

# PHY 4604 – Quantum Mechanics I

## General Information

Lecture Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30AM – 10:45AM

Location: CP 101

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Textbook: Quantum Mechanics, by David H. MacIntyre

Reference book: Introduction to Quantum Mechanics, by David J. Griffiths (Optional)

Course Website: <http://faculty.fiu.edu/~hebli/fall2017>

Prerequisite: PHY3106, MAP2302, MAC2313 or equivalent

## Overview

Quantum Mechanics I (PHY4604) serves as an introduction to quantum mechanics. This is the first semester of a two-semester course. The topics in this semester include spin, operators and measurement, Schrödinger equation, Schrödinger time evolution, quantum spookiness, particle in a box, unbound states, angular momentum, and hydrogen atom. It is assumed that you have good knowledge of introductory physics, introductory calculus and good working knowledge of differential equation and linear algebra.

## Course schedule

The course schedule is attached to this syllabus. It shows the topics that will be covered in each lecture and corresponding reading assignment. **Please note that reading should be done prior to the lecture that covers the topic.** The professor reserves the right to change, add or omit any material in the course outline as needed throughout the course. Any changes will be announced in class and through your official FIU email. Students are responsible for obtaining information given in class and in your official FIU email, even if the student is absent.

## Lectures and classroom participation

To be successful in this class, it is extremely important to attend all lectures and actively participate in the classroom learning. All students are required to attend all lectures (**Yes, it is mandatory!**). The attendance will be taken and counted towards your final grade. All students are encouraged to participate in classroom activities such as demos, group discussion, and clicker questions.

## Clicker

A working clicker is required. Register your clicker before class, if possible. Please bring it to every class except for exam dates.

## Homework

Homework will be assigned on the class website every week. Working on homework problems is an essential part for learning physics, as well as preparing for exams. It is fine to discuss the homework problems with your classmates. However, it is strictly prohibited to duplicate solutions from your peers or any other sources. You should understand and independently work out the solutions.

## Exams and Grading

There will be three exams including two midterms and a final exam. A midterm covers specific chapters noted in the course schedule. The final exam covers all topics in the semester. You might need a non-programmable scientific calculator (<\$20) to use on exams and make sure you know how to use it before exams. You may NOT use calculators on cell phone/iPad or other similar devices. Midterm exams will be held in class. The final exam will be held in the final exam week. The specific time will be announced as the university final exams are scheduled. Please mark your calendar and plan accordingly. **Missing an exam will result in a zero score on that exam. No make-up exams will be given.**

The midterm exams will be reviewed and returned to you during the lecture in the following week. It is students' responsibility to attend the class and retrieve the exam. **Any questions regarding the grading have to be brought up to the professor within a week from when the exam is reviewed.** The scores will be official and cannot be modified after a week.

Students' understanding of the course materials will be assessed using both homework and exams. Grad percentages will be based on the following breakdown.

Course requirement	Distribution of final grade	Date
Homework	10%	See HW assignments
Exam 1	25%	<b>Oct. 3 (in class)</b>
Exam 2	25%	<b>Nov. 7 (in class)</b>
Final exam (cumulative)	30%	<b>Time TBA</b>
Attendance and in-class participation	10%	

## Academic Integrity Statement

The academic integrity of the classes offered by any universities solidifies the foundation of its mission and cannot be sacrificed to expediency, ignorance, or fraud. Therefore, I will enforce rigorous standards of academic integrity in all aspects and assignments of this course. For the detailed policy and rules, please refer to the FIU Student Code of Conduct (<http://regulations.fiu.edu/regulation=FIU-2501>).

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sustainable. The DRC provides FIU students with disabilities the necessary support to successfully complete their education and participate in activities available to all students. If you have a diagnosed disability and plan to utilize academic accommodations, please contact the Center at 305-348-3532 or visit them at the Graham Center GC 190.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
1	Aug. 22 Aug. 24	Intro to QM: Spin (Stern-Gerlach experiments) (Ch. 1)	p 1-21
2	Aug. 29 Aug. 19	Intro to QM: Spin; Operators and measurement (Ch. 1)	p 21-33
3	Sep. 5 Sep. 7	Operators and measurement (Ch. 2)	p 34-50
4	Sep. 12 Sep. 14	Operators and measurement (Ch. 2)	p 50-67
5	Sep. 19 Sep. 21	Schrödinger time evolution (Ch. 3)	p 68-84
6	Sep. 26 Sep. 28	Schrödinger time evolution (Ch. 3)	p 84-96
7	<b>Oct. 3</b> Oct. 5	<b>Exam 1</b> Quantum spookiness (Ch. 4)	p 97-106
8	Oct. 10 Oct. 12	Quantized energies: particle in a box (Ch. 5)	p 107-137
9	Oct. 17 Oct. 19	Quantized energies: particle in a box (Ch. 5)	p 137-160
10	Oct. 24 Oct. 26	Unbound states (Ch. 6)	p 161-180
11	Oct. 31 Nov. 2	Unbound states (Ch. 6)	p 181-201
12	<b>Nov. 7</b> Nov. 9	<b>Exam 2</b> Angular momentum (Ch. 7)	p 202-209
13	Nov. 14 Nov. 16	Angular momentum (Ch. 7)	p 210-227
14	Nov. 21	Angular momentum (Ch. 7)	p 227-249
15	Nov. 28 Nov. 30	Hydrogen atom (Ch. 8)	p 250-274
16	TBA	<b>Final Exam (All Chapters, Time TBA)</b>	