

# **Durham University**

# **Faculty Handbook Online**

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These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's <u>core regulations for undergraduate programmes</u>, and the <u>marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes</u>.

# MPhys Physics and Astronomy (FF3N)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

### Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Foundations of Physics 1	PHYS1122	40
Discovery Skills in Physics	PHYS1101	20

3. Either: Candidates shall also study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Single Mathematics A #	<u>MATH1561</u>	20
Single Mathematics B #	<u>MATH1571</u>	20

Or: Candidates shall also study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Linear Algebra 1 #	<u>MATH1071</u>	20
Calculus and Probability 1 #	<u>MATH1061</u>	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from those offered by any board of studies.

### Level 2 (Diploma)

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Foundations of Physics 2A	PHYS2581	20
Foundations of Physics 2B	PHYS2591	20
Mathematical Methods in Physics	PHYS2611	20
Stars and Galaxies	PHYS2621	20
Laboratory Skills and Electronics	PHYS2641	20

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
Theoretical Physics 2	PHYS2631	20
Physics in Society	PHYS2651	20

### Level 3 (Degree)

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Foundations of Physics 3A	PHYS3621	20
Foundations of Physics 3B	PHYS3631	20
Planets and Cosmology 3	PHYS3651	20
Physics Problem Solving	PHYS3561	20

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Mathematics Workshop	PHYS3591	20
Laboratory Project	PHYS3601	20

9. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List C (subject to timetable compatibility):

List C:		Credit value
Team Project	PHYS3581	20
Mathematics Workshop	PHYS3591	20
Laboratory Project	PHYS3601	20
Physics into Schools	PHYS3611	20
Advanced Physics 3	PHYS3641	20
Theoretical Physics 3	PHYS3661	20
Modules to the value of 20 credits from another board of studies.		20

#### Level 4 (Degree)

10. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Project	PHYS4213	60
Advanced Astrophysics	PHYS4161	20
Theoretical Astrophysics	PHYS4201	20

11. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List D:

List D:		Credit value
Atoms, Lasers and Qubits	PHYS4121	20
Advanced Theoretical Physics	PHYS4141	20
Advanced Condensed Matter Physics	PHYS4151	20
Particle Theory	PHYS4181	20
Advanced Physics 4	PHYS4221	20
Theoretical Physics 4	PHYS4241	20
Modules to the value of 20 credits from another board of studies		20

#### Assessment, progression and award

- 12. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the Ordinary Degree at the next level.
- 13. Students who have successfully completed Levels 1 and 2 of the MPhys Physics and Astronomy in accordance with the Core Regulations may, with the permission of the Chairman or Chairwoman of the Board of Studies in Physics, change their registration to the MPhys Theoretical Physics or MPhys Physics.
- 14. Students who fail to achieve the standard required under the Core Regulations for progression to Level 3 of the MPhys Physics and Astronomy but who achieve the standard required for progression to Level 3 of a Bachelors programme may progress to Level 3 of the BSc Physics in the Honours or Ordinary stream in accordance with the Core Regulations.
- 15. A student who is qualified to progress from Level 2 to Level 3 of the MPhys Physics and Astronomy but wishes to transfer to Level 3 of the BSc Physics shall be permitted to do so.
- 16. Students whose achievement at the end of Level 3 does not qualify them to proceed to Level 4 may be awarded the degree of BSc Physics at either Honours or Ordinary level in accordance with the Core Regulations for the award of a Bachelors degree.
- 17. Students whose achievement at the end of Level 4 does not qualify them to be awarded the degree of MPhys Physics and Astronomy may be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) with Honours in accordance with the Core Regulations for the award of a Bachelors degree.

#### Professional accreditation

18. This programme is accredited by the Institute of Physics until February 2019.