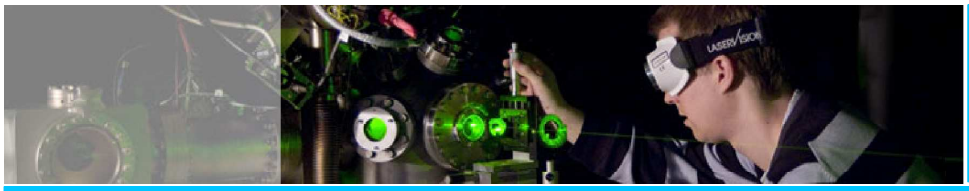
Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

Department of Physics



Commented Course Programme in Physics

BSc and MSc in Physics

- Dekanat des Fachbereichs Physik -
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INTRODUCTION

The Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Münster is located in the cultural centre of Westphalia in close vicinity to the Netherlands. The Treaty of Westphalia, signed in Münster in 1648, ended the Thirty Years' War and established the modern Netherlands. Therefore, we traditionally have strong ties to our Dutch neighbours. Nearly 60,000 students live in this town that is known as Germany's bicycle capital. Its economy is based on the service industry and public administration. Students make up about 20% of city's population, ensuring a lively atmosphere. The Department of Physics warmly welcomes foreign students. They are an important factor in creating an open and colourful academic and social life on campus.

We invite foreign students to participate in courses offered by members of the department, comprising about 25 independent research groups that cover a broad range of physics. These courses are open to full time, part time, and exchange students. Moreover, they are open to students studying physics, other natural sciences, mathematics and medicine, both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

As a guideline for the selection of appropriate courses, the following list details the contents of lectures and laboratory courses, which are regularly taught during each academic year. Traditionally, the academic year at German universities is split into two semesters: a Winter Term beginning in mid-October and ending in mid-February, and a Summer Term beginning in mid-April and ending at the end of July. The sequence of courses is largely based on the assumption that students start their studies in the Winter Term of the academic year. In addition to the courses listed here, the department also offers a large number of seminars and special courses with varying subjects.

Most of the courses in the Bachelor program are taught in German. It is highly recommended that students have a basic working knowledge of German prior to entering the courses. In the laboratory courses, experiments are normally conducted in groups of two students under the supervision of an instructor. Here, English is accepted as a working language for the course work and reports. Courses in the Master program will be taught in English upon request.

In addition to the services provided by the Department of Physics, general support for foreign students is also provided through central university institutions, including the International Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt) and the Foreign Language Centre (Sprachenzentrum).

We look forward to seeing you in Münster.

Guido Schmitz	Gernot Münster
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Description of Modules for the Study Programme

Physics

and

Physics with Specialisation “Scientific Instrumentation”

(Bachelor of Science)

Department of Physics
University of Münster

Recommended Study Organisation

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10 CP (PM)</td><td rowspan="2">Computational Physics
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13 CP (PM)</td><td rowspan="2">Professional qualification
16 CP (WPM**)</td></tr>
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13 CP (WPM)</td></tr>
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WS: Winter Term SS: Summer Term PM: Mandatory Module WPM: Elective Module

* Interdisciplinary module, which has a reasonable relation to the study of physics or will suit the professional qualification

** Study course physics: Quantum Theory and Statistical Physics,

Study course physics with specialisation “Scientific Instrumentation”: Applications of Physical Measurement Methods

Module Descriptions

Module 1	**Physics I: Dynamics of Particles and Particle Systems (mandatory)**
Semester	1st semester, WS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Physics I (lecture, 6 h/w and exercises 4 h/w, 14 CP, WS) *Tue: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS1* *Wed: 8:15-10:45, IG1 HS1* *Fri: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS1* *Exercises:* *Take place at different times in several rooms, alternative date upon request*
Credit points/ Work load	14 CP / 420 h (150 h in-class, 270 h self-study)
Learning targets	Understanding of phenomena and processes in nature; comprehension, mathematical representation and critical reflection of physical laws Introduction to the basic concepts of physics: experimentation, mathematical description, numerical modelling and visualisation of mechanical processes; knowledge of related experimental devices and measurement techniques
Contents	Methodology of Physics: what is physics? The role of theory and experiment; physical quantities and unit systems; measurements and uncertainties; vectors and fields; complex numbers; expansions; differential equations Dynamics of Particles: Newton's laws; force, momentum and angular momentum; oscillations; work and energy; the concept of fields; conservation laws; principle of relativity; accelerating and rotating reference frames; motion in central force fields Particle Systems: centre of gravity and conservation laws; coupled oscillators; dynamics of rigid bodies; deformable bodies; elasticity theory; dynamics of fluids and gases; kinetic theory of gases; distribution functions; mechanical and acoustic waves; Doppler effect
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in "Exercises for Physics I"
Exam	3-hour written exam The final mark of this subject will be calculated considering the two best marks among the modules Physics I, Physics II and Physics III. If this is to be applied to this module, it counts 11% of the final mark.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 2	**Physics II: Thermodynamics and Electromagnetism (mandatory)**
Semester	2nd semester, SS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Physics II (lecture, 6 h/w and exercises 2 h/w, 10 CP, SS) *Tue: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS1, Wed: 8:15-10:45, IG1 HS1, Fri: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS1* *Exercises:* *Thu: 8:30-10:00, various rooms, Fri: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* Theoretical upplement to Physics II (2 h/w and exercises 1 h/w, 4 CP, SS) *Thu: 2:15-3:45, AP HS* *Exercises: Mo: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* *(alternative dates for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	14 CP / 420 h (165 h in-class, 255 h self-study)
Learning targets	Understanding of phenomena and processes in nature; comprehension, mathematical representation and critical reflection of physical laws Introduction to basic concepts of physics: experimentation, mathematical description, numerical modelling and visualisation; application to thermodynamic and electromagnetic processes; knowledge of related experimental apparatuses and measurement techniques Theoretical amendment: deepened understanding of the main principles in classical mechanics, acquisition of the methods of analytical mechanics and their application to physical problems, introduction to the basics of linear and nonlinear dynamical systems
Contents	Thermodynamics: temperature and heat; state variables; entropy and its statistical interpretation; the laws of thermodynamics; heat engines; transport phenomena; real gases; state of aggregation; phase transitions Electric Charges and Currents: basic phenomena; electric fields and potentials; voltage; electric fields in matter and at interfaces (electrostatic induction and dielectricity), DC circuits; electric work and power; conduction phenomena in solids, liquids and gases Electromagnetism: electric currents and magnetic fields; magnetic fields in matter; types of magnetisms; forces acting on current-carrying conductors; induction and induction devices; electromagnetism in vacuum and in matter; Lorentz force; Hall effect; AC resistances and circuits; oscillating circuits Theoretical Supplement: analytic mechanics and dynamic systems: constraints and generalized coordinates, d'Alembert and Hamilton principle, Lagrangian formulation of mechanics, phase space, Hamiltonian mechanics, canonical transformations, Poisson bracket, basics of linear and nonlinear dynamic systems
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in “Exercises for Physics II”
Exam	4-hour written exam The final mark of this subject will be calculated considering the two best marks among the modules Physics I, Physics II and Physics III. If this is to be applied to this module, it counts 11% of the final mark.
Prerequisites for attending	Recommended: Physics I

