

**SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
MINOR CURRICULAR CHANGE FORM**

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PROPOSAL TITLE: Change name from Physics III → Modern Physics

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CHECK:

- CHANGES IN APPROVED MINORS, SPECIALIZATIONS, CONCENTRATIONS
- CATALOG DESCRIPTIONS, TITLES, AND/OR PREREQUISITES
- SMALL CHANGES IN COURSE CONTENT OF EXISTING COURSES WHICH DO NOT SUBSTANTIALLY VARY THE CURRICULUM
- CHANGES IN HEGIS NUMBER

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Minor Change

Course Name Change

1. Details:

Change requested from "Physics III" to "Modern Physics"

Sponsor: Jon Sagle and the Physics Section of the Department of Chem. and Phys.

2. Rationale:

Currently, almost all of the courses offered by the physics section of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, have titles that succinctly describe what subject is taught in that course. Thus, when course titles such as "Optics and Light" or "Electric Circuits" appear on a Rowan University student's transcript, there is no question what subject that student studied in that class. However, three courses in our curriculum bear the rather unilluminating titles of "Physics I", "Physics II", and "Physics III". The Roman numerals simply designate the order in which these classes are taken by a student. Course titled "Physics I" and "Physics II" are widespread and all physicists are familiar with their content. Courses titled "Physics III" are much less common and, as a result, this moniker does not convey its content to those unfamiliar with it. Hence, we propose changing the course title to "Modern Physics". This class introduces the student to a variety of developments and discoveries made in the last one hundred years, which is considered the modern era in physics. Thus, the course title "Modern Physics" is much more appropriate than the current course title "Physics III". This change will have no impact on the program, department, or curricular design.