

Course: PSCD50H3F, Advanced Topics in Quantum Mechanics

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Lectures: IC320, Wednesday 15:00–17:00

Office Hours: EV356, Wednesday 10:30-12:00

Recommended Texts: 1) D. J. Tannor, Introduction to Quantum Mechanics: A Time-Dependent Perspective; 2) L. D. Landau, E. M. Lifshitz, Quantum Mechanics, Vol 3; 3) D. J. Griffiths, Introduction to Quantum Mechanics; 4) A. Messiah, Quantum Mechanics, vol 1 & 2.

Marking Scheme: Home works 20%, Midterm Exam 35%, Final Exam 45%. **To pass this course** you need to pass either the midterm test or the final exam, and to receive a final grade of 50+.

Course Description: This course provides exposure to a variety of theoretical concepts and practical methods for treating various problems in quantum mechanics. The list of topics is as follows.

- 1) Review of the basic postulates: Schrodinger equations (time-dependent / independent), superposition principle, uncertainty relation, measurements, operators, Dirac notation
- 2) Approximate methods: Perturbation theory (time-dependent / independent) and variational method
- 3) Many-body problem: direct tensor product, adiabatic, and second quantization representations
- 4) Symmetry: basics of representation theory, point groups, character tables, Pauli exclusion principle (Slater determinants); continuous groups
- 5) Spectroscopy: Application of perturbation theory (Fermi's golden rule), symmetry (selection rules), and Born-Oppenheimer separation

Midterm:

There will be a 2-hour mid-term test written during the class just after Reading Week. If you miss the mid-term due to a legitimate reason, you must submit appropriate documentation *within one week of your absence*. If the reason is medical, an official UTSC medical form should be downloaded from the Registrar's website http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~registrar/resources/pdf_general/UTSCmedicalcertificate.pdf and completed by your physician. Students with a validated absence will be permitted to write a make-up exam. ***If no acceptable documentation is received, you will receive a grade of zero for that test.***

Final Examination:

There will be a 3-hour, *cumulative* exam written during the end of semester exam period. The exact date, time and location will be announced as soon as they are available.

Please note that if you miss the Final Exam, you must petition the Registrar's Office to write a make-up exam in the next formal exam period. e.g. for a missed April Final Exam, the make-up Exam is in August. Your documentation is crucial for a successful petition and must be submitted

by the last day of the exam period. Check the UTSC Calendar for instructions and deadlines.

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2. Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
3. Making up sources or facts.
4. Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment.

On tests and exams:

1. Using or possessing unauthorized aids.
2. Looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test.
3. Misrepresenting your identity.

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Web: PSCD50 maintains a Blackboard web space which archives a variety of course-related information including: grades, class announcements, lecture and lab materials, contact information and links to outside resources. In addition, class emails will periodically be sent via Blackboard. To receive these emails, you must have a valid “utoronto.ca” email account registered with ROSI.