

Physics 772

Quantum Field Theory

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Class meets:
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Recommended Textbook:
An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory
Michael Peskin and Daniel Shreoder

Supplemental Textbook: (optional)
The Quantum Theory of Fields (vol. I, II, III)
Steven Weinberg

Topics to be covered:

Quantization of scalar and fermionic fields

Quantization of gauge fields

Perturbation theory and scattering

Renormalization and quantum corrections

Quantum electrodynamics

Grading:

The course grade will be based on homework and exams

60% -- homework
20% -- midterm
20% -- final

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the successful completion of this course, students will be expected to:

- 1) Understand the quantization of scalar, fermionic and gauge fields
- 2) Compute basic cross-sections in quantum electrodynamics
- 3) Have a basic understanding of renormalization in quantum field theory