

## MODULE SPECIFICATION

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| Date of completion of this version of Module Specification: 12/01/2016  |  |  |   |   |
| Date of approval by the USP: 26/01/2016   |  |  |   |   |
| 1. Module Title: (Full title and short title no more than 30 characters)<br>Theoretical Physics   |  |  | 2.CRN:<br>34047   |   |
| 3.University module code:<br>F300 30089   |  | 4.HESA/JACS subject area code <sup>1</sup> :<br>F300 |   |   |
| 5.Level:<br>Level 6   | 6.Credit Value:<br>20                                | 7.ECTS Value <sup>ii</sup> :<br>10                   | 8.Length of module in semesters:<br>2                               | 9.Month(s) in which to be offered <sup>iii</sup> :<br>September |
| 10.Module Status <sup>iv</sup><br>Existing  | 11.Title of Module being replaced ( <i>if any</i> ): |  | 12.With effect from <sup>v</sup> (academic year):<br>September 2016 |   |
| 13.Originating School:<br>School of Computing, Science & Engineering  |  | 14.Module Leader(s)<br>Dr James Christian            |   |   |
| 15.Programme(s) in which to be offered <sup>vi</sup> :<br><br>BSc (Hons) Physics<br>BSc (Hons) Physics with Professional Experience<br>BSc (Hons) Pure & Applied Physics<br>BSc (Hons) Pure & Applied Physics with Professional Experience<br>MPhys (Hons) Physics<br>MPhys (Hons) Physics with Professional Experience |  |  |   |   |
| 16.Pre-requisites ( <i>between levels</i> ):<br>None  |  | 17.Co-requisites ( <i>within a level</i> ):<br>None  |   |   |
| 18.Indicative learning hours (breakdown of hours required) <sup>vii</sup> 200   |  |  |   |   |
| Lecture   | 22   | Fieldwork  |   |   |
| Seminar   |  | External visits                                      |   |   |
| Tutorial  | 11   | Work based learning                                  |   |   |
| Project supervision   |  | Guided independent study                             |   | 131   |
| Demonstration Practical classes and workshops   | 36   | Placement  |   |   |
| Supervised time in studio/workshop  |  | Year abroad  |   |   |
| Other – please specify <sup>viii</sup>  |  |  |   |   |
| 19.Percentage of module taught by School(s) other than originating School: 0%   |  |  |   |   |
| 20.Aims of Module <sup>ix</sup> : (maximum of 5)  |  |  |   |   |
| 1. To develop a knowledge and systematic understanding in the area of Theoretical Physics including the origin and limitations of the associated laws.  |  |  |   |   |

2. To develop expertise in analytical, numerical and computer based problem solving skills in the area of Theoretical Physics.

21. Intended Learning Outcomes<sup>x</sup>

Knowledge and Understanding (maximum of 5)<sup>xi</sup>

On successful completion the student will be able to:

- (1) Demonstrate an expert critical understanding of the laws and their origins in the area of Theoretical Physics
- (2) Demonstrate an ability to specify problems using the laws of Theoretical Physics and solve such problems using analytical and numerical means.

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes (maximum of 5)

On completion the student will have had the opportunity to:

- (3) Demonstrate communication through written material.
- (4) Demonstrate problem solving skills.
- (5) Demonstrate key analytical and numerical skills.

22. Module mark calculation: Method A

23. Assessment components (in chronological order of submission/examination date)

Denote final assessment component in box marked **final assessment component (99)**

| Type of assessment                                    | Identify which ILO is met by number <sup>xii</sup> | Weighting % | Duration | Word count | Component pass required <sup>xiii</sup> | E Submission    | Assessment organised by |
|---|--|-------------|----------|------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Set Exercises   | 1,2,3,4,5  | 50          |          |            | No                                      | No              | School                  |
|   |  |             |          |            | Choose an item.                         | Choose an item. | Choose an item.         |
| <b>Final assessment component (99)</b><br>Examination | 1,2,3,4,5  | 50          | 2 hours  |            | No                                      | No              | SID                     |

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| 24. Is ethical approval for the module required? | No | 25. Is ethical approval for an assessment component required? <sup>xiv</sup> | No |
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26. Learning, teaching and assessment strategies:

The module is taught through a combination of computing laboratories, lectures and tutorial classes

In semester 1, verbal feedback is given in the computing laboratory for both formative and summative assessment

In semester 2, a set of problem solving exercises is provided for guided independent learning, which forms the basis of formative assessment and feedback in the tutorial classes.

