



Study programme MSc in Physics Academic Year 2023/2024

1. OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Physics (LM-17) aims at:

- providing a deep and flexible education in the various areas of modern physics, its theoretical and experimental aspects and its applications; with particular attention to the recent developments of research and technology.
- providing the cultural foundations, the technical abilities, the full control of the scientific research method that are needed to get in touch with the recent research frontiers studied in the Department, and give a personal contribution with the Master's Thesis work.
- promoting scientific and technological innovation by a direct research experience in the areas studied in the Department and also by international collaborations.

In order to achieve these goals, the Master of Science in Physics devotes approximately one third of its ECTS to the core lectures modules in modern Physics, one third to more specialized lecture modules in one of the research areas that are actively pursued in the Department of Physics, one third to the master thesis, which is coordinated within a research group under the guidance of a supervisor.

The variety of the research areas is reflected by a course structure with different study plans suggested by the research areas active in the department. Several research areas are interdisciplinary and largely benefit from the interaction with research groups in Engineering, Biology and Mathematics.

Suggested study plans will be published on the website (<https://offertaformativa.unitn.it/en/lm/physics/courses-timetable-exams>); the student can choose a different and personalized study plan, following the rules of the Didactic Regulation.

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the Master of Science in Physics, graduates shall fulfill the following requirements:

a) curricular requirements:

- I. Bachelor degree lasting at least three years, or equivalent
- II. a total number of 84 ECTS in Mathematics and Physics (MAT/* + FIS/*), of which at least 24 ECTS in the area of Mathematics (MAT/*) and at least 54 ECTS in the area of Physics (FIS/*).

b) an adequate personal qualification, including knowledge of English at level B2, or more.

The personal qualification will be judged with an interview by a Committee, composed by Prof. A. Miotello and Prof. L. Vanzo. The interview will be arranged at the Department of Physics within November 2023. Students with at least 30 ECTS in Mathematics (MAT/*) and 90 ECTS in Physics (FIS/*) with a Bachelor degree and a final mark of at least 95/110 might be accepted without an interview.

The knowledge of english at level B2 is verified by presenting international certificates, or by passing an exam at the home university.

3. COURSE STRUCTURE

The academic calendar will be published on the website as soon as possible.

All students are requested to attend the training about Health and Safety in the workplace:

General course: mandatory for all

Specific course:

- Low risk: for students who attend computer laboratories, office work
- Medium risk: for students who attend other didactic or research laboratories

For students enrolled from a.y. 2023/24

3.a Core modules (TAF B)

MANDATORY CORE COURSES							
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1	145164	Experimental Methods	56	6	FIS/01	I	Leonardo Ricci
1	145644	Quantum Mechanics, Fields and Symmetries	56	6	FIS/02	I	Winfried Leidemann

Besides these two mandatory core lecture courses, graduates choose five options from the list below for a total number of 42 ECTS. The choice must include:

- 1 module belonging to the so called SSD FIS/02

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1	145646	Quantum Field Theory I	56	6	FIS/02	II	Albino Perego
1	145177	Statistical Mechanics	48	6	FIS/02	I	Raffaello Potestio
1	145649	Computational Physics	48	6	FIS/02	II	Francesco Pederiva

- 3 modules belonging to FIS/03 and/or FIS/04

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1	145653	Solid State Physics I	48	6	FIS/03	I	Giacomo Baldi

1	145511	Atomic Physics	56	6	FIS/03	I	Gabriele Ferrari
1	145854	Condensed matter theory	56	6	FIS/03	I	Matteo Calandra Buonauro
1	145650	Physics of disordered systems	48	6	FIS/03	II	Marco Zanatta
1	145645	Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics	48	6	FIS/04	II	Winfried Leidemann
1	145651	Quantum Theories for Multiparticle Systems	48	6	FIS/04	II	Pier Luigi Cudazzo
1	145775	Astroparticle Physics	48	6	FIS/04	II	Roberto Battiston
1 or 2	145660	Fundamental Interactions	48	6	FIS/04	II	Roberto Iuppa
1 o 2	146110	Antimatter Physics	48	6	FIS/03	I	Sebastiano Mariazzi

- 1 module not yet selected among the list of core modules

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3.b Elective integrative courses

Besides the mandatory and elective core modules, students shall obtain other 24 ECTS, i.e. 4 modules among the integrative elective courses in the following SSD: FIS/*, MAT/06, MAT/07, CHIM/03, CHIM/06, BIO/10.

In this respect, students are encouraged to follow the indications given by the research group they wish to join for their master thesis. Suggestions and further information are available on the website of the Physics Department (<https://offertaformativa.unitn.it/en/lm/physics/courses-hours-examinations>).

Integrative modules for the Master of Science in Physics are listed below. It is possible to choose modules in different subjects, offered by the University of Trento's other master courses and declared as affiliated subjects. The list of affiliated subjects can be found in the Regolamento della Laurea Magistrale in Fisica. The study plan, including the chosen elective courses, will be subject to approval.

Graduates can take other core modules in the list – which have not been selected among the required 5 by choosing them as elective.

