Module title	Abbreviation
Theoretical Mechanics	11-T-M-152-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)
8	numerical grade	--

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	Admission prerequisite to assessment: completion of exercises (approx. 13 exercise sheets per semester). Students who successfully completed approx. 50% of exercises will qualify for admission to assessment. The lecturer will inform students about the respective details at the beginning of the semester.

Contents

1. Newton's formulation: Inertial systems, Newton's laws of motion, equations of motion; one-dimensional motion, energy conservation; Harmonic oscillator; Movement in space of intuition, conservative forces;
2. Lagrangian formulation: Variational principles, Euler-Lagrange equation; constraints; coordinate transformations, mechanical gauge transformation; symmetries, Noether theorem, cyclic coordinates; accelerated reference systems and apparent forces;
3. Hamiltonian formulation: Legendre transformation, phase space; Hamilton function, canonical equations; Poisson brackets, canonical transformations; generator of symmetries, conservation laws; minimal coupling; Liouville theorem; Hamilton-Jacobi formulation [optional];
4. Applications: Central-force problems; mechanical similarity, Virial theorem; minor vibrations; particles in an electromagnetic field; rigid bodies, torque and inertia tensor, centrifugal and Euler equations [optional]; scattering, cross section [optional];
5. Relativistic dynamics: Lorentz Transformation; Minkowski space; equations of motion; 6. Non-linear dynamics: Stability theory; KAM theory [optional]; deterministic chaos [optional]

Intended learning outcomes

The students have gained first experiences concerning the working methods of Theoretical Physics. They are familiar with the principles of theoretical mechanics and their different formulations. They are able to independently apply the acquired mathematical methods and techniques to simple problems of Theoretical Physics and to interpret the results. They have especially acquired knowledge of basic mathematical concepts.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: Ü: German or 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)

written examination (approx. 120 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

Allocation of places

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Additional information

Registration: If a student registers for the exercises and obtains the qualification for admission to assessment, this will be considered a declaration of will to seek admission to assessment pursuant to Section 20 Subsection 3 Sentence 4 ASPO (general academic and examination regulations). If the module coordinators subsequently find that the student has obtained the qualification for admission to assessment, they will put the student's registration for assessment into effect. Only those students that meet the respective prerequisites can successfully register for an assessment. Students who did not register for an assessment or whose registration for an assessment was not put into effect will not be admitted to the respective assessment. If a student takes an assessment to which he/she has not been admitted, the grade achieved in this assessment will not be considered.

Workload
240 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
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematics (2015)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Physics (2015)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Nanostructure Technology (2015)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2015)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Physics (Minor, 2015)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Physics (2020)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Nanostructure Technology (2020)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2020)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Physics (Minor, 2020)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Quantum Technology (2021)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematics (2023)
exchange program Physics (2023)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2024)