



## SYLLABUS

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

PHYS 3110 - DIRECTED METHODS

ACADEMIC TERM: Spring 2025

Sec 51 CRN 13025

## Course Information

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Class meeting time: Wednesday, 12pm - 1pm

Modality and Location: In person Room SC436, Kennesaw Campus

Syllabus: Posted in D2L

## Instructor Information

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## Course Description

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### 1 Class Hours, 1 Credit Hours

**Prerequisite:** Grades of "C" or better in PHYS 2211 and PHYS 2211L and permission of instructor.

This course will introduce students to elementary particles and their interactions.

Students will learn about particle reactions and basics of hadron collider phenomenology.

They will familiarize with the Physics of the Standard Model of Elementary Particles and learn about the Quantum Theory of Electrodynamics and of the strong and weak interactions. Students will be exposed to research methodologies through direct involvement in a faculty-led research project.

## Course Materials

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Textbook: "Introduction to Elementary particles", Author: David Griffiths, Editor: WILEY-VCH

Extra directed method/research course materials will be provided by the instructor.

## Learning Outcomes

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After completing PHYS 3110, Directed Methods, students should be able to:

- Describe fundamental interactions between particles
- Use Feynman diagrams to represent and calculate physical processes.
- Describe the particle content of the Standard Model of Particle Physics.
- Calculate basic reactions at particle colliders.

## Course Requirements and Assignments

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Reading and homework problems will be assigned by the instructor on a weekly basis. Students will carry out a research project directly connected to the faculty-led research and will present their results in an oral presentation. In addition to this, students are required to write a max 2 pages essay in which they critically reflect on their research experience and explore its relevance to academic content, personal growth and career aspirations. This follows the HIP (High Impact Practice) requirements for this course.

## Evaluation and Grading Policies

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Students must maintain a logbook of activities. The final grade for this class is made up of the following components:

- Accomplishment of at least 70% of the assigned reading and homework.
- Accomplishment of the research project.

Grading Scale

S-Satisfactory >70%

U-Unsatisfactory <70%

## Course Policies

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Students are expected to: attend all lectures, finish all the assignments by the due date, accomplish the research project, present their results in an oral presentation, and write a (max 2 pages) critical reflection essay.

Students are expected to follow the academic honesty guidelines given below which is provided by KSU. Students should familiarize with these rules especially plagiarism and cheating and destruction of library materials. Failure to follow these guidelines at a minimum will result in a failing grade for the course.

## Institutional Policies

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**Federal, BOR, & KSU Course Syllabus Policies:**

[http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/federal\\_bor\\_ksu\\_student\\_policies.php](http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/federal_bor_ksu_student_policies.php)

**Student Resources:**

[http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu\\_student\\_resources\\_for\\_course\\_syllabus.php](http://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu_student_resources_for_course_syllabus.php)

**Academic Integrity Statement:**

<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

## Students with Disabilities

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Any student with a documented disability or medical condition needing academic accommodations of class-related activities or schedules must contact the instructor immediately. Written verification from the KSU Student Disability Services (<http://sds.kennesaw.edu/>) is required. No requirements exist that accommodations be made prior to completion of this approved University documentation. All discussions will remain confidential.

## KSU Student Resources

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This link contains information on help and resources available to students:

[https://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu\\_student\\_resources\\_for\\_course\\_syllabus.php](https://curriculum.kennesaw.edu/resources/ksu_student_resources_for_course_syllabus.php)

## Inclement Weather Policy

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During the course of the year, Kennesaw State University may decide to close campus or operate on a delayed schedule in cases of inclement weather.

The University will announce campus closures and delayed schedules in several ways. The cell phone number on file with the university will automatically receive KSU Alerts, so make sure your information in OwlExpress is accurate at all times. An email will also be sent to your university account.

In addition, announcements will be made by a notice on the [Kennesaw State University](https://www.kennesaw.edu/) home page.

## Course Delivery

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KSU may shift the method of course delivery at any time during the semester in compliance with University System of Georgia health and safety guidelines. In this case, alternate teaching modalities that may be adopted include hyflex, hybrid, synchronous online, or asynchronous online instruction.

## Course Schedule (Tentative)

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- Week 1: Overview of elementary particles and reactions
- Week 2: Elementary particle dynamics
- Week 3: Relativistic kinematic
- Week 4: Symmetries
- Week 5: bound states
- Week 6: Feynman calculus
- Week 7: Quantum Electrodynamics
- Week 8: Quantum Chromodynamics
- Week 9: Weak Interactions
- Week 10: Gauge theories
- Week 11: Neutrino oscillations
- Week 12: Cross section calculation for elementary processes
- Week 13: The Higgs boson
- Week 14-15: Higgs production at hadron colliders