Module 3	**Basics of Mathematics (mandatory)**
Semester	1st (WS) and 2nd (SS) semester
Person in charge	Dean of Studies (mathematics)
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Mathematics for Physicists I (lecture, 4 h/w, 4 CP, WS) *Mon: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2, Thu: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2* Exercises for Mathematics for Physicists I (2 h/w, 4 CP, WS) *Tue: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* Mathematics for Physicists II (lecture, 4 h/w, 4 CP, SS) *Mon: 10:30-12:00, AP HS, Thu: 10:30-12:00, AP HS* Exercises for Mathematics for Physicists II (2 h/w, 4 CP, SS) *Tue: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* *(alternative dates for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	16 CP /480 h (180 h in-class,300 h self-study)
Learning targets	Basic concepts of analysis and linear algebra and ability to solve related problems
Contents	Complete induction, mathematical nomenclature Vector Spaces: dimension, subspace, linear systems of equations. convergence of series and progressions, real numbers, euclidean and normed vector spaces,complex numbers, exp and log, roots, powers, trigonometric functions, unitary vector spaces. Differentiable functions of one variable, mean value theorem and applications, curves, differentiable functions of several variables, gradients, vector fields Integration in one-dimension: antiderivative, Taylor theorem, improper integrals, arc length, line integrals Series of Functions: different types of convergence, normed vector spaces, topology of metric spaces, interchange of limiting processes Linear Transformations: dimension formula, matrix representation, determinants, volumes, vector product, eigenvalues, normal forms Differentiable Mappings: inverse theorem , implicit functions, Lagrange multipliers
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises for “Mathematics for Physicists I” Successful participation in the exercises for “Mathematics for Physicists II” Passed exam at the end of the Winter semester “Mathematics for Physicists I”
Exam	Normally two hour final exam following the lecture “Mathematics for Physicists II” The final mark of this subject will be calculated considering the best mark among the modules “mathematics for physicists II” and “Integration theory”. If this is to be applied to this module, it counts 11% of the final mark.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 4	**Physics III: Waves and Quanta (mandatory)**
Semester	3rd semester, WS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Physics III (lecture, 6 h/w and exercises 2 h/w, 10 CP, WS) *Mon: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS1, Wed: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS1* *Thu: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS1* *Exercises: Fri: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* Theoretical Supplement to Physics III (lecture 2 h/w and exercises 1 h/w, 4 CP), *Thu: 2:15-3:45, AP HS* *Exercises: Tue: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* *(alternative dates for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	14 CP / 420 h (165 h in-class, 255 h self-study)
Learning targets	Understanding of phenomena and processes in nature; comprehension, mathematical representation and critical reflection of physical laws Introduction to the basic concepts of physics: experiment, mathematical description, numerical modelling and visualisation; application to optical, wave physical and quantum physical processes; knowledge of related experimental apparatuses and measurement techniques Theoretical amendment: understanding of the main principles of special relativity, application to relativistic problems in mechanics and electrodynamics
Contents	Electromagnetic Waves: Maxwell's equations, generation of electromagnetic waves, electromagnetic waves in vacuum, in insulators, and in conductors; wave propagation; wave packets; phase and group velocity; measurement of the velocity of light; Michelson-Morley experiment. Optics: Interaction of light with matter; polarisation and crystal optics; geometrical optics; optical instruments; wave optics; interference and diffraction; near-field and far-field optics; applications of interference and diffraction phenomena; nonlinear optics Quanta: black body radiation; Planck's law of radiation; photo effect; laser; Compton effect; wave-particle dualism; statistical interpretation of wave functions; uncertainty relation; Franck-Hertz experiment; Theoretical Supplement: basics of special relativity, mathematical formulation, 4-vectors, covariant formulation of mechanics and electrodynamics
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in "Exercises to Physics III"
Exam	4-hour written exam The final mark of this subject will be calculated considering the two best marks among the modules Physics I, Physics II and Physics III. If this is to be applied to this module, it counts 11% of the final mark.
Prerequisites for attending	Recommended: Physics I, Physics II

Module 5	**Integration Theory (mandatory)**
Semester	3rd semester, WS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies (mathematics)
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Mathematics for Physicists III (lecture, 4 h/w, 4 CP, WS) *Tue: 10:30-12:00, AP HS, Fri: 10:30-12:00, AP HS* Exercises for Mathematics for Physicists III (2 h/w, 4 CP, WS) *Mon: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* *(alternative date for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	8 CP /240 h (90 h in-class, 150 h self-study)
Learning targets	Basic concepts of integration theory and ability to solve related problems
Contents	Ordinary Differential Equations: Picard-Lindelöf theorem, linear differential equations, examples. Measure and Integration theory: transformation rule, the Lebesgue integral, convergence theorems, theorem of Fubini The integral theorems of Stokes, Gauß and Green in two and three dimensions. Complex Analysis: Cauchy integral theorem, power series, residue theorem Fourier series, convergence in the mean, Hilbert space L^2 and Fourier transformation
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises for “Mathematics for Physicist III”
Exam	Normally two hour written exam. The final mark of this subject will be calculated considering the best mark among the modules “mathematics for physicists II” and “Integration theory”. If this is to be applied to this module, it counts 11% of the final mark.
Prerequisites for attending	Contents of the module “Basics of Mathematics”

Module 6	**Laboratory Course I (mandatory)**
Semester	3rd (WS) and 4th (SS) semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. M. Donath
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	1. Laboratory Course in Mechanics and Electromagnetism (4 h/w, 7 CP, WS) 2. Laboratory Course in Optics, Thermal und Atomic physics (4 h/w, 6 CP, SS) *Mon, Tue or Thu: 1:00-5:00, various laboratories*
Credit points/ Work load	13 CP / 390 h (120 h laboratory course, 270 h preparation and follow-up work)
Learning targets	Inductive understanding of phenomena and processes in nature; basic comprehension of experimental methods in classical mechanics, thermal physics, electromagnetism, optics and atomic physics Practical experience in working with experimental setups for basic fields of experimental physics; ability to interpret the measurements and to write a report
Contents	Selected experiments in classical mechanics, thermal physics, electromagnetism, optics, and atomic physics. Evaluation and recording of the experiments with common calculation programs and text processing programs.
Requirements to meet	Successful completion of all required experiments in 1. and 2.
Exam	Preparation, execution and written analysis of all experiments completed within the module parts (1. and 2.) will be evaluated. Based on the evaluation a final grade is issued in both semesters. The average of the individual semester grades yields to the overall grade for the module. The module grade does *not* count for the subject's overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Recommended: Physics I, Physics II

Module 7	**Atomic and Quantum Physics (mandatory)**
Semester	4th semester, SS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Introduction to Quantum Mechanics (lecture, 4 h/w, 4 CP, SS) *Mon: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2, Thu: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2* Atomic and Molecular Physics (lecture, 2 h/w, 2 CP, SS) *Wed: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2* Exercises for Atomic and Quantum Physics (2 h/w, 4 CP, SS) *Tue: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* *(alternative dates for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	10 CP / 300 h (120 h in-class, 180 h self-study)
Learning targets	Basic understanding of quantum mechanics and atomic physics; Mathematical solutions of problems in quantum mechanics and atomic physics; Advanced knowledge of the quantum nature of matter
Contents	Introduction to Quantum Mechanics: Schrödinger equation; wave packets; simple potential problems; harmonic oscillator (eigenvalues and eigenfunctions); hydrogen atom (physics of angular momenta, radial equation, energy spectrum); spin (phenomena and formal description); approximation methods; indistinguishability (Bosons and Fermions) Atomic and Molecular Physics: atomic nature of matter; Stern-Gerlach experiment; experimental methods of atomic physics; models of atoms; hydrogen atom; atoms with more than one electron; atoms in external fields; elementary structure of simple molecules; current topics in atomic and molecular physics
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises for “Atomic and Quantum Physics”
Exam	3-hour written exam Counts 7% to the subject's overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Recommended: Physics I, Physics II, Physics III

Module 8	**Measuring technology and signal processing**
Semester	4th semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. Fallnich, Prof. Dr. Demokritov
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Foundations of Signal Processing, (lecture 4 h/w and exercises 2 h/w, 8 CP, SS *Tue: 10:30-12:00, AP HS, Fri: 10:30-12:00, AP HS* *Exercises: Thu: 8:30-10:00, various rooms* *(alternative date for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	8 CP/ 240 h (90 h in-class study, 150 h self-study)
Learning targets	Basic knowledge in electronics, optoelectronics, automatic control engineering and communication technology; Practice in analogue and digital standard methods; Analysis of data by use of computers; Comprehension of interaction between physics and engineering technologies
Contents	Electronic and optoelectronic components; analog and digital electronic circuits, steering and controlling; data analysis; basics of systems technology (methods in Fourier space); stochastic processes and noise; digital and analog signal processing; correlation procedures; storage and transformation of information; temporal, spatial and spatio-temporal information; linear and nonlinear systems; use of basic physics in information technology, life science, energy production and environmental studies
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises for “Applied Physics”
Exam	30-45 minute oral exam Counts 7% to this subject's overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 9	**Computational Physics**
Semester	4. and 5. Semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. Doltsinis
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Introduction to Scientific Programming (lecture 2 h/w and exercises 1 h/w, SS, 5 CP), *Thu: 2:15-3:45, IG1 HS2* *Exercises: Take place at different times in several rooms, alternative date upon request* and Numerical solving of Physical Problems (lecture 2 h/w and exercises 1 h/w, WS, 4 CP), *Tue: 2:15-3:45, IG1 HS2*or Computer based Experimentation (experimental exercises, WS, SS, 4 CP) or participation in a class of the ZIV corresponding to 4 CP which is to be connected to the study of physics (in consultation with the person in charge of this module)
Credit points/ Work load	9 CP / 270 h (90 h in-class, 180 h self-study)
Learning targets	Introduction to Scientific Programming: use of computers to solve physical problems, algorithmic formulation of problems, understanding the possibilities and limits of numerical simulations Numerical solving of Physical Problems: learning of basic algorithms to solve problems from different parts of Physics Computer based Experimentation: Use of computers to control experiments and to obtain and handle measured data
Contents	Introduction to Scientific Programming: Introduction to operating systems and programming languages, transformation of physical problems to algorithmic form, number representations, numerical solutions to physical problems, analysis of convergence, numerical differentiation and integration Numerical solving of Physical Problems: Systems of linear equations, Eigenvalue problems, Fast-Fourier transformation, ordinary and partial differential equations, integral equations, Monte-Carlo methods Computer based Experimentation: Computer controlled data acquisition and handling using a convenient language (voice recording, music, noise etc., Fourier analysis including the window function, analogue and digital signal filters, correlation functions, practical application of the sampling theorem)
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises to the introduction of scientific programming Successful participation in the exercises to numerical solution of physical problems or the hardware practical course or a class at the ZIV
Exam	Written exam: “Introduction to scientific programming” The grade does *not* count for the subject's overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Recommended: Physics I, Physics II, Physics III

