

University of Maryland Department of Physics

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Prof. Ian Appelbaum

Physics 402

Title: PHYS 402 Quantum Physics II: Quantum states as vectors, spin and spectroscopy, multi-particle systems, the periodic table, perturbation theory, band structure, etc. This is a 4 credit course.

Prerequisites: PHYS401 (Quantum I), PHYS374 (Math Methods/ Diff. Eq.), and MATH240 (Linear Algebra).

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Please arrange a meeting time via email to discuss grades or other personal situations. *Questions about the course material should be directed to the asynchronous Q&A board on the course webpage at <https://piazza.com/umd/spring2016/phys402>.*

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Schedule: Three meetings weekly in [PHY 1201](#):

Monday and Friday 9:00am- 9:50am

Wednesday 9:00am- 10:50am

Recommended Texts: D. Griffiths, [Introduction to Quantum Mechanics](#), 2nd edition, is the recommended text. You should be able to get by with the first edition too. Errata are available from the author's [website](#). The lectures will **not** follow the book verbatim, so if you prefer any of the many other quantum mechanics texts available, feel free to use them.

Overview: The goal of this class is to generalize the basic principles of quantum mechanics to systems with spin and/or more than one particle and apply this formalism to situations of physical interest. In doing so, we will learn several approximation methods required to describe realistic systems in atomic, molecular, nuclear, particle and astrophysics. These topics are discussed in Chapters 5 to 11 of Griffiths' text. There will be three 50-minute lectures per week, and one recitation hour. Please do not use your cellphones during lecture.

Homework: Homework is assigned approximately every week on the resources section of the course Piazza page <https://piazza.com/umd/spring2016/phys402/resources> and will be due *before lecture begins*. Late homework will not be accepted and will receive a grade of 0.

Grading: Your course (letter) grade is determined by your numerical scores on homeworks (30%), one midterm (30%), and one final (40%).

Dropping the Course: Note: the [last day to drop](#) the course is April 11.

A Special Request: Please do not use your cellphones during lecture.