

PHYS798: Physics Seminar

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CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

Course Summary: Discussion of current problems in physics under guidance of staff.

Prerequisites: none.

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CLASS MEETINGS

The seminars are presented by guest visitors on Fridays afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in LaTourette Hall lecture room 200.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The seminar consists of Physics colloquium mostly presented by visitors and pertaining to current research in various fields of Physics. The visitors are invited by faculty and graduate students and often present research connected to our department research.

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

The assessment will be based on attendance. **The students are required to sign an attendance sheet at the beginning of each seminar.**

From the number of attended seminar α and the number of total seminar offered in the semester τ , the final grade will be computed as the ratio,

$$\text{grade}[\%] = 100 \times \alpha / \tau. \quad (1)$$

A final letter grade will then be attributed following the Table below.

Letter grade	Percentage points.
A	≥ 90%
A-	≥ 85%
B+	≥ 80%
B	≥ 75%
B-	≥ 70%
C+	≥ 65%
C	≥ 60%
C-	≥ 55%
D+	≥ 50%
D	≥ 45%
D-	≥ 40%
F	< 40%

Further information on NIU grading system can be found at:
<http://www.niu.edu/regrec/grading/gradingfaqs.shtml>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The students are expected to be engaged learners, to attend the seminar, be courteous to the speaker and participate in commenting or asking questions.

When unable to attend the seminar meeting, the student should either request permission not to attend the meeting (e.g. due to attendance to a conference) in case of a conflict or present a justification (e.g. doctor's note) of his/her absence within one week of the missed meeting. Excused absences will not count against the student's grade.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you need an accommodation for this class, please contact the Disability Resource Center (RDC) as soon as possible. The DRC coordinates accommodations for students with disabilities. It is located on the 4th floor of the Health Services Building, and can be reached at 815-753-1303 (V) or drc@niu.edu. Also, please contact me privately as soon as possible so we can discuss your accommodations. The sooner you let us know your needs, the sooner we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

SYLLABUS

A list of seminar is continuously updated on the webpage of the department at:
<http://www.niu.edu/physics/news/colloquium.shtml>.