School of Physics & Astronomy

Important Degree Information:

Students who are aiming for a degree in Physics or Astrophysics and who enter with good Advanced Highers or Alevels or equivalent in Physics and Mathematics may apply to take an accelerated entry route to the programme, which can reduce the length of the BSc honours programme to three years and the MPhys programme to four years.

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):	Single Honours Astrophysics (B.Sc.) 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: 11 or better in AS2001, PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001.	
	Those on the accelerated-entry route have the same PH and MT requirements for entry to Honours Astrophysics, but normally take AS1001 in their year of entry. AS2101 is then taken in the first semester of JH.	
	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.	
(for students entering Honours before 2010)	Level 2: At least 120 credits comprising: grade 15 or better in AS2001, PH2011 and PH2012, and grade 11 or better in MT2001.	
	Those on the accelerated-entry route have the same PH and MT requirements for entry to Honours Astrophysics, but normally take AS1001 in their year of entry. AS2101 is then taken in the first semester of JH.	
	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.	
(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.	
(for students entering Honours in 2010 or later)	Level 2: At least 120 credits comprising: grade 15 or better in AS2001, PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001.	
	Those on the accelerated-entry route have the same PH and MT requirements for entry to Honours Astrophysics, but normally take AS1001 in their year of entry. AS2101 is then taken in the first semester of JH.	
	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.	

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:	
(B.Sc. Honours):	Single Honours Physics (B.Sc.) Degree:	
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: grade 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.	
(B.Sc. Honours):	Physics element of Joint Degree:	
Physics and Computer Science,	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at Second level, the PH modules are not required.	
Internet Computer Science, Logic & Philosophy of Science,	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: grade 11 or better in PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001	
Mathematics.	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 element of Major Degree Programmes:	
Physics with French [^] ; Physics with Spanish [^]	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at Second level, the PH modules are not required.	
Thysics with Spanish	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: grade 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 2008/9	Level 4: 55 credits comprising: PH4021, PH4022 and PH4111.	
(M.Phys. Honours):	Single Honours Physics (M.Phys.) Degree:	
Physics	Level 1: 60 credits comprising PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at Second level, the PH modules are not required.	
(for students entering Honours before 2010)	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: grade 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):	Single Honours Physics (M.Phys.) Degree:	
Physics	Level 1: 60 credits comprising PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For those who enter at Second level, the PH modules are not required.	
(for students entering Honours in 2010 or later)	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: grade 15 or better in PH2011, PH2012 and in MT2001	
2010 of fater)	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.	
(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: grade 15 or better in PH2011 and PH2012, and 11 or better in MT2001	
(for students entering Honours before 2010)	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.Phys. Honours):	Physics with Photonics (M.Phys.) Degree:	
Physics with Photonics	Level 1: 60 credits comprising: PH1011, PH1012, and MT1002. For the who enter at Second level, the PH modules are not required.	
	Level 2: At least 90 credits comprising: grade 15 or better in PH2011, PH2012, and in MT2001	
(for students entering Honours in 2010 or later)	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: grade 15 or better in PH2011 and PH2012, and 11 or better in MT2001	
(for students entering Honours	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	
before 2010)	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 in 5000-level modules in Physics.	

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Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:	
(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: grade 15 or better in PH201, PH2012, and in MT2001	
(for students entering Honours in	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	
2010 or later)	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 in 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: grade 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: grade 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.	
(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-	Level 2: Modules taught by University of Dundee: 120 credits comprising: EG21001, EG21002, EG21005, EG22001, EG22002, EG22004.	
08	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.	

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:	
(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-	Level 2: Modules taught by University of Dundee: 120 credits comprising: EG21001, EG21002, EG21005, EG22001, EG22002, EG22004.	
08	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, PH5020 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	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.

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	Semester:
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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.

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Anti-requisite: AS2101

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%

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AS2101 Astrophysics 2

Credits:	15	Semester:	1
Prerequisites:	AS1001		
Anti-requisite:	AS2101		

Description: This module is designed to extend the knowledge gained in the first level AS1001 module and to prepare the way for more advanced material appearing in the honours astrophysics modules. The module has three basic components dealing with the physics of stellar structure and evolution, the components and dynamics of galaxies and the chemical evolution of the Universe including the synthesis of the elements.

The module is based on the physical principals and mathematical techniques acquired earlier, and applied to the astrophysical concepts covered in AS1001.

Class Hour:	To be arranged.
Teaching:	Three/four lectures and one tutorial.
Assessment:	Continuous Assessment = 20% , 2 Hour Examination = 80%

Physics (PH) Modules

PH1011 Physics 1A

Credits:	20	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 quantum phenomena. It is suitable for those who have studied physics to the level of Higher Physics or equivalent. It includes lectures on Newton's laws, gravitation, simple harmonic motion, the different types of wave motion, geometrical and wave optics, the origins of quantum theory, its application to atoms and other small scale systems.

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	Semester:	2
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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 properties of matter, the mechanics of motion and an introduction to lasers. The module is suitable for those who have studied physics to the level of Higher Physics or equivalent. It includes lectures on the nature and composition of nuclei, atoms, molecules and solids; dynamics and conservation laws; the principles of lasers, and some aspects of optical communication. The module also includes 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%

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PH2011 Physics 2A

Credits:	30	Semester: 1	
Prerequisite(s):	PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002; a	• 1	ę ;
	Mathematics or A-level Physics and	Mathematics, both norm	ally 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 labor	atory.	
Assessment:	Continuous Assessment = 40%, 3 Hour H	Examination = 60%		
Re-Assessment:	Continuous Assessment = 40% , 3 Hour H	Examination = 60%		
PH2012 Physics 2B				
Credits:	30	Semester: 2		
Prerequisite(s):	PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002; alter Mathematics or A-level Physics and Mat	v 1	U	Physics and

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-level, 4000-level and 5000-level modules – which relate to the programmes listed in this section, are available in the Honours Course Catalogue.