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New Paltz, New York.

**Modern Physics**

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## Text

- **Post Newtonian (“Modern”) Physics** by Tarun Biswas (download from Brightspace).

## Reference

- **Fundamentals of Physics** by D. Halliday, R. Resnick and J. Walker. (not required.)
- **Modern Physics** by Kenneth Krane. (not required.)

## Course Description

The following chapters of the text will be covered (some selected sections may be excluded).

Chap. 1	Some Good Old Physics.
Chap. 2	Special Relativity.
Chap. 3	From Waves to Particles and Back.
Chap. 4	The Schrödinger Equation.
Chap. 5	The Structure of Matter – Atoms.

## Evaluation

First exam	30%
Second exam	30%
Final exam	40%

## Problems for Homework

- Chap. 1 – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18.  
Chap. 2 – 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, 32.  
Chap. 3 – 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16.  
Chap. 4 – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13.  
Chap. 5 – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

## **Administrative Addenda**

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

To acquire basic skills in handling some physical phenomena discovered after the end of the nineteenth century viz. special relativity and quantum physics.

### **Campus-Wide Policies**

<https://www.newpaltz.edu/acadaff/academic-policies-including-academic-integrity/>

### **Deadlines**

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