

General Course Information

MDPH403 Radiation Physics

0.125 EFTS

First Semester

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Lectures (check Timetable for possible changes)

Monday	14:00-15:00	Jack Erskine 121
Tuesday	11:00-12:00	Jack Erskine 445
Friday	12:00-13:00	Jack Erskine 101

Description

The aim of the course is to provide participants with a general knowledge of the physical principles that form the foundations for the use of ionising radiation primarily in medicine (both therapy and diagnostic), and, to a lesser degree, in industry.

Assessment

10%	Assignment
10%	Practical
20%	Mid-term test
60%	Final exam

NB: A pass in the final exam is required to pass the course.

Textbooks

Required Textbook:

- Podgorsak EB (2016), *Radiation Physics for Medical Physicists* 3rd ed, Springer

Additional resources:

- Johns HE & Cunningham JR (1983), *The Physics of Radiology* 4th ed, Thomas
- Podgorsak EB (Ed) (2005), *Radiation Oncology Physics: A Handbook for Teachers and Students*, IAEA
- Khan FM (2014), *The Physics of Radiation Therapy* 5th ed, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

- Attix FH (1986, 1991), *Introduction to Radiological Physics and Radiation Dosimetry*, John Wiley & Sons

Objectives

To provide a general understanding, and a basic knowledge of

- the types, origins and sources of ionising radiation and its interaction with matter
- the basics of ionising radiation dosimetry
- the principles involved in the detection and measurement of ionising radiation

Summary of Course Content

The topic areas covered are

- basic nuclear physics
- radioactivity
- charged ionising radiation
- uncharged ionising radiation
- neutrons
- dosimetric principles, quantities and units, and dosimetry in practice
- x-ray production

All important course information will be accessible through the UC *Learn* system available at <http://learn.canterbury.ac.nz/>. You need to login with your UC login and password and then select the course code on the left hand side. Make sure you check the *Learn* page regularly for relevant information and course updates. Note that all course related emails will be sent to your UC email address. No other email addresses will be accepted. It is your responsibility to check your UC email regularly.

Lecture timetable

A detailed timetable will be available on *Learn*.

General Physics and Astronomy Information

Please consult the document General Information for Physics and Astronomy Students:

<https://apps.canterbury.ac.nz/1/science/phys-chem/PHYS%20-%20Course%20Outlines/General.PDF>