Module 10	**Structure of Matter (mandatory)**
Semester	5th semester or later, WS and SS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Physics of Condensed Matter (lecture 4 h/w, 4 CP, WS) *Wed: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2, Fri: 8:30-12:00, IG1 HS2* Exercises to Physics of Condensed Matter (1 h/w, 2CP, WS) *Wed: 9:15-10:00, various rooms* Nuclear and Particle Physics (lecture 3 h/w, 3 CP, WS) *Tue: 12:15-1:00, AP HS, Thu: 10:30-12:00, AP HS* Exercises to Nuclear and Particle Physics (1 h/w, 2 CP, WS) *Tue: 9:15-10:00, various rooms* Astrophysics and Cosmology (lecture 1 h/w, 1 CP, WS) *Wed: 12:15-1:00, IG1 HS2* Seminar (2 h/w, 2 CP, WS, SS) *(alternative dates for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	14 CP / 420 h (180 h in-class, 240 h self-study)
Learning targets	Advanced knowledge of the structure of matter and its exploration, knowledge of the used experimental and mathematic tools, ability to identify and to apply physical structures advantageously, ability to become acquainted with a physical topic and to present it orally.
Contents	Physics of Condensed Matter: structure and bonding of solids, methods of structure determination, reciprocal lattice, lattice vibrations (phonons), thermal, magnetic and optical properties of solids, electronicproperties of metals and semiconductors, band structure, semiconductor interfaces, superconductivity Nuclear and Particle Physics: interaction of radiation and matter, particle detectors and particle accelerators, liquid drop and Fermi gas model,scattering and nuclear reactions, gamma and beta decay, nuclear fission, nuclear fusion, nucleosynthesis, symmetries and conservation laws, quantum numbers, static quark model, basic interactions Astrophysics and Cosmology: experimental methods, star formation, Hertzsprung-Russell diagram, neutron stars, black holes, Schwarzschild radius, supernovae, evolution of the universe, background radiation, structure formation, Hubble parameter
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises for “Physics of Condensed Matter” Successful participation in the exercises for “Nuclear and Particle Physics” Successful participation (including talk/presentation) in seminar
Exam	30-45 minute oral exam Counts 12% to this subject's overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Physics I, Physics II, recommended: Physics III, Atomic and Quantum Physics

Module 11	**Laboratory Course II (mandatory)**
Semester	5th and 6th semester, WS and SS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	1. Exercises in the Institute of Physics (3 CP,WS SS) 2. Exercises in the Institute of Applied Physics (3 CP, WS, SS) 3. Exercises in the Institute of Nuclear Physics (3 CP, WS, SS) 4. Exercises in the Institute of Material Physics (4 CP, WS, SS) *Mon: 9:00-5:00, various laboratories*
Credit points/ Work load	13 CP/390 h (120 h in-class,270 h self-study)
Learning targets	Advanced analogue and digital metrological methods and analysis of data using computers, acquisition of practical skills on ambitious experimental set-ups for different topics in experimental physics Basic knowledge of electronics, optoelectronics, controlling, and information technologies Advanced knowledge of atomic and solid state physics, devices and measuring methods of atomic and solid state physics Advanced knowledge of nuclear and particle physics, nuclear-physical devices and measuring methods Advanced knowledge of functional materials, devices and measuring methods in material physics
Contents	Selected experiments to learn about measuring techniques and experimental and theoretical aspects of different sections of physics. Ability to experiment with complex measurement techniques and computer based data acquisition and to evaluate the results.
Requirements to meet	Successful completion including lab report of all required experiments
Exam	Preparation, execution and written analysis of all experiments from all four module parts is considered a general exam and thus will be graded. Overall grade for the module is determined by averaging on individual grades. Counts 9% to this subject's overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Physics I, Physics II and Laboratory Course I Recommended: Physics III, Atomic and Quantum Physics and Application of Physics

Module 12	**Exam Module (elective)**
Semester	6th semester, WS and SS
Person in charge	Supervisor of Bachelor thesis
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Self-directed work on the bachelor thesis (12 CP) Preparation and execution of the final talk (1 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	13 CP/ 390 h (in-class and self-study)
Learning targets	In courses related to the bachelor thesis or through private studies, the student will be introduced into scientific research and the functional and methodical basics for the bachelor thesis. With the bachelor thesis, the student should demonstrate the ability to deal with a current problem of physics using scientific methods within the given timeline and to present the results appropriately in written and oral form.
Contents	A topic of research suggested by a supervisor in agreement with the department is dealt with. The bachelor project can be done at university or as an internship at industry.
Requirements to meet	Preparation of written thesis and final talk about the thesis lasting 30 minutes. The two examiners of the thesis have to be present during the oral presentation.
Exam	The module grade is the grade of the bachelor thesis. Counts 10% to this subject's overall grade.

Module 13	**Quantum Theory and Statistical Physics (elective)**
Semester	5th (WS) and 6th (SS) semester
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Quantum Theory (lecture 4 h/w and exercises 2 h/w, 8 CP, WS) *Tue: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2, Fri: 10:30-12:00, IG1 HS2* *Exercises: Thu: 2:15-3:45, various rooms* Statistical Physics (lecture 4 h/w and exercises 2 h/w, 8 CP, SS) *Tue: 10:30-12:00, TP HS 404, Fri: 10:30-12:00, TP HS 404* *Exercises: Thu: 2:15-3:45, various rooms* *(alternative dates for exercises upon request)*
Credit points/ Work load	16 CP / 480 h (180 h in-class, 300 h self-study)
Learning targets	Advanced understanding of quantum theory and statistical physics to describe systems on the basis of their fundamental microscopic properties Advanced knowledge of the mathematical structure of quantum theory and the statistical approach to many-particle systems Ability to find mathematical solutions to problems in quantum theory and statistical physics
Contents	Quantum Theory: mathematical framework of quantum theory; symmetries and conservation laws; postulates and measurement process; addition of angular momentum and spin-orbit coupling; approximation methods for time-independent and time-dependent problems, atoms in electric and magnetic fields, Fermi's golden rule; stationary scattering theory; second quantisation; quantised radiation field and spontaneous emission; EPR paradox, hidden variables and Bell's inequality Statistical Physics: fundamentals of probability theory and mathematical statistics; statistical description of many-particle systems; statistical ensembles; relation between statistical physics and phenomenological thermodynamics; entropy and information; thermodynamic potentials; classical ideal gas; ideal quantum gases (Fermi and Bose gas); real gases; magnetic systems and phase transitions; statistics and kinetics of non-equilibrium systems; transport processes
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises for "Quantum Theory" Successful participation in the exercises for "Statistical Physics" Successful written tests at the end of each of the Exercises
Exam	30-45 minute oral exam Counts 10% to this subject's overall grade.
Remark	This module is essential to start directly with the master's degree of physics.
Prerequisites for attending	Physics I, Physics II, Laboratory Course I, recommended: Physics III, Atomic and Quantum Physics

