School of Physics & Astronomy

Important Degree Information:

B.Sc./M.A. Honours

The general requirements are 480 credits over a period of normally 4 years (and not more than 5 years) or part-time equivalent; the final two years being an approved Honours programme of 240 credits, of which 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

B.Sc./M.A. Honours with Integrated Year Abroad

The general requirements are 540 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved Honours programme of 300 credits, of which 60 credits are gained during the integrated year abroad, 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

M.Phys. Honours

The general requirements are 600 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved Honours programme of 360 credits, of which 120 credits are at 5000 level and a further 210 credits (minimum) at 3000 and 4000 levels.

M.Sci. Honours

The general requirements are 600 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved Honours programme of 360 credits, of which 120 credits are at 5000 level and a further 210 credits (minimum) at 3000 and 4000 levels.

B.Eng. Honours

The general requirements are 480 credits over a period of normally 4 years (and not more than 5 years) or part-time equivalent; the final two years being an approved Honours programme of 240 credits, of which 90 credits are at 4000 level and a further 150 credits at 3000 and 4000 levels.

M.Eng. Honours

The general requirements are 600 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved Honours programme of 360 credits, of which 120 credits are at 5000 level and a further 240 credits at 3000 and 4000 levels.

Other Information: In the case of students who spend part of the Honours programme abroad on a recognised Exchange Scheme, the Programme Requirements will be amended to take into account courses taken while abroad.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(B.Sc. Honours): Astrophysics	Single Honours Astrophysics (B.Sc.) Degree: Level 1: 80 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, MT1002 and AS1001. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: At least 120 credits comprising: 11 or better in AS2001, PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001.
	Level 3: 105 credits comprising: AS3011, AS3013, PH3007, PH3012, PH3014, PH3061, PH3062 PH3066 and PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003).
	Level 4: At least 60 credits comprising: AS4103, PH4022 and at least two of AS3015, AS4021 - AS4025, and PH4031.
(M.Phys. Honours):	Single Honours Astrophysics (M.Phys) Degree:
Astrophysics	Level 1: 80 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, MT1002 and AS1001. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: At least 120 credits comprising: 15 or better in AS2001, PH2011 and PH2012, and 11 or better in MT2001.
	Level 3: 110 credits comprising: AS3011, AS3013, AS3015, PH3007, PH3012, PH3014, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066 and PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003).
	Level 4: At least 55 credits comprising: AS4022, AS4023, PH4022 and at least two of AS4021, AS4024, AS4025 and PH4031.
	Level 5: At least 90 credits comprising: AS5101 and at least two of AS5001, AS5002, AS5003.
(B.Sc. Honours): Physics	Single Honours Physics (B.Sc.) Degree: Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: 11 or better in PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001.
	Level 3: 105 credits comprising: PH3002, PH3007, PH3012, PH3014, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066, PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003) and PH3101.
	Level 4: 70 credits comprising: PH4021, PH4022, PH4105 and PH4111.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(B.Sc. Honours): Physics and Computer Science, Internet	Physics element of Joint Degree: Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
Computer Science, Logic & Philosophy of Science, Mathematics.	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: 11 or better in PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001
	Level 3: 60 credits comprising: PH3007, PH3012, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066 and PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003).
	Level 4: 10 credits comprising PH4022.
(B.Sc. Honours): Physics with French^; Physics with Spanish^	Physics element of Major Degree Programmes: Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: 11 or better in PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001.
^ available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'	Level 3: 90 credits comprising: PH3002, PH3007, PH3012, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066, PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003) and at least one of PH3101, PH4105.
Not available to entrants from 2008- 09	Level 4: 55 credits comprising: PH4021, PH4022 and PH4111.
(M.Phys. Honours): Physics	Single Honours Physics (M.Phys.) Degree: Level 1: 60 credits comprising PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: 15 or better in PH2011 and PH2012, and 11 or better in MT2001
	Level 3: 135 credits comprising: PH3002, PH3004 or PH3074, PH3007, PH3012, PH3014, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066, PH3073, PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003) and PH3101.
