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Respondents: 20 Answer Count: 11 Answer Frequency: 55.00 %

General opinion

Give your opinion in the scale 1-5.

1 = very negative 2 = negative 3 = neutral 4 = positive 5 = very positive

The comment field in the end is very important! It will help us understand what is to be kept when the grade is good, and what to change when the grade is poor.

What is your general opinion of...

the course overall?

the course overall?	Number of Responses
1	0 (0.0%)
2	0 (0.0%)
3	1 (9.1%)
4	5 (45.5%)
5	5 (45.5%)
Total	11 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
the course overall?	4.4	0.7

the topics covered in the course?

the topics covered in the course?	Number of Responses			
1	0 (0.0%)			
2	0 (0.0%)			
3	2 (20.0%)	50.0%-		
4	4 (40.0%)	50.0 %		
5	4 (40.0%)			
Total	10 (100.0%)			
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the topics covered in the course?		4.2	0.8	

the structure of the course?



	Mean	Standard Deviation
the structure of the course?	4.3	0.6

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the information about the course when it started?



the information about what was expected of you?



Comment (help us interpret your grades!) I would have appreciated to get some more hints on other applications of qft away from particle physics, but maybe that's too much for an introductory course. It was really good that you uploaded the exams and problem sheets already in the beginning of the course. Roman did a great job of setting the expectation high from minute one. The course requires work and is very clear about that.

Teaching and examination

Give your opinion in the scale 1-5.

1 = very negative 2 = negative

- 3 = neutral
- 3 neutral
- 4 = positive
- 5 = very positive

What is your opinion of...

the book by M. E. Peskin and D. V. Schroeder?



the lecture notes by David Tong

the lecture notes by David Tong	Number of Responses		
1	1 (9.1%)		
2	0 (0.0%)		
3	2 (18.2%)	40.0%	
4	4 (36.4%)	40.0 %	
5	4 (36.4%)		
Total	11 (100.0%)		
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	Mean	Standard Deviation
the lecture notes by David Tong	3.9	1.2

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the hand-outs

the hand-outs	Number of Responses							
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2	0 (0.0%)							
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5	1 (10.0%)							
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the lectures with Roman Pasechnik?

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5	4 (36.4%)					
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the lectures with Roman Pasechnik?		4.1			0.9	

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the lectures with Roman Pasechnik?	4 1	

the lectures with Dipankar Das?



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the problem solving sessions with Astrid Ordell?



the problem solving sessions with Nils Hermansson Truedsson?



the balance between lectures and problem-solving sessions?

the balance between lectures and	Number of
problem-solving sessions?	Responses
1	0 (0.0%)
2	1 (9.1%)
3	3 (27.3%)
4	5 (45.5%)
5	2 (18.2%)
Total	11 (100.0%)



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the take-home exams?



the oral exam?



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the oral exam?	4.5	0.8

Comment (help us interpret your grades!)

One possible improvement: Uploading solutions for the exams (which are not handwritten :P)

I felt the take home exams could possibly be revised. Maybe less computationally intense tasks, and with a broader scope, for example, some of the exercises from the book by Blundell and Lancaster, called QFT for the gifted amateur. The exercises there are probably much easier, but then one could have many of them, and then they might actually help in understanding the philosophy behind QFT. This QFT for the gifted amateur book is great too, and a much better substitute as supplementary reading than the David Tong stuff. Roman is a very nice and entertaining teacher, I just think sometimes it would be good to put a little bit more effort in explaining things so that everyone understands them. It was sometimes hard to follow what he was doing because it was not clear what his intention was with what he was finished.

was writing on the board (introducing new concepts, illustrating old ones, proving something, ...?). It usually became clear after he was finished, but it would be nice to be able to follow from the beginning.

Dipankar's teaching was quite the opposite, from time to time it would even be sufficient to explain trivial things a bit less often. All in all I liked both teachers, don't change too much.

The take-home exams could cover more different topics of the lecture (some of them are not in the exams at all) and some extremely

time-consuming manipulations could be left out, they were just frustrating and I don't think I learned anything there.

Ranking of notes by David Tong is superficial since I did not use them.

Handouts?

Roman is clear in structure and takes time to discuss physical implications = important!

Dipankar is fun! Great presentation of the historical time line of the development of Dirac theory.

I always have a problem myself sitting through "exercise" sessions where the answer is given from "someone who knows". I prefer problem solving format were problems are solved during the session. With white/black boards at hand.

Reasonable level on take-home exams. I like the concept since it forces students to go through material. The course is not doable otherwise. I like oral exams.