27. Syllabus outline:

Simulation of Complex Systems

Free Vibrations

Forced Vibrations

Driven-Damped

Extensible Pendulum

Convection and Turbulence

Nonlinear Dynamics in Laser Oscillators

Statistical Mechanics and Critical Phenomena

Perfect Classical Gas  
Discrete Energy Spectra  
Bose-Einstein Statistics  
Einstein Model  
Debye Model  
Thermal radiation and Blackbody Spectra  
Fermi-Dirac Statistics  
Free-Electron Gas  
Critical Phenomena  
Magnetic Ordering  
Diffusion

28. Indicative texts and/or other learning materials/resources<sup>xv</sup>:

After initial approval, up to date reading lists can be accessed at <https://salford.rl.talis.com/index.html>

**Note:** This replaces the LaSU reading lists from September 2015 onwards.

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| Teaching and Learning<br>Team Comments: |  |
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- i See UoS guidance notes on selecting JACS codes ([http://www.planning.salford.ac.uk/jacs\\_codes/](http://www.planning.salford.ac.uk/jacs_codes/))  
see HESA JACS Codes webpage <http://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php/content/view/356/233/>
- ii The ECTS value is half of the module credit value
- iii Please indicate the month (s) in which delivery of the module will commence.
- iv Amendments to the title or credit value constitute a new module.
- v If the delivery month of the module is to be available for different intakes of a programme, please indicate this here. E.g. Module effective from Sept 2014 – to state the module is to be available for Sept 2014 intake & Feb 2014 intake.
- vi The module will only be attached to programmes specified in this section. Any approved module can be available as a stand-alone module.
- vii These categories are used for the Key Information Set which currently applies only to full time undergraduate students only but please include for all students – for more information including definitions see [http://www.gaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/contact\\_hours.pdf](http://www.gaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/contact_hours.pdf) and [http://www.hesa.ac.uk/component/option,com\\_studrec/task,show\\_file/Itemid,233/mnl,13061/href,Calculations\\_methods.html/#LearningandTeaching](http://www.hesa.ac.uk/component/option,com_studrec/task,show_file/Itemid,233/mnl,13061/href,Calculations_methods.html/#LearningandTeaching)
- viii The 'other' category should not be used for learning undertaken by full undergraduate students as 'other' is not used in KIS categories
- ix The aims should express the purpose of the module.
- x The intended learning outcomes should detail the knowledge, understanding and skills that students will be able to demonstrate on successful completion.
- XI In some circumstances it may be necessary to have more than 5 intended learning outcomes. You will be asked to provide your rationale for this in discussion at the USP.  
For example, if the assessment is an essay and the essay meets ILOs number 1-4 and 6-7, state 1-4,6-7
- xii If Method B is used for module mark calculation, indicate Yes to specify the assessment component(s) to be passed in order to pass the module
- xiii Please specify component(s) for which ethical approval is required.
- xv The "Indicative texts and/or learning materials/resources" box should include a maximum of five items for new modules. These should be formatted using the University's agreed referencing style for the subject area (usually APA Harvard System 6<sup>th</sup>). See [http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/infolit/tool#referencing\\_tab](http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/infolit/tool#referencing_tab) for more information. The texts should normally be recent texts (i.e. within the last six years) unless they are a particularly "classic" text. For existing modules, the "Indicative texts and/or learning materials/resources" box should include a link for USP reviewers and readers to the comprehensive reading list at <http://lasu.salford.ac.uk>