Module 14	**Scientific Instrumentation (elective)**
Semester	5th and 6th semester, WS and SS
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	6 module parts in four-week block courses: Electronics (2 CP, 30 h in class, 30 h self-study) Laser and Optical Measurement Techniqus (3 CP, 30 h in class, 60 h self-study) Microscopy (3 CP, 30 h in class, 60 h self-study) Spectroscopy and Vacuum Technology (2 CP, 30 h in class, 30 h self-study) Radiation Technology (3 CP, 30 h in class, 60 h self-study) Techniques of Material Physics (3 CP, 30 h in class, 60 h self-study)
Credit points/ Work load	16 CP/ 480 h (180 h in-class, 300 h self-study)
Learning targets	Modern measuring techniques at selected examples of electronics, photonics, microscopy, spectroscopy, vacuum engineering, radiation measuring technique and material physics. Specific analysis of the methods with regard to measuring quality, measuring limitations and errors Basic principles of electronic measuring and control technology through practical application of instrumentation hardware and software Imaging methods:.Safe and reliable application of laser, optical and fiber-optical elements, vacuum apparatus, radiation sources and detectors.
Contents	Electronics: analysis of components of analogue and digital electronics (diode, transistor, operation amplifier, gate, flip-flops, shift register); cooperation of the components in computer-aided measuring techniques Laser and Optical Measuring Techniques: properties of laser radiation (coherence, mode structure); analysis of chosen problems of interferometry, holography and speckle measurement technology Microscopy: modern methods of microscopy: high-resolution (transmission) electron microscopy,atomic force microscopy, scanning tunnelling microscopy Spectroscopy and Vacuum Technology: modern methods of electron, laser and ion spectroscopy, introduction to pumps and pump systems; methods of vacuum measurement technology Radiation Technology: physics of ionising radiation, detectors, methods of radioactive dating, medical applications, basics of radiation protection Techniques of Material Physics: X-ray/neutron diffractometry, X-ray spectroscopy, atom probe tomography, calorimetry, thin-film deposition method, ion beam-assisted preparation techniques in electron microscopy
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in each module part
Exam	The module grade is based on the overall evaluation of the documentation of the experimental work performed in the six module parts Counts 10% to overall grade.
remark	By electing this module the bachelor certificate is issued with the amendment: “Speciality: Scientific Instrumentation”. To start with the master programme of physics the module “Quantum Theory and Statistical Physics” needs to be elected in the beginning of the masters programme. The achievements in this module can then be considered in the optional subjects of the master programme.
Prerequisites for attending	Recommended: Physics I, Physics II, Physics III, Applications of Physics

Module 15a	**Chemistry for Physicists I (Chemistry for Scientists) (elective)**
Semester	1st (WS) or 3rd (WS)
Person in charge	Dean of Studies (Chemistry), Prof. Dr. Wiemhöfer
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	- Chemistry for Scientists (lecture, 4 h/w, 90 h self-study, 5 CP) - Theoretical Exercises in preparation for the Introductory Chemical Laboratory Course (2 h/w, 60 h self-study, 3 CP) - Introductory Chemical Laboratory Course for Scientists (5 h/w, 75 h self-study, 5 CP, in the free period)
Credit points/ Work load	13 CP /390 h (165 h in-class, 225 h self-study)
Learning targets	Fundamental terms describing important chemical substances and their reactions and quantitative treatment Relevant inorganic and organic substances and their role in engineering, biosphere and environment as well as their physical-chemical properties; Reactivity and properties of the most important basic materials in environment and ecological systems, basic competence in evaluation of quantitative chemical data (units of concentration, equilibrium constant); Risk potential of chemical substances, secure working practice in chemical laboratories, knowledge and competences to obtain chemical data and information; Ability to work autonomously on related chemical problems
Contents	Basics in organic and inorganic chemistry: Inorganic Chemistry: atomic structure, chemical bonds (covalent, metallic and ionic bonds), thermal equilibrium, acids and bases, redox reaction, characteristics of selective elements Organic Chemistry: structure of organic compounds, fundamental types of organic reactions (substitution, addition, elimination) Exercises: Topics of Lecture, Laboratory Course: Basic concepts in chemical working, different classes of substances and types of reaction, qualitative analysis (detection reactions)
Requirements to meet	Regular and active participation in exercises and laboratory, successful participation in the exam
Exam	90 minute written exam Counts 8% to overall grade.

Module 15b	**Chemistry for Physicists II (Inorganic Chemistry for Scientists) (elective)**
Semester	2nd (SS) or 4th (SS)
Person in charge	Changing according to the responsibility for the lectures
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	- Inorganic Chemistry I (lecture, 3 h/w, 75 h self-study, 4 CP) - Seminars (1 h/w, 15 h self-study, 1 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	5 CP /150h (60 h in-class, 90 h self-study)
Learning targets	On the basis of “Chemistry for Scientists I”, the students get a deepening overview of the chemistry of the elements, i.e. discussion of binding characteristics, relationships within the periodic table, with the emphasis on technically relevant processes.
Contents	On the basis of „Chemistry for Scientists I”: structural chemistry of the main group elements, fundamentals of chemistry of metals, typical reactions and detection reactions, technically important procedures Seminar: topics of the lecture, deepening understanding with the aid of examples
Requirements to meet	Regular and active participation in exercises and laboratory, successful participation in the exam
Exam	90 minute written exam Counts 4% to overall grade.

Module 16	**German as a Foreign Language (elective)**
Semester	1st to 3rd semester
Person in charge	Coordinator of the language centre
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Conversation Exercises and Exercises for Listening Comprehension, level B2 (6 CP, 4 h/w, WS) Exercises for Reading Comprehension, level B2 (3 CP, 2 h/w, WS) Natural Science Terminology, level C1 (3 CP, 2 h/w, SS) Tandem Course in Natural Science Terminology (6 CP, 4 h/w, SS/WS)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h
Learning targets	Ability to deal with study-oriented communication situations. The oral and written expressive powers are technical language-oriented. Graduation in this modules equals a faculty of speech level DSH-2.
Contents	1. Conversations and discussions about social and study-relevant topics. 2. Treatment of everyday life- texts and specialized texts with help of reading strategies 3. Treatment of authentic specialized texts from different areas of sciences. 4. Learning of technical language in a tandem with the aim to create a project (suitable for the subject).
Exam	Written examination in 1,2 and 3 (90 min each) and a talk and presentation to 4 (40-60 min) Counts 12% to overall grade
Prerequisites for attending	Only foreign student with a language competence in German of level DSH-1 (C-Test, at least 45 points). If this level is not reached at the entrance test, the students would take part in preparatory language courses.

Module 17	**Introduction to Business Administration (elective)**
Semester	1st – 3rd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. A. Pfingsten, Prof. Dr. W. Berens
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Business Administration I: - Introduction to Business Administration (lecture, 2 h/w, 60 h self-study, 2 CP) - Financing (lecture, 2 h/w, 60 h self-study, 3 CP) - Investment (lecture, 3 h/w, 30 h self-study, 3 CP, - Tutorial on Business Administration I (1 h/w, 15 h self-study, 1 CP) Business Administration II: - Accounting and Annual Financial Statement (lecture, 2 h/w, 60 h self-study, 3 CP) - Foundations of Accounting (lecture 3 h/w, 75 h self-study, 4 CP) - Tutorial on Foundations of Corporate Accounting (exercises, 1 h/w, 45 h self-study, 2 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h (195 h in-class, 345 h self-study)
Learning targets	Understanding and application of fundamental economic terms, assigning problems into proper context, development of simple means of problem solving, solving problems in investment and finance.
Contents	Business Administration I: Overview of basic questions and methods of business administration as well as of managerial functions; special focus on investment and finance decisions including finance mathematical tools. Business Administration II: Basics in accounting
Exam	2 hour written exam in “Introduction to Business Administration" “Financing”and “Investment”, counts 50% to overall grade, 1.5 hours written exam in “Tutorial on Business Administration”, counts 16.67% to overall grade, 2 hour written exam in “Accounting and Annual Financial Statement” and “Foundations of Accounting”, counts 33.33% to overall grade.