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1	145169	Nuclear Astrophysics	---	48	6	FIS/04	II	Alessandro Roggero
1	145171	Optoelectronics	---	48	6	FIS/01	II	Lorenzo Pavesi
1	145175	Quantum Optics	---	48	6	FIS/01	II	Iacopo Carusotto
1	145887	Quantum gases, superfluidity and superconductivity	Blended	48	6	FIS/03	II	Stefano Giorgini
1	145888	Radiation: detection and applications	---	48	6	FIS/07	II	Emanuele Scifoni
1	145889	Multi-scale methods in soft matter physics	Blended	48	6	FIS/03	II	Raffaello Potestio
2	145224	General Relativity and Cosmology	---	48	6	FIS/02	II	Massimiliano Rinaldi
2	145282	Photonics	---	48	6	FIS/01	I	Stefano Azzini
2	145235	Molecular and Cellular Biophysics	---	48	6	BIO/10	I	Marina Scarpa
2	145512	Nanoscience	---	48	6	FIS/01	I	Marina Scarpa
2	145647	Quantum Field Theory II	---	48	6	FIS/02	I	Luciano Vanzo
2	145232	Laboratory of Energy Conversion Processes	---	56	6	FIS/01	I	Paolo Tosi
2	145283	Laboratory of Advanced Photonics	---	56	6	FIS/01	I	Paolo Bettotti
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1 or 2	146109	Advanced Topics in Theoretical Physics	---	48	6	FIS/02	I	Sunny Vagnozzi
1 o 2	145347	Groups and representations for Physics	Blended	48	6	FIS/02	II	Mauro Spreafico
1	145153	Experimental Physics Laboratory at High School Level I (mutuato dal Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Matematica)	---	56	6	FIS/08	I	Pasquale Onorato
1	145537	Physics education: theoretical and experimental approaches (mutuato dal Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Matematica)	Proped.: <i>Exp. Phys. Lab. High School I</i>	56	6	FIS/08	II	Pasquale Onorato
1 o 2	146119	Atmospheric Physics and Modelling (mut. dal corso di LM Ingegneria per l'ambiente e il territorio 0332H cod. 140617)	---	60	6	FIS/06	I	Lorenzo Giovannini
1 or 2	145605	Renewable Energy and Meteorology (mut. dal corso LM Ingegneria Energetica 0337H cod. 140511)	---	60	6	FIS/06	II	Lorenzo Giovannini
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1 o 2	145734	Air pollution modelling (mut. dal corso LM Environmental Meteorology 0341H cod. 140585)	---	60	6	FIS/06	II	Dino Zardi
1 o 2	140571	Atmospheric boundary layer and turbulence (mut. dal corso LM Environmental Meteorology)	---	60	6	FIS/06	II	Dino Zardi
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2	145546	Computational Biophysics (mutuato dal Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Quantitative and Computational Biology)	---	96	12	FIS/02 e FIS/03	I	Gianluca Lattanzi e Luca Tubiana
1 o 2	146214	Markov Decision Processes and Reinforcement Learning (mutuato dal Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Matematica)	---	48	6	MAT/06	I	Luigi Amedeo Bianchi

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3.c Language Knowledge

3 ECTS: foreign students have to acquire competencies in italian language: 140189 – Prova di conoscenza lingua italiana (A1)

Italian students have to acquire competencies in scientific English or in another language of the European Union:

- 145852 – Scientific Writing and Presentations in English (B2a)
- 145328 – Ulteriori conoscenze linguistiche (inglese C1)
- 145582 – Ulteriori conoscenze linguistiche (lingua tedesca B2)
- 145584 – Ulteriori conoscenze linguistiche (lingua spagnola B2)
- 145583 – Ulteriori conoscenze linguistiche (lingua francese B2)

3.d Elective modules (free)

Students will obtain other 12 ECTS, without any constraint on their choice of modules. Any module offered by other Departments or even other Universities can be eligible as elective free module, provided that student obtains a final evaluation and the Department of Physics' approval of the study plan. Students are invited to ask the research group they wish to join for their Master thesis for advice on this choice.

4. STUDY PLANS

Information days on the lectures module, study plans and research activities will be organized in collaboration with the Physics Department before December 2022. Study plan submission deadlines will be available at <https://offertaformativa.unitn.it/en/lm/physics/courses-hours-examinations>.

Study plans suggested by the research groups of the Physics Department (available on the website) will be automatically approved. Otherwise they need to be motivated and submitted to the approval of the Didactic Committee.

5. TUTORING

Students are strongly recommended to ask lecturers for help. For any other matter regarding the structure of the Master of Science in Physics, students may ask the members of the Teaching Committee, either directly or via their student representatives.

6. FINAL EXAM

The final exam consists of the defense of a written thesis corresponding to 39 ECTS. The Master thesis project will bring students into direct contact with at least one cutting edge research topic in Physics allowing them to contribute to its advancement. In general, the final exam aims at verifying the scientific maturity achieved by students at the end of their study career.

The research activity related to the Master thesis is usually carried out in one of the research laboratories in the Department of Physics or any other research structure collaborating with the Department of Physics, under the supervision of one professor and/or researcher in the laboratory. A co-supervisor from any other public or private national or international research institution can be formally included.

Before starting the research activity, students need to be allowed to access the laboratories by sending the form available on the web site <https://offertaformativa.unitn.it/en/lm/physics/graduation> to df.supportstaff@unitn.it

The procedures for the final exam, the criteria for the final mark, further information on the Master thesis and the evaluation committee for the final exam are available on the "Regolamento per lo svolgimento della prova finale" (<https://offertaformativa.unitn.it/en/lm/physics/graduation>).

7. TEACHING COMMITTEE

The members of the teaching committee are: Gianluca Lattanzi, the academic coordinator of the Physics Department, Giacomo Baldi, Paolo Bettotti, Leonardo Ricci, Luciano Vanzo and William Joseph Weber.

Detailed syllabi including evaluation criteria are published at the beginning of the academic year. Any further information, not explicitly written on this document, can be found in Italian on the Manifesto 2022/2023 and the Regolamento del corso di laurea magistrale in Fisica, available at the following website: <https://offertaformativa.unitn.it/en/lm/physics/rules-and-regulations>