	Level 4: 60 credits comprising: PH4021, PH4022, PH4028, PH4030 and PH4105.
	Level 5: 60 credits comprising: PH5101.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(M.Phys. Honours):	Physics with Photonics (M.Phys.) Degree:
Physics with Photonics	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: 15 or better in PH2011 and PH2012, and 11 or better in MT2001
	Level 3: 165 credits comprising: PH3002, PH3007, PH3010 or PH4035, PH3012, PH3014, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066, PH3073, PH3074, PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003) and PH3101.
	Level 4: 60 credits comprising: PH4021, PH4022, PH4027, PH4028, PH4030, PH4034, and PH4105.
	Level 5: 90 credits comprising: PH5005, PH5008 and PH5101.
(M.Sci. Honours):	Physics element of Physics-Chemistry M.Sci. Degree:
Physics and Chemistry	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, MT1002
(M.Sci. Honours) 5 year Degree	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: 15 or better in PH2011 and PH2012, and 11 or better in MT2001
	Level 3: At least 90 credits comprising: PH3002, PH3007, PH3012, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066, PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003) and at least one of PH3101, PH4105
	Level 4: 25 credits comprising: PH4021 and PH4022
	Level 5: 60 credits from PH5101 plus at least one 15-credit 5000-level module in Physics plus at least 30 credits at 5000 level in Chemistry
	OR
	40 credits from CH5441 plus at least 30 credits at 5000 level in Chemistry plus at least 30 credits at 5000-level modules in Physics.
(M.Phys. Honours):	Single Honours Theoretical Physics (M.Phys.) Degree:
Theoretical Physics	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at second level, the PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: 15 or better in PH2011 and PH2012, and in MT2001
	Level 3: 120 credits comprising: MT3501, PH3002, PH3007, PH3012, PH3014, PH3061, PH3062, PH3066, PH3073 and PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003).
	Level 4: 60 credits comprising: PH4021, PH4022, PH4028, PH4030, PH4032.
	Level 5: At least 90 credits comprising: PH5002, PH5004, PH5102 and at least one of PH5003, PH5011 and PH5012.
(M.Phys. Honours):	Theoretical Physics element of Joint M.Phys. Degree:
Theoretical Physics and Mathematics	Level 1: 40 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012. For those who enter at second level, these PH modules are not required.
	Level 2: 60 credits comprising: 15 or better in PH2011 and PH2012.
	Level 3: At least 65 credits comprising: PH3007, PH3012, PH3061, PH3062, PH3075 (except for students who have taken MT2003).
	and (PH3073 or MT4507)
	Level 4: 35 credits comprising: PH4022, PH4028 and PH4032.
	Level 5: At least 85 credits comprising: PH5002, PH5004, PH5102 or MT5999, and at least one of PH5003, PH5011 and PH5012.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(B.Eng. Honours):	Single Honours Microelectronics and Photonics (B.Eng.) Degree:
Microelectronics and Photonics	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002.
Not available to entrants from 2007-08	Level 2: Modules taught by University of Dundee: 120 credits comprising: EG21001, EG21002, EG21005, EG22001, EG22002, EG22004.
	Level 3: 120 credits comprising: PH3007, PH3014, PH3066, PH3075, PH3110, and modules taught by the University of Dundee: EE31001, EE32002.
	Level 4: 115 credits comprising: PH4025, PH4027, PH4034, PH4035, and modules taught by the University of Dundee EG40001, EG40003, EG40005.
(M.Eng. Honours):	Single Honours Microelectronics and Photonics (M.Eng.) Degree:
Microelectronics and Photonics	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002.
Not available to entrants from 2007-08	Level 2: Modules taught by University of Dundee: 120 credits comprising: EG21001, EG21002, EG21005, EG22001, EG22002, EG22004.
	Level 3: 120 credits comprising: PH3007, PH3014, PH3066, PH3075, PH3110 and modules taught by the University of Dundee: EE31001, EE32002.
	Level 4: 105 credits comprising: PH4025, PH4027, PH4034, PH4035, and modules taught by the University of Dundee: EG40001, EG40003.
	Level 5: 120 credits comprising: PH5018, PH5019 and modules taught by the University of Dundee: CE52001, EE50002 and EE50003.

Modules

InterDisciplinary (ID) Modules

This School contributes to an inter-disciplinary module ID2004 Science Ethics (Section 23)

Astronomy (AS) Modules

AS1001 Astronomy and Astrophysics 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisites: Higher Physics or AS-level Physics, and Higher or AS-Level Mathematics.

Anti-requisite: AS1002

Description: This module surveys our present state of knowledge of the orbits, surfaces and atmospheres of the planets in our solar system; the structure and evolution of the Sun and other stars, including extra-solar planetary systems; the bizarre menagerie of star-forming regions, violent stellar objects and supermassive black holes found within our own Milky Way Galaxy and in other galaxies; and the large-scale structure and ultimate fate of the expanding Universe. Throughout the module, fundamental observations are interpreted using simple but powerful geometric methods to show how distances and other properties of astronomical objects throughout the Universe have been measured, from the time of Copernicus to the era of the Hubble Telescope and beyond.

