# Point Loma Nazarene University

Independent Study: Syllabus Physics 431 – Quantum Mechanics Summer 2017 MW 9:55-12:05

PHY 431 – Quantum Mechanics 4 Units

**Summer 2017** 

# PLNU Mission Statement To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

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**Office Hours:** M, W 8:30-9:50am; 12-1pm; or by appointment, (RS 211)

Meeting times RS 211 on MW 9:55-12:05 between May 8, 2017 – June 7, 2017

Final Exam: June 9, 2017 10:00AM = 12:30 PM

**Textbook:** Introduction to Quantum Mechanics 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., by David J. Griffith, Pearson/Prentice Hall

2005

**Course Description:** A rigorous introduction to quantum physics including Schrödinger's equation, matrix mechanics, perturbation theory, and applications in atomic and molecular physics.

Prerequisite(s): PHY 304 and MTH 274.

Recommended: MTH 333

**Student Learning Outcomes:** In this course there are a number of specific goals for you to meet from each chapter. These smaller goals fit into the following overall learning outcomes of the physics and engineering programs to: develop an understanding of the fundamental principles of physics and of engineering; apply physical principles, mathematical reasoning, and computational techniques to solve real-world problems; analyze and interpret data; and effectively communicate complicated technical information. Once you complete this course, you should be able to:

- 1. apply quantum mechanical principles to several situations;
- 2. explain the physical meaning of the mathematical formulation;
- 3. articulate the big ideas from each section of each chapter such as the wave function, stationary states, potential energy wells, observables, the uncertainty principle, the three-dimensional Schrödinger equation, the hydrogen atom, systems of identical particles;
- 4. justify and explain your thinking and approach to a problem or physical situation; and
- 5. sketch and interpret relevant diagrams (such as energy level diagrams or sketches of wave functions and their probabilities.)

**Reading Assignments:** Reading questions are similar to preclass questions. There are three assigned per week and must be completed by the due date. No assignments will be accepted late without warranted circumstances. Reading questions are graded as follows: 2 = demonstrates reading of material and thinking about material;1 = room for improvement; 0 = unsatisfactory. Pre-class comprises 5% of your grade.

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**Homework:** Problems assigned throughout the course are essential to your learning the material. Problems in this course are largely analytic but may be complemented by computational methods. Problems should be worked neatly in clear logical steps. Solutions should be clear enough that one of your peers could easily follow what you did if they had not worked the problem before. Homework/Classwork comprises 10% of your grade. Due dates are listed in the syllabus. HW sets will not be accepted late.

**Collaboration:** Scientists and engineers collaborate, and I expect and encourage you to collaborate with your peers while working on homework and labs, however your work should be your own. The guideline is that you should have no trouble explaining or repeating the work you turn in. No homework solutions should look identical.

**Weekly Meetings:** Participation in weekly meetings discussing the course material is a requirement. All meetings must be attended. Weekly meetings and discussions account for 10% of your grade

**Late Work:** Late work will not be accepted unless there is a documented emergency. Assignments are due as noted on the syllabus, in class, and on Canvas. Incompletes are only assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

You must take ALL the exams and the final in order to pass the class.

**Tests:** There will be five tests during the semester, each worth 11% of your grade. Tests make a total of 55% of your grade. You must take all exams to pass the course.

**Final Exam: Date and Time:** The final exam date and time is set by the university at the beginning of the semester and may not be changed by the instructor. This schedule can be found on the university website and in the course calendar. No requests for early examinations will be approved. Only in the case that a student is required to take three exams during the same day of finals week, is an instructor authorized to consider changing the exam date and time for that particular student.

The final is set for **Fri**, **June 9**, **2017 at 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM**. Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination **on its scheduled day**. The final examination schedule is posted on the <u>Class Schedules</u> site. **No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved**. The final exam is worth 20% of your grade.

**Missed Exam Policy:** No make-up exams are allowed except for warranted circumstances. Arrangements must be made with me as soon as possible.

### **Final Course Grade:** The points you receive during the course are weighted accordingly:

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Component	Weight
Reading Questions	5%
Homework	10%
Meetings/Discussions	10%
Tests (5)	55% (equally weighted)
Final Exam	20%

The grade you earn in this course is based on the following scale:

A	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	С	C-	D+	D	D-
S≥	91.5	89.5	86.5	81.5	79.5	76.5	71.5	69.5	66.5	61.5
91.5	>S≥									
	89.5	86.5	81.5	79.5	76.5	71.5	69.5	66.5	61.5	59.5

## **Department Mission:**

The Physics and Engineering Department at PLNU provides strong programs of study in the fields of Physics and Engineering. Our students are well prepared for graduate studies and careers in scientific and engineering fields. We emphasize a collaborative learning environment, which allows students to thrive academically, build personal confidence, and develop interpersonal skills. We provide a Christian environment for students to learn values and judgment, and pursue integration of modern scientific knowledge and Christian faith.