Module 18	**Introduction to computer science (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester or later (beginning WS)
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. A. Clausing, Prof. Dr. K. Hinrichs
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Computer Science I (lecture, 4 h/w, 5 CP, WS) *Mon: 2:15-3:45, Einsteinstraße 64, various rooms* *Thu: 2:15-3:45, Einsteinstraße 64, various rooms* Exercises for “Computer Science I” (2 h/w, 4 CP, WS) *Thu: 8:30-10:00, 12:30-2:00, Fri: 8:30-10:00, 12:30-2:00 or 2:15-3:45, various rooms* Computer Science II (lecture, 4 h/w, 5 CP, SS) *Mon: 8:30-10:00, Einsteinstraße 64, M1, Thu: 8:30-10:00, Einsteinstraße 64, M1* Exercises for “Computer Science II” (2 h/w, 4 CP, WS)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h (210 h in-class, 330 h self-study)
Learning targets	Conventional abstraction and formalization mechanisms used in computer science Development of programs in higher level computer languages Creation of algorithms and data structures; implementation and analysis (concerning the consumption of resources)
Contents	Overview of computer science, introduction to fundamental terms and ways of thinking in computer science, introduction to a functional and an object-orientated computer language, representation, structure and interpretation of calculations, systems and their descriptions, abstract data types and data structures, creation and analysis of algorithms, fundamental terms of calculability, searching and sorting, schedule structures, trees and graphs, address calculation method
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the “Exercises for Computer Science I and II”
Exam	Two hour written exam in Computer Science I Two hour written exam in Computer Science II Counts 12% to overall grade
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 19	**Introduction to Economics (elective)**
Semester	1st -3rd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. M. Bohl, Prof. Dr. B. Kempa, Prof. Dr. U. van Suntum
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Macroeconomics I (lecture, 4 h/w, 120 h self-study, 6 CP) Tutorial on Macroeconomics I (exercises, 2 h/w, 60 h self-study, 3 CP) Microeconomics I (lecture, 4 h/w, 120 h self-study, 6 CP) Tutorial on Microeconomics I (exercises, 2 h/w, 60 h self-study, 3 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h (180 h in-class, 360 h self-study)
Learning targets	Basic concepts of economics; understanding and applicating essential theories and models; assessing states, trends and economic interventions; solving problems in economics independently.
Contents	Microeconomics I: The course “Microeconomics” deals with the theory of the household on the one hand (optimal household behavior, demand for goods, factor supply, insurance and uncertainty) and with the theory of the firm on the other (theory of production, least cost combination, supply of goods, factor demand). Moreover, theorems of welfare economics and incomplete markets are discussed. The aim of the exercises is to deepen the theoretical understanding acquired in the courses by providing problem sets that are solved by the students. Macroeconomics I: The fundamental macroeconomic concepts for a national economy are described and explained. The basis is the national account system. This is followed by theoretical and at empirically supported analysis of the relationships of the goods, financial and labor markets,through which the concept and structure of the business cycle is explained. On this basis, the causes and effects of important economic phenomena, such as unemployment, are examined, and the prospects and limits of economic measures are identified.
Exam	Written exams in “Macroeconomics " and “Microeconomics” (duration of each: 1 hour). Total grade of the module by arithmetic averaging.

Module 20	**Geophysics (elective)**
Semester	1st – 3rd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. U. Hansen, Prof. Dr. C. Thomas
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Introduction to Geophysics (lecture, 2 h/w, 2 CP, WS, 30 h self-study), *Wed: 2:15-3:45, AP HS* Exercises for Introduction to Geophysics (1 h/w, 2 CP, WS, 45 h self-study) *Tue: 1:15-2:00, Wed: 10:15-11:00 or Wed: 1:15-2:00, GEO 315* Geophysical basics I (lecture, 2 h/w, 2 CP, SS, 30 h self-study), *Thu: 12:30-2:00, AP HS* Exercises for Geophysical basics I (1 h/w, 2 CP, SS, 45 h self-study) Advanced Geophysics III (lecture, 2h/w, 2 CP, WS, 60 h self-study), *Wed: 12:15-1:45, IG1 88h* Exercises for Advanced Geophysics III (1 h/w, 3 CP, WS, 45 h self-study) Geophysical basics II (lecture, 2 h/w, 2 CP, WS, 30 h self-study),*Thu: 12:15-1:45, GEO 315* Exercises for Geophysical basics II (1 h/w, 3 CP, WS, 75 h self-study) International Field Course (5 h/w, 5 CP, 75 h self-study)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h (210 h in-class, 330 h self-study)
Learning targets	Overview of geophysical functions and the most important methods including simple practical demonstrations and exercises. International field course: application and knowledge of selected methods of applied geophysics (seismic, geoelectrics, electromagnetics, magnetics, gravimetry) and first steps of data evaluation and data interpretation.
Contents	Important components of the Earth's system, development, present properties, and significant processes; Seismology and seismological methods for investigations of the inner structure of the Earth; basic principles of the seismic investigation methods; Gravitational field and gravimetry, magnetic field and magnetics as well as electric and electromagnetic methods for investigations of the Earth
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises
Options	Students can either take part in the international field course or attend the lecture and exercises for geophysical basics II. If the international field course is chosen, a requirement to meet is free capacity.
Exam	4-h written exam
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 21	**Philosophy for Physicists (elective)**
Semester	1st - 3rd semester
Person in charge	Supervisors of the modules M (Metaphysics and Epistemology) and A (Applied Philosophy) of the two-subjects-bachelor in philosophy
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	M1: Metaphysics (lecture, 2 h/w, 3 CP, 60 h self-study, SS) M2: Epistemology (lecture, 2h/w, 3 CP, 60 h self-study, WS) W1: Philosophy of Science (lecture/seminar, 2h/w, 3 CP, 60 h self-study) W2: Philosophy of Science (seminar, 2 h/w, 5 CP, 120 h self-study) Obligation to vote: M3: Metaphysics/ Epistemology (seminar, 2 h/w, 2 CP, 30 h self-study, no exam) M4: Metaphysics/ Epistemology (seminar, 2 h/w, 2 CP, 30 h self-study, no exam) W3: Philosophy of Science (seminar, 2 h/w, 2 CP, 30 h self-study, no exam) W4: Philosophy of Science (seminar, 2 h/w, 2 CP, 30 h self-study, no exam)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h (180 h in-class, 350 h self-study)
Learning targets	After having studied the elective module “Philosophy for Physicists“ students shall be able to discern issues and problems of Theoretical Philosophy with respect to their content and formal structure. They will have learnt to analyze and classify philosophical arguments and to examine their validity and soundness. In particular, oral and written presentation skills are practiced. In order to achieve these educational objectives, basic knowledge and proficiency of formal logic and theory of argumentation will be imparted.
Contents	The lectures provide an introduction to metaphysics, epistemology and philosophy of science. In the seminars students have a focus on certain main points of these subjects. The students learn about theoretical and conceptual foundations of the subjects with emphasis on the philosophy of science. The students learn to deal with philosophical problems in a sound and analytical precise way. With the aid of this, a deepened understanding of the limits and capability of our cognition and of the foundations of science shall be reached.
Requirements to meet	Regular attendance of the lectures, regular and active participation in the four seminars/tutorials
Exam	M1, M2, W1: Written exam (3x45 minutes), oral exam (3x10 minutes) OR essay (3x 5-6 pages) (choice of examiner), does not count to overall grade W2: thesis, essay OR oral exam (15 pages/15 minutes) or written exam (90 minutes) Counts 12% to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 22	**Spanish for Scientists (elective)**
Semester	1st to 3rd semester
Person in charge	Coordinator of the language centre, Ms. Solsona
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Spanish without Prior Knowledge, level A1 (5 CP, 4 h/w, WS/SS elective) Spanish with Prior Knowledge, level A2 (5 CP, 4 h/w, WS/SS mandatory) Español para avanzados 1+2, level B1, compact course in February (5 CP, 4h/w, mandatory) Technical Language: science, level B1 (2 CP, 2 h/w, SS, mandatory) Learning of Technical Language in a Tandem (3 CP, 2 h/w, SS, elective) Conversando on español (3 CP, 2 h/w, WS/SS, elective) Specialist Course for Industrial Economics (3 CP, 2 h/w, WS/SS, elective) Expresión oral y escrita (3 CP, 2 h/w, WS/SS, elective)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h
Learning targets	Ability to deal with study-oriented communication situation. The oral and written expressive powers are technical language-oriented. Graduation in this modules equals a faculty of language of at least B1.
Contents	1. Conversations and discussions about social and basic study-relevant topics. 2. Treatment of everyday life- texts and basic specialized texts with help of reading strategies 3. Treatment of everyday life-texts and advanced specialized texts 4. Treatment of authentic specialized texts from different areas of sciences. Treatment of intercultural, specialized topics. 5. Learning of technical language in a tandem with the aim to create a project (suitable for the subject) 6. Course for Spanish conversation, level B2 7. Economic topics of the Spanish culture area 8. Training for oral and written use of language
Exam	Written examination Counts 12% to overall grade
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 23	**Theoretical Basics of Psychology (elective)**
Semester	1st - 3rdsemester
Person in charge	Dr. C. Dirksmeier
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	1. Biological Psychology (lecture, 2 h/w, 6 CP, WS) *Wed: 8:30-10:00, Fl 119* 2. General psychology and cognitive neuroscience I (lecture, 2 h/w, 4 CP, SS), *Tue: 8:30-10:00, Fl 39* 3. General psychology and cognitive neuroscience II (lecture, 2 h/w, 4 CP, WS), *Thu: 12:15-13:45, Fl 39* 4. Selective one of the following parts of psychology: Differential Psychology, Development Psychology or Social Psychology (lecture/seminar, 2 h/w, 4 CP, WS or SS)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h
Learning targets	The students obtain basic knowledge of biological conditions of behaviour and basic knowledge of theories, experimental methods and research outcomes of general psychology and cognitive neuroscience. They learn the most important methods of biopsychology, general psychology and cognitive neuroscience and are able to classify their possibilities and limits. Furthermore they obtain basic knowledge of methodical and theoretical concepts in one of the following parts: differential psychology, development psychology or social psychology.
Contents	This module introduces the central concepts, research methods and -outcomes of biopsychology, general psychology and cognitive neuroscience. Therefore, the lecture of biospychology is dedicated to basics of general neurophysiology, physiology of senses and behaviour relevant structures of the nerve system. Building up on this, the following lecture is dedicated to electrophysiologic and image-guided methods of biopsychology and the biological basics of different integrative functions of the nerve system are imparted. Contents of the lectures general psychology and cognitive neuroscience are the psychological structures and processes whichestablish a connection between absorbing information and behaviour (perception, converting, storing and production). Priority is given to structures and processes which are common among all human beings. The selective modules refer to the basics, functions, concepts and research methods of differential psychology, development psychology and social psychology.
Exam	Participation in lecture/seminar to 4. A written exam (90 min) or oral exam (30 min) chosen by the examiner to lectures 1. - 3. The module grade is given by the weighted average of the three parts. The module grade counts 12% to the overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	After consultation with the person in charge for this module.

