 2.1 – 2.3
Infinite square well, harmonic oscillator potentials	
Real world examples: quantum wells, laser trapped atoms	

Week 3: Lectures 5 – 6, (January 29/31)

More solutions to the Schrodinger equation	Chapter 2.4 – 2.5
Free particle, delta function potential	
Real world examples: Electron gas, optical nanofiber	

Week 4: Lectures 7 – 8, (February 5/7)
Prof. Barclay at Photonics West on February 5. Make-up class will be scheduled.

Hilbert space, matrix notation, observables, eigenfunctions	Chapter 3.1 – 3.3
Revisiting the Stern Gerlach experiment, bra/key (Dirac) notation	
Density matrix and Schrodinger's equation	

Week 5: Lectures 9 – 10, (February 12/14)

The uncertainty principle and operators	Chapter 3.4 – 3.6

Week 6: No lectures, (Reading week)

Week 7: Lectures 11 – 12 (February 26/28)

Schrodinger equation in 3D (and 2D if time permits)	Chapter 4
Hydrogen atom and angular momentum, generators	Chapter 4.2 – 4.4

Week 8: Lectures 13 and midterm (March 5/6)
Review

Midterm on March 7

Week 9: Lectures 14 – 15 (March 12/14)
Identical particles — Chapter 5.1

Bosons and fermions

Solids — Chapter 5.3

Week 10: Lectures 16 – 17 (March 19/21)
Symmetries and conservation laws — Chapter 6

Week 11: Lectures 18 – 19 (March 26/28)
Prof. Barclay at WOMBAT Conference: make-up class + guest lecturer

Week 12: Lectures 20 – 21 (April 2/4)
Perturbation theory — Chapter 7

Week 13: Lectures 22 – 23 (April 9/11)
More perturbation theory

Course Incomes:

Ability to solve differential equations, perform basic matrix/vector operations. Understanding of eigenvectors and eigenvalues. Comfortable working with complex numbers (including complex exponentials). Familiarity with basics of modern physics – atoms, photons and electrons, Coulombs Law, electric potential and other concepts of electromagnetism.

Course Outcomes:

- Know the background and experiments which led to the development of quantum mechanics.
- Explain, qualitatively and quantitatively, the role of photons, electrons and Bohr's model in explaining these experiments
- Be able to discuss and interpret experiments displaying wavelike behaviour of matter, and how this motivates the need to replace classical mechanics by the Schrödinger equation
- Understand the postulates of quantum mechanics: the Schrödinger equation, the wave function and its physical interpretation, stationary and non-stationary states, time evolution
- Interpret and discuss physical phenomena in light of the uncertainty relation
- Be able to solve the Schrödinger equation for simple one-dimensional systems -- the ones explicitly taught (e.g. square well, harmonic oscillator, potential barrier), as well as similar, new ones
- Gain a basic understanding of the formalism and 'language' of quantum mechanics and how it relates to linear algebra (Dirac's notation).
- Use the solution to compute probabilities, expectation values, uncertainties and time evolution

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