### **PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy:**

Attendance is expected at each class session. In the event of an absence you are responsible for the material covered in class and the assignments given that day.

Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report, which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See

http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=24&navoid=1581#Class\_Attendance in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.

#### THIS INDEPENDENT STUDY - ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY:

Attendance is expected at each scheduled session. In the event of an emergency you are responsible to contact the professor and make a new meeting time or obtain a zero.

#### **Class Enrollment:**

It is the student's responsibility to maintain his/her class schedule. Should the need arise to drop this course (personal emergencies, poor performance, etc.), the student has the responsibility to follow through (provided the drop date meets the stated calendar deadline established by the university), not the instructor. Simply ceasing to attend this course or failing to follow through to arrange for a change of registration (drop/add) may easily result in a grade of F on the official transcript.

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#### **Academic Accommodations:**

If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU's Disability Resource Center (DRC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:DRC@pointloma.edu">DRC@pointloma.edu</a>. See <a href="mailto:Disability Resource Center">Disability Resource Center</a> for additional information. For more details see the PLNU catalog:

http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=24&navoid=1581#Academic\_Accommodations

Students with learning disabilities who may need accommodations should discuss options with the instructor during the <u>first two weeks</u> of class.

#### **Credit Hour:**

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated course learning outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for any 4 unit class delivered over 5 weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirements can be provided upon request.

#### **Copyright Protected Materials:**

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

#### **PLNU Academic Honesty Policy:**

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic <u>dishonesty</u> is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See <a href="http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=24&navoid=1581#Academic\_Honesty">http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=24&navoid=1581#Academic\_Honesty</a> for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

**FERPA Policy:** In compliance with federal law, neither PLNU student ID nor social security number should be used in publicly posted grades or returned sets of assignments without student written permission. This class will meet the federal requirements by distributing grades and papers individually. Also, in compliance with FERPA, you will be the only person given information about your progress in this class unless you have designated others to receive it in the "Information Release" section of the student portal. See Policy Statements in the undergrad academic catalog.

# **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – subject to updates**

# Time spent outside of class should be between 2 and 3 hours per credit hour per week

Assignments are due as noted in Canvas, rule of thumb Readings (RQs) before class, HW W or F

Date	s are due as noted in Canvas, rule of thun  Topics and Readings	Assignments
by 5/8/17	Readings are due before class starts,	RQ1 Ch 1
J	the first day is an exception. Today's	HW1: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 (graph part 3c for
	work is due by Thursday night.	different positive values of $a$ and $\lambda$ , what
	Read entire preface of Griffith. Chapter 1.1-1.6	happens as $a$ increases, as $\lambda$ increases?), 1.5 (graph part 5c), 1.7, 1.9, 1.10, 1.14, 1.16, 1.17
		Meeting(s) Week 1
by 5/10/17	Review, Exam 1 Chapter 1	Wiceting(5) Week 1
by 5/10/17	Chapter 2.1-2.3.2	RQ Ch 2
J		HW2a: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.10
		(graph part 10b), 2.11, 2.12, 2.17
by 5/15/17	Chapter 2.3.2-2.6	continue RQ Ch 2
		HW2b: 2.20, 2.22 (graph part 22c), 2.23,
		2.26, 2.27 (graph to solve), 2.34, 2.38
by 5/17/17	Review, Exam 2 Chapter 2	
by 5/17/17	Chapter 3.1-3.6, Appendix	RQ Ch 3
		HW3a: 3.2, 3.3, A.8, A.9, A.11, 3.11, 3.12,
by 5/22/17	Daview Even 2 Chanten 2	3.13, 3.14, 3.17, 3.30, 3.31, 3.36, 3.37
by 5/22/17	Review, Exam 3 Chapter 3 Chapter 4.1-4	RQ Ch 4
by 5/24/17	Chapter 4.1-4	HW4a: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.16, 4.18, 4.19, 4.21, 4.22, 4.28, 4.29, 4.34, 4.38, 4.44
by 5/31/17	Review, Exam 4 Chapter4	RQ11
	Chapter 6 discussion, Ch 5.1-3  **NOTE – no class 5/29  Memorial Day**	HW + due 4/21/17 Read chapter 6. Take notes on each section. At the end of each section of notes, write a one paragraph summary of that section. Do one of the general problems at the end of the chapter on pages 286 -292 (your choice, pick something you are interested in).
by 6/5/17	Chapter 5.1-5.6	RQ Ch 5 HW5a: 5.4, 5.6, 5.9, 5.12, 5.15, 5.16, 5.22, 5.23, 5.24, 5.33, 5.34
by 6/7/17	Chapter 5.1-5.6	
	Review, Exam 5	
	Final Exam review	
6/9/17	FINAL EXAM	Grades turned in by June 16