Module 24	**Interdisciplinary Studies (elective)**
Semester	1st to3rd semester
Person in charge	Choice of student
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	In agreement with person in charge for the module and dean of the faculty of physics. At least 10 CP must be achieved in an area of study different from physics. With the exception of English there is also the possibility to intensively learn a foreign language as a subject of the module. Lecture (1 h/w equates to 1 CP) Exercises to lecture (1 h/w equates to 2 CP) Experimental exercises/laboratory (1 h/w equates to 1,5 CP) Seminars (1 h/w equates to 1 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h
Conditions	After consulting the person in charge
Learning targets	After consulting the person in charge
Contents	After consulting the person in charge
Study/Exam achievements	After consulting the person in charge At least two study achievements must be completed, one of them examinable. If two or more exams are passed, the module grade will be given by the average of each part's grade. Counts 12% to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

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WS: Winter Term SS: Summer Term PM: Mandatory Module WPM: Elective Module

The total credit of the modules “Physical elective studies”, “Physical Specialisation I and II“ and “Interdisciplinary Studies” must amount to at least 60 CP.

Module Descriptions

Module 1	**Elective studies in Physics (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Dean of Studies
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Courses of free choice among: Lectures (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1 CP) Exercises to lectures (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 2 CP) Experimental exercises/practical course (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1,5 CP) Seminars (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	6-18 CP/ 180-540 h (ca 1/3 presence and 2/3 self studies)
Learning targets	This module permits students to obtain knowledge of free choice. With the chosen courses the students are able to integrate new knowledge and decide further specialisation of physical elective modules I and II well-grounded.
Contents	Consultation of person in charge of each course
Exam	To obtain the CPs for a single course, it may be obligatory to submit a project. One has to absolve at least one exam relevant course, e.g. a seminar, to get the CPs allocated. The module grade does not count to the overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Consultation of person in charge of each course

Module 2	**Functional Nanosystems (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. H. Fuchs, Prof. Dr. H. Arlinghaus
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	14 – 18 CP, according to agreement with the person in charge, consisting of: laboratory course in nanophysics (6 CP) at least 2 advanced lectures in nanophysics (4 CP) at least 1 seminar in nanophysics (2 CP) at least 1 more course by choice in nanophysics (2 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	14 – 18 CP / 420 – 540 h (ca. 1/3 in-class, 2/3 self-study)
Learning targets	Advanced knowledge in modern analytical methods for the characterisation of nanostructures and their functionalities, familiarisation with current topics of research.
Contents	Basics of nanophysics (fundamental atomic and molecular interactions, nanomaterials, nanofabrication, functional properties) with an emphasis on modern analytical tools
Requirements to meet	Successful participation (including talk/presentation) in a seminar in nanophysics Successful completion of a laboratory course
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam The module grade counts 1/6 to the overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 3	**Nuclear and Particle Physics (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. G. Münster
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	In agreement with the person in charge: Laboratory course (at least 6 CP) At least two advanced lectures in nuclear and particle physics (at least 6 CP) At least one seminar in nuclear and particle physics (at least 2 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	14 – 18 CP / 420 – 450 h (approx. 1/3 in-class, 2/3 self-study)
Learning targets	Advanced knowledge and methods of nuclear and particle physics, familiarisation with current topics of research.
Contents	Experimental techniques of nuclear and particle physics Advanced knowledge about the fundamental constituents of matter and their interactions Aspects of the Standard Model of elementary particle physics
Requirements to meet	Successful completion of the laboratory course Successful participation (including talk/presentation) in a seminar in nuclear and particle physics Possibly: successful completion of marked written exercises or exams.
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam The module grade counts 1/6 to the overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 4	**Materials Physics (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. Wilde
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	**Obligatory parts:** Lecture with exercises: 'Material Physics I' (4 CP), *Fri: 10:15-11:45, IG1 619* *Exercises: Wed: 2:15-3:00, IG1 619* Lecture with exercises: 'Material Physics II' (4 CP), *Thu: 10:15-11:45, IG1 619* *Exercises: Wed: 5:15-6:00, IG1 619* Laboratory course: 'Practical exercises in Material Physics' (5 CP) **Alternative parts:** In agreement with person in charge: Advanced lectures or seminars in the area of material physics or experimental and theoretical solid state physics with a total amount of up to 5 CP Conducting a short research project in a material physics research group with a total amount of up to 5 CP Conducting a short research project as an internship in the industry under scientific guidance of an university professor of this module with a total amount of up to 5 CP
Credit points/ Work load	14-18 CP / 420-540 h (about 1/3 in-class, 2/3 self-study)
Learning targets	The module teaches profound knowledge of physical concepts and methods in material science. Courses should enable students to perform active research in current problems of material physics.
Contents	Laboratory course: Experimental methods and basic physical properties of materials Material Physics I and II: Structure and lattice defects, thermodynamics and constitution, diffusion and atomic transport, phase transformations and reaction kinetics, mechanical properties, functional materials. Advanced lectures may include: 'Atomic transport', 'Physics of soft matter and biological materials', 'Polymer physics', 'Semi-conductor physics', 'Mechanics of materials', 'Nano-structured materials', 'Simulation methods in material science'
Requirements to meet	- Successful completion of the laboratory course - Successful participation in validated courses
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam The module grade counts 1/6 to the overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 5	**Non-linear Physics (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. Cornelia Denz, Prof. Dr. S. Linz
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	In agreement with the person in charge: Basic and advanced lectures in suitable combination (4-12 CP) at least one seminar in nonlinear physics (2-6 CP) Experimental exercises in nonlinear physics (4-12 CP) More CPs can be obtained according to each student's main focus in experimental of theoretical nonlinear Physics chosen from lectures, laboratory classes or seminars. In agreement with the person in charge, CPs in laboratory classes can beachieved in research projects working on a nonlinear physical problem ("Mini-research") or by making a project participating in a practical course in an enterprise or an external research facility under scientific guidance of an university professor of this module (up to 8 CP).
Credit points/ Work load	14 - 18 CP/ 480 - 540 h (approx. 1/3 in-class, 2/3 self-study)
Learning targets	Understanding of basic concepts of nonlinear physics, the role of nonlinearities in different physical, chemical or biological systems, learning of relevant methods for theoretical and/or experimental analysis of nonlinear systems, obtain ability of application to concrete theoretical and experimental physical problems.
Contents	The module offers theoretical and experimental contents. Possibility to focus either on the theoretical or the experimental part. Each combination includes basic principles of nonlinear physics, such as signatures of nonlinear and complex systems, emergence, self-organisation, stability, bifurcations, attractors or pattern formation as well as specific examples of nonlinear systems. Use of typical nonlinear model equations (i.e. Swift-Hohenberg-equation, complex Ginzburg-Landau-equation, nonlinear Schrödinger-equation) and discussion of their generic characteristics and applications to concrete systems.
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in a one-hour-exercise Successful participation (including talk/presentation) in a seminar Solving experimental and theoretical problems, including documentation of the solutions
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral exam Counts 1/6 to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 6	**Photonics and Magnonics (elective)**
Semester	Recommended for 1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. C. Denz, Prof. Dr. S. Demokritov
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	In agreement with person in charge 14-18 CP among the following: - basic lectures with exercises and advanced lectures in photonics and magnonics (at least 4 CP) - Experimental exercises in photonics and magnonics (4 CP) - At least one seminar in photonics and magnonics (at least 2 CP) Alternatively in agreement with person in charge CPs in experimental excercises can be obtained by participating in a research project to an application relevant problem ("Mini-research") or by doing a practical course in an enterprise or an external research facility under scientific guidance of an university professor of this module (up to 8 CP).
Credit points/ Work load	14 - 18 CP/ 480 - 540 h (approx. 1/3 in-class, 2/3 self-study)
Learning targets	Exemplary learning about transmission of basic physical knowledge to application oriented problems at the example of photonics; advanced knowledge in optics, photonics and the application of waves; Understanding of the importance for non physical factors (e.g. economic and social)
Contents	Applied problems on the basis of certain examples; Systematic and advanced treatment of a problem either in optics, photonics, magnonics or the application of waves.
Requirements to meet	Successful completion of exercises for any course in the modulus Successful participation (including talk/presentation) in a seminar in photonics and applied physics of waves Successful completion of an applied problem, including a documentation of the solution for "Experimental exercises on photonics and applied physics of waves" or in one of the above-mentioned projects.
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam Counts 1/6 to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 7	**Physics of low-dimensional solids (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. T. Kuhn, Prof. Dr. M. Donath
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	In agreement with person in charge 18 CP among the following: Lecture “Introduction to solid state theory” with exercises (3+2 CP) *Tue: 10:15-11:45, IG1 718, Thu: 10:15-11:45, IG1 718* At least one advanced lecture in the field of modern experimental solid state physics (at least 2 CP) At least one seminar related to current problems in experimental or theoretical solid state physics (2 CP) Experimental exercises in solid state spectroscopy (4 CP) Optionally additional advanced courses in experimental or theoretical solid state physics (5 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	18 CP / 540 h (approx. 1/3 in-class, 2/3 self-study)
Learning targets	Advanced knowledge of physical phenomena in low-dimensional solid state systems Application of experimental and theoretical techniques for analysis and description Understanding of qualitatively new effects resulting from spatial confinement and of their relevance for applications
Contents	Selected phenomena in solid state physics, in particular regarding low-dimensional systems
Requirements to meet	Successful participation in the exercises for „Introduction to solid state theory“ Successful participation (including talk/presentation) in a seminar related to current problems in experimental or theoretical solid state physics Successful participation in the “Experimental Exercises for solid state spectroscopy” or a successful participation in the exercises for an advanced lecture in solid state theory
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam Counts 1/6 to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 8	**Physical Specialisation I or II**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Supervisors of the modules
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	In agreement with person in charge 14-18 CP in the field of physics. The person in charge normally indicates workload by CP. If this is not the case, the CP are calculated using the following scheme: Lectures (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1 CP) Exercises to lectures (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 2 CP) Experimental exercises/practical course (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1,5 CP) Seminars (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1 CP) (At least 8 CP through experimental exercises/practical courses and at least 5 CP of theoretical physics in one of the modules.)
Credit points/ Work load	14-18 CP/ 420-540 h
Learning targets	Consultation of person in charge of each course
Contents	Consultation of person in charge of each course
Exam	In each specialisation: 30 – 45 minute oral-exam Each counts 1/6 to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Consultation of person in charge of each course