Class Hour: 11.00 am

Teaching: Four lectures, one tutorial and one laboratory.

Assessment: Laboratory work = 25%, Continuous Assessment = 15%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: Laboratory work = 25%, 2 Hour Examination = 75%

AS2001 Astronomy and Astrophysics 2

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisites: AS1001, PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002; alternatively (for the PH and MT modules) passes in Advanced Higher Physics and Mathematics or in A-level Physics and Mathematics, both normally at grade A.

Description: This module comprises four lecture courses which extend knowledge gained in the first level module AS1001, and discuss recent developments in the subject: (i) observational techniques - modern telescopes, instruments and detectors for gamma-, X-, uv, optical, IR and radio radiation; spherical astronomy and essential coordinate systems; (ii) the structure and evolution of stars - nucleosynthesis, stellar properties as a function of age, a complete understanding of the HR diagram; (iii) the chemical evolution of the Universe - abundances from the Big Bang to the present; (iv) galactic astronomy - the distribution and motion of stars, gas, dust, and dark matter in our Milky Way and other galaxies.

Class Hour: 11.00 am

Teaching: Four lectures, one tutorial and one laboratory.

Assessment: Laboratory work = 25%, Continuous Assessment = 15%, 3 Hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: Laboratory work = 25%, 3 Hour Examination = 75%

Physics (PH) Modules

PH1011 Physics 1A

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisite(s): Passes in Higher Mathematics and Physics, both at grade B or better, or passes in A-Level

Mathematics and Physics, at grade combination BC or better.

Anti-requisite: AS1002

Description: This module covers the core subjects of mechanics, waves and optics, and also provides an introduction to lasers and optoelectronics. It is suitable for those who have studied physics to the level of Higher Physics or equivalent. It includes lectures on the dynamics of particles, gravitation, simple harmonic motion, the different types of wave motion, geometrical and wave optics, the principles of lasers, and some aspects of optical communication.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon

Teaching: Four lectures, one workshop, one tutorial and one laboratory.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

PH1012 Physics 1B

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite(s): Passes in Higher Mathematics and Physics, both at grade B or better, or passes in A-Level

Mathematics and Physics, at grade combination BC or better.

Anti-requisite: AS1002

Description: This module covers the core subjects of quantum phenomena and the properties of matter, and provides an extended example of the application of physics tools to a topic outside 'conventional' physics. The module is suitable for those who have studied physics to the level of Higher Physics or equivalent. It includes lectures on the origins of quantum theory, its application to atoms and other small scale systems; the nature and composition of nuclei, atoms, molecules and solids; and a set of group-based activities associated with the use of physics ideas to solve an interesting problem.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon

Teaching: Four lectures, one workshop, one tutorial and one laboratory.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

Re-Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

PH2011 Physics 2A

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisite(s): PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002; alternatively passes in Advanced Higher Physics and

Mathematics or A-level Physics and Mathematics, both normally at grade A.

Description: This module covers the subjects of mechanics, relativity, oscillations, and thermal physics. It is suitable for those who have taken the specified first year modules in physics and mathematics, or have good Advanced Higher or A-level passes or equivalent in physics and mathematics. It includes lectures on the dynamics of particles and rigid bodies, Einstein's special theory of relativity, free, forced and damped harmonic motion, and lectures on thermal physics including elementary thermodynamics and the notion of entropy.

Class Hour: 10.00 am

Teaching: Four or five lectures, one workshop, one tutorial and one laboratory.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 3 Hour Examination = 60% Re-Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 3 Hour Examination = 60%

PH2012 Physics 2B

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite(s): PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002; alternatively passes in Advanced Higher Physics and

Mathematics or A-level Physics and Mathematics, both normally at grade A.

Description: This module covers the subjects of quantum physics, electricity and magnetism and classical waves. It is suitable for those who have taken the specified first year modules in physics and mathematics, or have good Advanced Higher or A-level passes or equivalent in physics and mathematics. It includes lectures on the origin of Schrodinger's equation in quantum mechanics and its solution for simple one-dimensional potentials; an elementary introduction to the electromagnetic field comprising electrostatics, magnetostatics, electromagnetic induction and circuit theory; and lectures on waves, acoustics, polarisation of light, interference and diffraction.

Class Hour: 10.00 am

Teaching: Four or five lectures, one workshop, one tutorial and one laboratory.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 3 Hour Examination = 60% Re-Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 3 Hour Examination = 60%

The details of the Honours modules – that is 3000, 4000 and 5000 level modules – which relate to the programmes listed in this section, are available in the Honours Course Catalogue.