



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Equations of Mathematical Physics - 77313

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HU Credits: 6

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Physics

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Michael Moshe

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Coordinator Office Hours: will be set in the first week of class

Teaching Staff:

Dr. Michael Moshe
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Mr. Daniel Cohen

Course/Module description:

Methods of Mathematical Physics

Course/Module aims:

To teach the students advanced mathematical methods which are extensively used in physics and other sciences

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

master advanced mathematical methods which will help them in physics courses

Attendance requirements(%):

0

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures, recitations by teaching assistants and home assignments

Course/Module Content:

Vector analysis in curvilinear coordinates. An introduction to generalized functions. The boundary value problem and the Sturm-Liouville theory. The Green function. Partial differential equations (PDEs) of first order: the method of characteristics. PDEs of the second order: classification and canonical forms. Cauchy, Dirichlet and Neumann problems. The wave equation: the d'Alembert's formula, vibrating string, vibrating membrane. The heat equation. The Laplace equation. Inhomogeneous problems. An intro to variational calculus. An intro to integral equations.

Required Reading:

None

Additional Reading Material:

1. G.B. Arfken. *Mathematical Methods for Physicists*.
2. K.F. Riley, M.P. Hobson, and S.J. Bence. *Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineering*.
3. J. Mathews and R.L. Walker. *Mathematical Methods of Physics*.
4. M.L. Boas. *Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences*.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 90 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 10 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

None