Module 9	**Interdisciplinary studies: Business Administration (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd Semester
Person in charge	Depending on Module
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	- Business Administration (BA) I (lecture and exercises, 4 h/w, 6 CP, 120 h self-study) - BA II (lecture and exercises, 4 h/w, 120 h self-study, 6 CP) - BA III (lecture and exercises, 4 h/w, 120 h self-study, 6 CP) - BA IV (lecture and exercises, 4 h/w, 120 h self-study, 6 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	24 CP / 720 h
Learning targets	Enhanced insight into Business Administration is gained.
Contents	Students must participate in exactly 1 of the following 4 specializations (Minor): 1. Minor Accounting: *compulsory:* Financial Accounting and Taxation (6 CP) (from Bachelor's Business Administration) *obligation to vote:* (3 out of 4 modules (6 CP) from Master's Business Administration) - Concepts and Tools of Management Accounting - International Financial Reporting - International Taxation - International Management Accounting and Control 2. Minor Finance: *compulsory:* Corporate Finance (6 CP) (from Bachelor's Business Administration) *obligation to vote:* (3 out of 4 modules (6 CP) from Master's Business Administration) - Introduction to Finance - Behavioral Finance - Derivatives I - Financial Intermediation I 3. Minor Management: *compulsory:* Management and Governance (6 CP) (from Bachelor's Business Administration) *obligation to vote:* (3 out of 4 modules (6 CP) from Master's Business Administration) - Organization - Strategic Management - Human Resources - Management 4. Minor Marketing: *compulsory:* Foundations of Marketing (6 CP) (from Bachelor's Business Administration) *obligation to vote:* (3 out of 4 modules (6 CP) from Master's Business Administration) - Advanced Market Research - Adcanced Industrial Marketing - Consumer Marketing - Media Marketing For students who attended only BA I and microeconomics I in their bachelor's degree, it is recommended to attend Minor Management.

Exam	Depending on chosen Minor: http://www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/bachelor_bwl/studieninformationen/PO2010/wichtige_dokumente/Modulhandbuch_PO_2010.pdf (for bachelor's Business Administration) http://www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/mas ter_bwl/pdf/Master-BWL_Modulhandbuch-PO-2010.pdf (for Master's Business Administration) counts 1/6 to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	Documented economic knowledge (lectures) totalling 18 CP (e.g. from bachelor's degree)

Module 10	**Interdisciplinary studies: German as a Foreign Language (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Coordinator of the language centre
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Choose among the following exercises: German for beginners (A1) (elective, 8 CP, 8 h/w) Advanced German (A2) (elective, 4 CP, 4 h/w) Conversation exercises (elective, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Exercises for reading comprehension (A2.1) (elective, WS, 3 CP, 2 h/w) German phonetics (A2.1) (elective, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Conversation exercises (B1) (elective, WS, 6 CP, 4 h/w) Exercises for reading comprehension (B1) (elective, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Exercises for writing (B1) (elective, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Grammar communicative (B1) (elective, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Conversation exercises and exercises forlistening comprehension (B2) (elective, WS, 6 CP, 4 h/w) Exercises for reading comprehension (B2) (elective, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Exercises for writing (B2) (elective, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Conversation exercises (C1) (elective, 6 CP, 4 h/w) Technical language: science (C1) (elective, SS, 3 CP, 2 h/w) Learning of technical language in a tandem (elective, SS, 6 CP, 4 h/w)
Credit points/ Work load	12-15 CP / 360-450 h
Learning targets	Ability to deal with study-oriented communication and everyday-life situations.
Contents	1. This course is addressed to students without or with a littleprior knowledge in erman 2. Consolidation and extension of prior knowledge 3. Treatment of texts, interviews about different subjects, exercises listening comprehension 4. Improvement in reading comprehension through different reading-techniques 5. Improvement in pronunciation and intonation 6. Preparation of rules and norms of the written language in comparison to the spoken language 7. Preparation of the fundamental grammatical structure 8. Treatment of everyday life- texts and specialized texts with help of reading strategies 9. Improvement in writtenability of expression in an academic context 10. Conversations and discussions about social and study-relevant topics 11. Treatment of authentic specialized texts from different areas of sciences 12. Learning of technical language in a tandem with the aim to create a project (suitable for the subject); the students get language-learning advice and supervision
Exam	Exam (at least A2.1) Counts 1/6 to overall grade
Prerequisites for attending	Only foreign students with a limited language competence in German

Module 11	**Interdisciplinary studies: Geophysics (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Prof. Dr. U. Hansen, Prof. Dr. C. Thomas
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Advanced Geophysics II (lecture and exercises, 6 CP, 4 h/w) *Wed: 12:15-1:45, IG1 88h* *Exercises: Wed: 3:15-4:00,IG1 88h* Choose among the following: Geophysical Fluid Mechanics (lecture and exercises, elective, 4 CP, 3 h/w) Geophysical Basics I (lecture and exercises, elective, 4 CP, 3 h/w) *Thu: 12:30-2:00, IG1 HS1* *Exercises: Wed: 10:15-11:00, 11:15-12:00, GEO 315 or 12:15-1:00, IG1 88h* Advanced Seismology (lecture and exercises, elective, 5 CP, 3 h/w) Geophysical Basics II (lecture and exercises, elective, 4 CP, 3 h/w) *Thu: 12:15-1:45, GEO 315* *Exercises: Thu: 8:15-9:00 or 9:15-10:00, GEO 315* (A basic knowledge in seismology is required to choose advanced seismology)
Credit points/ Work load	14-15 CP / 420-450 h
Learning targets	Introduction into the mathematical/physical description of the dynamics of geophysical systems. Acquirement of special knowledge in a field of research (e.g. geodynamics, seismology, applied geophysics)
Contents	*Advanced Geophysics II:* Concepts for describing geophysical continua; Mechanical and thermodynamic conservation laws for describing processes in geophysical continuum mechanics; Material laws and Rheology; Basic equations for describing dynamics of atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and Earth's mantle. *Geophysical Fluid Mechanics:* Foundation of geophysical fluid mechanics; Examples for geophysical flow phenomena: mantle convection, plate tectonics, dynamics in the Earth's core, dynamics in porous media, groundwater dynamics; Convection processes; Methods and concepts from non-linear dynamics and application to the analysis of fluid dynamics phenomena; Stability theory; Flow in rotating systems. *Geophysical Basics I:* Foundation and knowledge of seismology, wave propagation and seismometry; Overview of seismic sources and travel time equation; Introduction to exploration seismic and digital signal processing. Application of concepts to practical examples including processing. *Advanced seismology:* Advanced signal processing of seismic data and arraymethods for detailed evaluation of the seismic wave field, calculation of radiation characteristics, modelling of the seismic wave field, quake localisation, anisotropy calculations, *scattering of the seismic wave field* *Geophysical Basics II:* Gravity and shape of the Earth, Earth's magnetic field and magnetic measurements, electrical and electromagnetical methods for Earth exploration and investigation of the Earth.
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam Counts 1/6 to overall grade
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 12	**Interdisciplinary studies: Molecular Biophysics (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Priv.-Doz. Dr. Dreisewerd, Dr. Mormann (medicine)
Components (course, duration, CP, term, time)	Molecular biophysics of cells and tissues I (lecture, 2 CP, 2 h/w, WS) *Mon: 5:15-6:45, Robert-Koch-Straße 31* Molecular biophysics of cells and tissues II (lecture, 2 CP, 2 h/w, SS) *Mon: 5:15-6:45, Robert-Koch-Straße 31* Biophysical methods of molecular biology, cell biology and physiology (lab, 5 CP, 3 h/w, SS) Biophysical methods of molecular biology, cell biology and physiology (lecture, 2 CP, 2 h/w, SS) Selected topics of molecular biophysics (seminar, 1 CP, 1 h/w, WS/SS) Choose among the following: **Mass spectroscopy:** Basics and applications of biomedical mass spectrometry I and II (lecture, 2 CP, 1 h/w in WS and SS), Basics, techniques and applications of laser- and electrospray mass spectrometry (seminar, 1 CP, 1 h/w, WS/SS), *Lecture: Tue: 4:15-5:00, Albert-Schweizer-Haus* **Fluorescence microscopy:** basics and newest developments I and II (lecture, 2 CP, 1 h/w in WS and SS), basics, techniques and cell biological applications of high-resolution fluorescence microscopy (seminar, 1 CP, 1 h/w, WS/SS) *Lecture: Wed: 4:15-5:00, Robert-Koch-Straße 31* **Noninvasively imaging:** magnetic resonance tomography and other techniques of noninvasive imaging I and II (lecture, 2 CP, 1 h/w in WS and SS), techniques and applications of molecular imaging (seminar, 1 CP, 1 h/w, WS/SS)**,** *Lecture: Tue: 4:15-5:00, Robert-Koch-Straße 31*
Credit points/ Work load	15 CP / 450 h
Learning targets	Knowledge of molecular biophysics and ability to use biophysical standard methods
Contents	Molecular biophysics of cells and tissues, biophysical methods of molecular biology, cell biology and physiology. Choice of: Mass spectroscopy, Fluorescence microscopy or noninvasive imaging (particularly NMR/MRT).
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam Counts 1/6 to overall grade
Prerequisites for attending	None

Module 13	**Interdisciplinary studies: Economics (elective)**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Depending on Module
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	- Economics Module I (lecture, exercises, or seminar, 6 CP, 30 h seminar, 60 h lecture/exercises, 150 h (seminar) and 120 h (lecture/exercieses) self-study) - Economics Module II (lecture, exercises, or seminar, 6 CP, 30 h seminar, 60 h lecture/exercises, 150 h (seminar) and 120 h (lecture/exercieses) self-study) - Economics Module III (lecture, exercises, or seminar, 6 CP, 30 h seminar, 60 h lecture/exercises, 150 h (seminar) and 120 h (lecture/exercieses) self-study) - Economics Module IV (lecture, exercises, or seminar, 6 CP, 30 h seminar, 60 h lecture/exercises, 150 h (seminar) and 120 h (lecture/exercieses) self-study)
Credit points/ Work load	24 CP / 720 h
Learning targets	Enhanced insight into Economics is gained.
Contents	Modules can be chosen freely from the master's degree of economics. Descriptions of the modules: http://www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/master_vwl/Studium /po_2012/download/ Modulhandbuch_Master_VWL-PO-2012.pdf "Projektstudium" (Project studies) cannot be chosen. The following combinations are recommended: - Economic Policy, Energy Economics I (from Bachelor's degree of Economics); Advanced Energy Econonmics I, Advanced Energy Economics II - Economic Policy, Business Cooperation: Governance or Business Cooperation: Management (from the Bachelor's degree of Economics, only one out of the two modules can be chosen), Business Cooperation: Mergers and Acquisition, Current cases of Mergers & Acquisitions - Economic Theory of the State, History of Economics, Public Economics, Empirical Public Economics - Economic Policy, Economics of Regulation, Principles of Transport Economics or Transport Economics and Logistics (from the Bachelor's degree of Economics, only one out of the two modules can be chosen), Advanced Transport Economics - Advanced Statistics (from the bachelor's degree of Economics), Time Series Analysis, Selected Topics in Econometrics, Statistics, Empirical Economic Research I, Selected Topics in Econometrics, Statistics, Empirical Economic Research II - Economic Policy, Economics of Regulation, Regional Economics: Fundamentals (from the B achelor's degree of Economics), Advanced Regional Economics - Advanced Microeconomics, Advanced Microeconomics II, Applied Microeconometrics, Economic theory (only for theoretically based students!)
Exam	Exam or thesis and presentation, depending on chosen module: http://www.wiwi.uni-muenster.de/master_vwl/Studium/po_2012/download/Modulhandbuch_Master_VWL-PO-2012.pdf
Prerequisites for attending	Economic knowledge from bachelor's degree must be present

Module 14	**Interdisciplinary studies**
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Person in charge	Supervisors of modules
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	In agreement with person in charge 12-15 CP among different fields of study. A high percentage of lectures/labs/seminar needs to be out of the advanced range of master studies. The person in charge normally indicates workload by CP. If this is not the case, the CP are calculated using the following scheme: Lectures (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1 CP) Exercises to lectures (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 2 CP) Experimental exercises/practical course (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1,5 CP) Seminars (1 h/w, corresponds to roughly 1 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	12-15 CP / 360-450 h
Learning targets	Consultation of person in charge of each course
Contents	Consultation of person in charge of each course
Exam	30 – 45 minute oral-exam Counts 1/6 to overall grade
Prerequisites for attending	The individual arranged module needs to be approved by the dean of the faculty.

Module 15	**Professional Specialisation and Project Design**
Semester	3rd semester
Person in charge	Master's thesis supervisor
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	- Advanced Lectures (1 h/w corresponds to 1 CP) - Exercises for Advanced Lectures (1 h/w corresponds to 2 CP) - Laboratory Course / Internship (1 h/w corresponds to 1,5 CP) - Computational Physics, Course Research and Group Seminars (1 h/w corresponds to 1 CP) - Approximately 5 h/w in total Self-studies
Credit points/ Work load	30 CP / 900 h (approx. 1/3 in-class, 2/3 self-study)
Learning targets	Basics of independent academic work taught through advanced research oriented courses. Introduction to academic work and to scientific and methodical basics required for master's thesis Independent acquisition of information, data and literature. Learning of the specific technical and numerical or mathematical skills required for the master's thesis. The student is able to control the experimental facilities and is able to choose required devices and to purchase them commercially. The student is able to evaluate measurements to make sure that the results are reliable. Practice of cooperation with technical equipment of the workshops and institutions. This module integrates the student with a working group to encourage teamwork and optimal use of information
Contents	Independently gathering information and background knowledge and gaining familiarization with the topic of the master's thesis
Exam	30 to 45 minute oral exam The module grade does not count to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	At least 45 CP obtained in master studies

Module 16	**Master's Thesis**
Semester	4th semester
Person in charge	Master's thesis supervisor
Components (course, duration, CP, term)	Independent work on master's thesis (30 CP)
Credit points/ Work load	30 CP / 900 h
Learning targets	The master's thesis completes scientific education. It demonstrates that the student is capable of independent research work applying state of the art methodology. The goal to perform a research project in a current field of physical research under guidance of the scientific supervisor. Acquisition of scientific key skills: ability to communicate, literature research, assessment of published data, accuracy in experimental work, endurance.
Contents	Every student has to work on a current scientific problem in the field of her/his choice under guidance of the supervisor.
Exam	Prepare master's thesis 30 minute concluding presentation of the master's thesis (second examiner must attend) The thesis grade determines the module grade. Counts ½ to overall grade.
Prerequisites for attending	At least 60 CP obtained in master studies