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## **Physics and Astronomy Collection Development Policy**

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### **I. GENERAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Department of Physics and Astronomy offers the B.A. and B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The department offers a Physics degree with an astronomy option and Physics faculty will continue to teach Astronomy classes. The graduate program in Astronomy is being phased out and there is currently no Physics Education program. The Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers graduate education leading to the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Physics. The Department has a flexible program of graduate study to accommodate students with a wide variety of goals and backgrounds.

The Department of Physics and Astronomy at UNL houses many state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities. Among these include the Extreme Light Laboratory, which houses Diocles, one of the most powerful lasers in the world, the on-campus Student Observatory and Behlen Observatory in Mead, NE, where students can study astrophysical phenomena such as quasars and pulsating stars.

Graduate and Undergraduate students are involved in research and projects like the study of nanoscale magnetic materials important in future technological development. They also perform experiments to "stop" light and do research on matter waves and unusual behavior of chiral molecules. Some students even study the fundamental constituents of matter that make up our universe at some of the world's highest-energy particle accelerator laboratories. Descriptive Physics, Elementary General Physics I, Honors: Elementary General Physics I, Elementary General Physics II, Honors: Elementary General Physics II, Elements of Physics, General Physics I, Honors: General Physics I, General Physics II, Honors: General Physics II, Liberal Arts Physics: Matter and Motion, and Liberal Arts Physics: Atoms and Fields (PHYS 115, 141, 141H, 142, 142H, 151, 211, 211H, 212, 212H, 260, and 261) have been designated as an ACE (Achievement-Centered Education) courses.

Research emphases in the Department are divided among four major areas: particle and field theory; condensed matter and applied physics; atomic, molecular, and chemical physics; and astronomy and astrophysics.

The AMOP is a funded program of excellence. The primary goal of this Program of Excellence (PoE) is to enable the AMOP physics group to increase its visibility and stature internationally and to position it to become one of the top-ranked such programs in the U.S.A. and one that is highly successful in obtaining increased external grant funding (which is estimated in FY07/08 to be double that in FY01/02 and, adding a one-time \$2.7 million award, is over five times greater). The primary means of accomplishing our goal is to increase the group's faculty from six to ten. Priority in such hiring is to build upon our current strengths, including especially the competitive advantage that the new 150 Terawatt laser facility gives our group in the emerging new scientific areas of intense laser-atom and laser-plasma physics.

This is the only Ph.D. program in physics in Nebraska. There is no accrediting body for the area. The department has overlapping interest with Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, and Engineering Mechanics.

## **II. GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE**

No restrictions. Materials are selected for scientific importance. Most materials come from the United States, Western Europe, Russia, and Japan.

## **III. CHRONOLOGICAL COVERAGE**

Emphasis is on the 20th century. Historical science material is usually acquired for the History Department by the history liaison.

## **IV. IMPRINT DATE**

Emphasis is on current materials. Retrospective collecting is selective to support current research or areas of interest.

## **V. FORMAT/TYPE AND LEVEL OF MATERIALS**

Most materials are acquired in the form of periodicals, monographs, and pre-prints, with emphasis on periodicals.

## **VI. LANGUAGES**

English is the preferred language at all levels of intensity. At the study and research levels German, French, Russian, and Italian are acceptable. Literature in other languages may be acquired when requested by library users. At the minimal and basic level, only materials in English are collected. When available, English translations are preferred to the original language.

## **VII. SPECIAL FACTORS**

Because of the nature of research, both theoretical and applied, primary material is of the utmost importance. Much of this material is in the form of society or association serials. Of primary importance to the Department of Physics and Astronomy are the publications of the American Institute of Physics, Institute of Physics Publishing, American Physical Society, Optical Society of America, Society of Rheology, American Crystallographic Association, American Astronomical Society, and American Association of Physicists in Medicine. In astronomy, publications of the Institute of Physics Publishing are essential.