The focus of the course.

Below are learning goals from the course plan. Mark how much focus these goals got during the course, compared to what you feel would be needed.

After completion of the course, the student...

masters the basics in Hamilton and Lagrange formulations of classical field theory and the relation between symmetries of the Lagrange function and conservation laws



		Standard
	Mean	Deviation
masters the basics in Hamilton and Lagrange formulations of classical field theory and the relation between symmetries		
of the Lagrange function and conservation laws	3.0	0.0

understands the importance of formulating theories in a Lorenz invariant way and how this manifests itself for different kinds of fields and other representations of the Lorentz group.



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Total	10 (100.0%)	60.0 %			
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Unnecessarily high focus	0 (0.0%)
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Total	(100.0%)



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understands how scalar and Dirac fields are quantized and can use these to calculate conserved quantities such as energy and momentum	3.0	0.0

understands what a propagator is and how its properties are related to causality as well as how it can be used to describe how a particle moves through space-time.



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from different combinations of Dirac and Klein-Gordon	Number of
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Much too low focus	0 (0.0%)
	3 (30.0%)
Appropriate	7 (70.0%)
	0 (0.0%)
Unnecessarily high focus	0 (0.0%)
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Total	(100.0%)



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can describe how the fields and the creation and annihilation operators are transformed under the charge conjugation, parity and time reversal transformations.

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transformations.	Responses
Much too low focus	0 (0.0%)
	1 (10.0%)
Appropriate	9 (90.0%)
	0 (0.0%)
Unnecessarily high focus	0 (0.0%)
Total	10 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
can describe how the fields and the creation and annihilation operators are transformed under the charge conjugation,		
parity and time reversal transformations.	2.9	0.3

understands the basic notion of perturbation theory and the meaning of asymptotic states as well as the definitions of cross section and decay width.



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Appropriate	8 (88.9%)
	0 (0.0%)
Unnecessarily high focus	0 (0.0%)
Total	9 (100.0%)



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	5 (55.6%)
Appropriate	4 (44.4%)
	0 (0.0%)
Unnecessarily high focus	0 (0.0%)
Total	9 (100.0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
has a basic understanding of how the theory can be reformulated in a consistent way in order to include processes with higher order radiative corrections.	2.4	0.5

Comments

everything was appropriate "Masters" is a strong word in this context...

Did you have enough prior knowledge for this course?

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1: not at all	0 (0.0%)	
2: not quite	2 (18.2%)	
3: yes	8 (72.7%)	80.0
4: yes, the course was a bit easy	1 (9.1%)	
5: I did not really learn anything new	0 (0.0%)	
Total	11 (100.0%)	
		60.0



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Comment I could have needed some more quantum mechanics (I didn't have relativistiv quantum mechanics before).

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about 50 hours (25% of intended time)	0 (0.0%)	
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about 150 hours (75% of intended time)	4 (36 4%)	
about 200 hours (100% of intended time)	3(27.3%)	
about 250 hours (125% of intended time)	3(27.3%)	
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Comments (for example on the distribution of the workload and whether you feel you have been able to perform at the level you wanted to) the take-home exams were the most time-consuming part.

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Equal treatment

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yes	
Yes.	

What did you particularly like with the course?

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This was a nice course as it is quite fundamental, challenging, and rewarding after finishing.

the topic is very interesting and the course was well structured (starting with Klein-Gordon, goind to Dirac, ...)

- I really like the structure of the course. It always feels like you learn a lot working with problems for the problem sessions or take-home exams. The contents of the course speaks for itself. It's awesome!
- But I liked the lectures both with Roman and Dipankar. And the availability of Nils and Astrid, always prepared to answer questions.

It covers a lot of interesting material. The lectures and handouts were a good complement to the course book, especially the parts about vector field quantization, which is not discussed in detail (in part I) of the course book.

What in the course do you think could improve?

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The take home exams exercises could be improved, and surely the marks obtained the take home exams should be also included in the final grade in some way.

Put more effort in making it easy for people to understand! Of course it's a lot of work to create lecture notes just for the course but it would help a lot to have notes that cover exactly the same topics as the course. Picking things together from Peskin Schroeder and Tong was a bit annoying.

Often, because of delays in lectures, we had problems in the problem sessions covering topics that we hadn't yet come to in the lectures. The bit on group theory comes fast and hits hard if groups are a new concepts for a student. Maybe a tiny bit more formal discussion could be in place.

I think the course contained too much. A course more closely related to Tong's lecture notes could have been better.