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ROWAN COLLEGE
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL TITLE: QUANTUM PHYSICS

 UNDERGRADUATE X GRADUATE 4 CREDIT HOURS

SPONSOR(S): Henry Long, Edward Flores, Kevin Moga, Scott Jeff, Hollinger

DEPARTMENT & TELEPHONE# Chemistry and Physics 4-25

CHECK ONE: X COURSE MINOR PROGRAM CONCENTRATION SPECIALIZATION
 ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM MAJOR PROGRAM

<p style="text-align: center;">STEP #1 (DEPARTMENT)</p> <p>APPROVED/DATE: <u>10/11/95</u></p> <p>NOT APPROVED/DATE: _____</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> DEPT. CURRICULUM CHR.</p> <p>REVIEWED/DATE: <u>10/11/95</u></p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> DEPT. CHR.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEP #2 (RECEIPT)</p> <p>SCC# <u>05-96-56</u></p> <p>DATE RECEIVED: SENATE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCT 19 1995</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> SENATE CURRICULUM CHR.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEP #3 (SCHOOL)</p> <p>REVIEWED DATE: <u>2/2/96</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND TO APPROVE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND NOT TO APPROVE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FORWARD FOR OPEN HEARING</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WITHOUT RESERVATIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WITH RESERVATIONS</p> <p>COMMENTS: _____</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHR.</p>
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STEP #5 (SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE)

DATE OF OPEN HEARING: _____

APPROVED BY SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (DATE): 3/13/96

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STEP #6 (SENATE)

DATE PRESENTED TO SENATE: 2/2/96 APPROVED NOT APPROVED

NOTIFICATION TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST (DATE): _____

SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR SIGNATURE/DATE: [Signature]

STEP #7 (EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST)

DATE RECEIVED 4/12/96

APPROVED: YES NO

IF NO, REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

STUDENT CREDIT HOURS 4

FACULTY LOAD HOURS 4

EQUALIZED CREDIT HOURS _____

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REGISTRAR

DATE APPROVED COURSE DESCRIPTION RECEIVED 14 May 96

HEGIS TAXONOMY AND COURSE NUMBER ASSIGNED 1902-570

DATE/SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR B. J. Kiley 14 May 96

NOTIFICATION FORWARD:

SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON(S)

ACADEMIC DEAN(S)

REGISTRAR

SPONSOR(S)

Principles of Quantum Mechanics

1. Details:

Course Title:	Quantum Physics (1902.5 × ×)
Sponsors:	Hong Yuan Ling, Eduardo Flores, Karen Magee-Sauer, Jeff Hettinger, Department of Chemistry and Physics
Credit Hours:	4 s. h.
Course Level:	Graduate
Curricular Effect:	Elective
Prerequisites:	Physics I, II, and III [1902.200 (or 1902.202), 1902.201 (or 1902.203), 1902.563]; Calculus II (1701.131); Mathematical Methods in Physics (1902.525).
Time of Implementation:	Fall 1996
Adequacy of Resources:	Present faculty, facilities and library holdings are adequate. However, we will make further efforts to enhance the library collections in the area of quantum mechanics.

2. Rationale:

The study of physics is a logical progression. The required curriculum is remarkably uniform from program to program not only on a national level, but on a international level as well. Students begin their study with introductory courses in Mechanics, Heat, Waves and Optics, Electricity and Magnetism, and Quantum Physics. Then, they take intermediate/advanced courses in these same five areas to complete the "core" of their program. The core of the program is usually covered by advanced courses in Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism, Quantum Physics, and Statistical Physics. Upper level electives complement and expand on these five basic areas as well.

Quantum Physics solves the problems in physics where Newtonian (classical) physics fails. Quantum Physics is extremely successful in describing the behavior of matter on a microscopic scale. Its importance to our society has become even more evident since much new technology is based on the principles of Quantum Physics. We believe that Quantum Physics is an integral part of the graduate curriculum in the study of physics and should be

made available to our graduate students pursuing science teaching degree with physical science concentration. We thus propose this course to be added to the graduate curriculum.

3. Essence of the course:

(a) Objectives:

After taking this course the student will be able to:

- Understand the foundation of the Quantum Physics and its necessity.
- Solve problems such as the finite square well, simple harmonic oscillator, and other simple potential energy functions.
- State and understand the implications of the Uncertainty Principle.
- Utilize the Schrodinger equation and understand eigenvalues and wavefunctions.
- Solve the hydrogen atom problem and its related quantum numbers, and extend these concepts to more complicated atoms.
- Use perturbation theory to solve problems, such as the probability of the atom making a transition from a high to low energy level.

(b) Topical Outline:

Possible text: Principles of Quantum Physics by Hans C. Ohanian.

The course will include the following selected topics:

1. The Origin of Quantum Physics
Early Quantum Theory, Wave and Matrix Mechanics, Wave particle duality
2. The Free Particle in Wave Mechanics
Wave Equation: Solution to the Free-Particle Wave Equation, Expectation Values, Momentum and Position as Operators, Measurement in Quantum Physics
3. Particles in Potentials
Schrodinger equation with potential: Stationary states, The infinite and finite square well, the energy representation, barrier penetration
4. Axiomatic Formulation of Quantum Physics
Operators, Eigenvectors, Compatible observables
5. Particles in three dimensions and angular momentum
Free Particle, Harmonic Oscillator, The Hydrogen Atom
6. Spin and the exclusion principle
Spin of the Electron, Magnetic Moment, Addition of Angular Momentum, Fermions and Bosons, Exclusion Principle, and the Periodic Table
7. Perturbation theory

Time - independent Perturbations, Degenerate Perturbations, Time-dependent perturbations

8. Scattering and Resonance

Elastic scattering in One Dimension, Scattering by a Square Well, Resonance

(c) Evaluation Procedures:

Students will be evaluated by homework, exams, class participation, and a final.

(d) Course Evaluations:

The departmental course evaluation form will be used at the end of the course.

4. Consultations

Consultation letters were sent to

Robert Newland, Chairman, Department of Chemistry and Physics

Pearl Bartelt, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Gary Itzkowitz, Chairman, Department of Mathematics.

The responses were positive.

Catalog Description:

Quantum Physics (1902. 5 × ×)

4 s.h.

(Prerequisite: 1902.200 (or 1902.202), 1902.201 (or 1902.203), 1902.563, 1701.131, and 1902.525)

This is an introductory graduate course. Students will learn basic concepts in Quantum Physics as well as the approaches to problems that require the use of Quantum Physics. Topics selected for study include: Origin of Quantum Physics, Wave Mechanics, Axioms of Quantum Physics, Schrodinger Equation, Particles in Potentials, Spin and the Exclusion Principle, Angular Momentum, and Scattering. The requirements of this course include a laboratory project and/or graduate research paper. Admission to the course will be at the discretion of the graduate adviser. This course may not be offered annually.