Although most of the key reference works and the monographic and serial material are in Love Library, materials in Mathematics and Engineering libraries are of major importance to the department. The Engineering Library is a U.S. Patent and Trademark and Depository Library Program Library and the publications of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are included in the Engineering Library collection. All patent search aids that are provided by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program are retained.

Important areas of research in Physics, such as BioPhysics, are not studied intensively as faculty have not been hired in these areas. The research needs of new faculty should be identified and the collection intensity updated as necessary.

## **VIII. CLASSIFICATION AND INTENSITY LISTING**

(The following are listed by LC Class, Subject, and then by Intensity Level)

- QB 1 Astronomy. General works RESEARCH
- QB 15-55 History STUDY
- QB 61 Study and teaching RESEARCH
- QB 64 Observers' handbooks STUDY
- QB 81-84 Observatories STUDY
- QB 85-139 Astronomical instruments STUDY
- QB 145-237 Practical astronomy STUDY
- QB 275-343 Geodesy BASIC
- QB 351-480 Theoretical astronomy RESEARCH
- QB 361 Planetary theory STUDY
- QB 391 Lunar theory STUDY
- QB 401 Satellites STUDY
- QB 460 Astrophysics RESEARCH
- QB 463 Nuclear astrophysics RESEARCH
- QB 468 Non-optical methods of astronomy STUDY
- QB 475 Radio astronomy STUDY
- QB 500-791 Descriptive astronomy RESEARCH
- QB 600 Planets STUDY
- QB 721 Comets STUDY
- QB 741 Meteors STUDY
- QB 801-843 Stars RESEARCH
- QB 851-860 Clusters and nebulae RESEARCH
- QB 871 Stellar spectroscopy RESEARCH
- QB 981 Cosmogony. Cosmology RESEARCH
- QC 1-5 Physics RESEARCH

QC 6-19 History and philosophy BASIC  
QC 20 Mathematical physics RESEARCH  
QC 24-26 Theoretical/particle.Popular works excluded BASIC  
QC 30 Study and teaching BASIC  
QC 120-131 Descriptive and experimental mechanics STUDY  
QC 133-136 Dynamics RESEARCH  
QC 145 Hydrostatics BASIC  
QC 150-159 Fluid dynamics BASIC  
QC 170 Atomic physics (General) RESEARCH  
QC 173.5 Relativity physics RESEARCH  
QC 173.96 Quantum theory-Quantum mechanics RESEARCH  
QC 174.2 Wave mechanics RESEARCH  
QC 174.4 Quantum statistics RESEARCH  
QC 174.5 Quantum field theory RESEARCH  
QC 174.7 Statistical physics RESEARCH  
QC 175 Kinetic theory of gases RESEARCH  
QC 176 Solid-state physics RESEARCH  
QC 176.8 Special topics RESEARCH  
QC 178 Theories of gravitation RESEARCH  
QC 182-189 Special properties of matter RESEARCH  
QC 221 Acoustics STUDY  
QC 223 Mathematical theory STUDY  
QC 231 Special topics RESEARCH  
QC 243 Sound waves RESEARCH  
QC 244.5 Acoustic holography STUDY  
QC 271 Heat STUDY  
QC 278 Low temperature RESEARCH

QC 281 High pressure STUDY

QC 301 Change of state STUDY

QC 311 Thermodynamics RESEARCH

QC 318 Special topics RESEARCH

QC 320-330 Heat transfer RESEARCH

QC 350-370 Optics RESEARCH

QC 370.5 Optical instruments and apparatus RESEARCH

QC 380 Geometrical optics RESEARCH

QC 398 Physical optics RESEARCH

QC 401 Theory of light RESEARCH

QC 411 Interferrometry RESEARCH

QC 415 Diffraction RESEARCH

QC 427 Scattering RESEARCH

QC 446.2 Nonlinear optics RESEARCH

QC 449 Holography STUDY

QC 451 Spectrophysics RESEARCH

QC 454 Special topics of spectra and spectroscopy e.g. laser spectroscopy RESEARCH

