

Faculty of Sciences

Master of Science in Physics and Astronomy

Language of instruction: English

Programme version 1

## 1 General Courses 36 credits

Full-time standard learning track: Students can choose which of these course units will be taken in the first respectively the second year of study; together with the elective courses, a total of 60 credits is taken in the first and a total of 30 credits in the second year of study.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004503 Solid State and Nano Physics <i>Christophe Detavernier -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180
2	C004504 Computational Physics <i>Toon Verstraeten -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 63</a>	6			A:1	180
3	C004502 Subatomic Physics <i>Ben Page -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180
4	C004505 Theoretical and Numerical Astrophysics <i>Maarten Baes -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 15</a>	6			A:1	180
5	C004506 Quantum Field Theory <i>Thomas Mertens -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180
6	C004451 General Relativity <i>Archisman Ghosh -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180

## 2 Elective Courses 54 credits

Subscribe to 54 credit units, with:

- at least 30 credit units from 2.1-2.5
- at least 6 credit units from 2.6-2.7, including at least 4 credits from 2.6, subject to approval by the faculty.

Courses with reference a are taught at VUB.

Please note: some elective courses are offered only every two years or require specific initial competences. Keep this in mind when choosing your elective courses.

### 2.1 Astronomy

Subscribe to no more than 36 credit units from the following list.

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C002349 Astroparticle Physics <i>Archisman Ghosh -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:2	180
2	C002512 Cosmology and Galaxy Formation [nl] <i>Sven De Rijcke -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180
3	C004452 Evolution of Stars and Stellar Systems <i>Dany Vanbeveren -- Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6	a		A:2	180
4	C003131 Observational Techniques in Astronomy <i>Arjen van der Wel -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:2	180
5	C004507 Nuclei: Structure, Synthesis and Interactions <i>Natalie Jachowicz -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i>	6			A:2	180

[Indicative price: € 0](#)

6	C003939	Radiative Transfer Simulations in Astrophysics	6		(A:2) <sup>d</sup>	180
<i>Maarten Baes -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						

## 2.2 Solid State Physics

[Subscribe to no more than 48 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C003120	Physics and Chemistry of Nanostructures	6		A:2	180
<i>Zeger Hens -- Department of Chemistry</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
2	E006800	Modelling and Engineering of Nanoscale Materials	6		A:1	180
<i>Louis Vanduyfhuys -- Department of Applied Physics</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
3	C003122	Nuclear Methods in Material Research	6		A:2	180
<i>Stefaan Cottenier -- Department of Electromechanical, Systems and Metal Engineering</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
4	C004508	Structure Analysis of Solids	6		A:2	180
<i>Jolien Dendooven -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
5	C003128	Optical Spectroscopy of Materials	4		A:1	120
<i>Dirk Poelman -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
6	C003208	Luminescence	6		(A:1) <sup>d</sup>	180
<i>Jonas Joos -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
7	C004509	Nanomagnetism	5		A:2	150
<i>Bartel Van Waeyenberge -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 60</a>						
8	E024122	Computational Materials Physics	6		B:1	180
<i>Stefaan Cottenier -- Department of Electromechanical, