



Department of Physical and Chemical Sciences

BACHELOR DEGREE IN CHEMICAL AND MATERIALS SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES

PROGRAMME OF “PHYSICS OF MATTER AND LABORATORY”

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- **Elements of electromagnetism**
 - Electric and Magnetic fields
 - Maxwell equations
 - Electromagnetic waves
 - Interference and Diffraction
- **Special Theory of Relativity**
 - The Galilean transformation
 - The Michelson-Morley experiment
 - Einstein's postulates
 - The Lorentz transformation
 - Relativistic dynamics
- **The crisis in Classical Physics: Particle-like properties of electromagnetic waves**
 - Black-body radiation, stationary waves, Rayleigh-Jeans law.
 - Quantisation of Energy and Planck theory
 - The photoelectric effect
 - The Compton effect
- **The structure of the atom**
 - The Thomson's model
 - The Rutherford's model
- **The electronic structure of the atoms**
 - The Bohr's model, quantisation of the states, correspondence principle
 - The Franck-Hertz experiment
- **Wave-like properties of particles**
 - The de Broglie wavelength
 - The wave packets
 - Wave superposition and beats
 - Bohr quantisation rules and de Broglie theory
 - The Heisenberg principle of uncertainty

- Wave functions and probability amplitude
- Dual nature of particles and waves
- **The Schroedinger equation**
 - The Schroedinger equation and the time independent Schroedinger equation
 - Properties of the Schroedinger equation: eigenfunctions and eigenvalues
 - Operators in quantum mechanics
 - Examples of Schroedinger equations:
 - The free particle
 - Particle in 1-D box
 - Energy quantisation
 - 2-D and 3-D potential wells
 - The simple harmonic oscillator
 - The step potential
 - Barrier potential
 - The tunneling process
- **The hydrogen atom**
 - The Schroedinger equation for one-electron atoms
 - The Schroedinger equation in spherical coordinates
 - Solutions of the Schroedinger equation for one-electron atoms.
 - Radial and angular probability densities
 - The angular momentum operators
 - Magnetic dipole for the hydrogen atom
 - Magnetic dipole-magnetic field interaction, angular momentum precessing
 - The Stern-Gerlach experiment: the electron spin
 - Transition selection rules (outlines)
 - The Zeeman effect
 - The spin-orbit interaction (outlines)

Laboratory sessions:

- Determination of the prism refractory index using the Cauchy's law
- Determination of the Rydberg constant using a prism and a diffraction grating
- Determination of the electron e/m ratio
- The Stefan law on black body using an I-V circuit
- The photoelectric effect: determination of the Planck constant
- The Franck-Hertz experiment

Reading list:

1. K. Krane, Modern Physics, John Wiley & Sons (main text)
2. P.A. Tipler, Modern Physics, W.H. Freeman (same level of the main text)

3. R. Eisberg, Fundamentals of Modern Physics, John Wiley & Sons (for some insights)
4. S. Gasiorowicz, Quantum Physics, John Wiley & Sons (only for students that want to study in depth quantum mechanics)
5. L. Colombo, Elementi di Struttura della Materia, Hoepli (only in Italian)

Assessment methods: written and oral examination