QC 457 Infra-red spectrum RESEARCH

QC 459 Ultraviolet spectrum RESEARCH

QC 474-476 Radiation physics RESEARCH

QC 476.5 Luminescence RESEARCH

QC 480 X-rays STUDY

QC 482 X-rays – Diffraction RESEARCH

QC 481 Special topics RESEARCH

QC 485 Cosmic ray physics RESEARCH

QC 490 Other radiations RESEARCH

QC 503 Electricity (including magnetism) RESEARCH

QC 585 Dielectrics RESEARCH  
QC 595 Pyroelectricity. Piezoelectricity RESEARCH  
QC 601 Electric currents RESEARCH  
QC 610.9 Semiconductor physics RESEARCH  
QC 621-629 Thermoelectricity RESEARCH  
QC 630 Electrodynamics RESEARCH  
QC 660.5 Electric oscillations and electric waves RESEARCH  
QC 665 Special topics, e.g. Scattering, waves and fields RESEARCH  
QC 670 Electromagnetic theory/fields RESEARCH  
QC 671 Electromagnetic scattering RESEARCH  
QC 675 Magneto-optics RESEARCH  
QC 680 Quantum electron dynamics RESEARCH  
QC 701-702 Ions RESEARCH  
QC 711 Electric discharge through gases RESEARCH  
QC 717.6 Plasma, Ionized gases RESEARCH  
QC 718 Special topics RESEARCH  
QC 718.5 Plasma General works STUDY  
QC 721 Particle physics RESEARCH  
QC 750-756 Magnetism RESEARCH  
QC 760 Magnets RESEARCH  
QC 761 Magnetic induction RESEARCH  
QC 761.5 Ferromagnetism RESEARCH  
QC 762 Nuclear magnetism RESEARCH  
QC 770 Nuclear and particle physics RESEARCH  
QC 786.4 Reactor physics STUDY  
QC 787 Other instruments, e.g. Accelerators, etc. RESEARCH  
QC 793 Elementary particle physics RESEARCH

QC 793.3 Special topics RESEARCH  
QC 793.5 Special nuclear and subnuclear particles e.g. Hadrons RESEARCH  
QC 793.9 Interaction [few particle pools] RESEARCH  
QC 794 Nuclear interaction RESEARCH  
QC 794.6 Special topics, e.g. collisions, scattering etc. RESEARCH  
QC 794.8 Special types of interactions RESEARCH  
QC 795 Radiation physics RESEARCH  
QC 801 Cosmic physics STUDY  
QC 809 Special topics especially cosmic magnetic fields RESEARCH  
QC 879 Aeronomy-upper atmosphere physics STUDY  
QC 880 Dynamic meteorology STUDY  
QC 960 Electrical phenomena in the atmosphere STUDY  
QD 95-98 Qualitative analysis BASIC  
QD 171-172 Inorganic chemistry of metals RESEARCH  
QD 461 Atomic and molecular theory and structure RESEARCH  
QD 470-480 Quantum chemistry BASIC  
QD 501 Conditions and laws of chemical reactions BASIC  
QD 901-911 Crystallography RESEARCH  
QD 921 Crystal growth RESEARCH  
QD 931 Physical properties of crystals RESEARCH  
QD 945 X-ray Crystallography RESEARCH  
QH 201 Microscopy BASIC  
QH 505 Biophysics BASIC  
QH 652 Radiation biology STUDY  
RA 569 Radioactive substances in relation to public health STUDY  
RC 93 Nuclear medicine STUDY  
TA 450 Materials engineering, nonmetallics RESEARCH



TA 460 Materials engineering, metals RESEARCH

TK 7800 Applications of electronics STUDY

TL 1050 Astrodynamics STUDY

TN 690 Metallography STUDY