

Module title		Abbreviation
Physics of Complex Systems		11-PKS-Int-201-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
Managing Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics		Faculty of Physics and Astronomy
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
6	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
1. Theory of critical phenomena in thermal equilibrium 2. Introduction into the physics out of equilibrium 3. Entropy production and fluctuationst 4. Phase transitions away from equilibrium 5. Universality 6. Spin glasses 7. Theory of neural networks		
Intended learning outcomes		
In-depth knowledge of concepts and methods essential for a thorough understanding of collective phenomena in complex many-body systems. Thorough understanding of the concepts of entropy, entropy production and universality. Ability to appreciate the central importance of symmetries. Ability to perform research tasks in the field of complex systems.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V (2) + R (2) Module taught in: English		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes). If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest. Language of assessment: English Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
180 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		

Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2020)
exchange program Physics (2023)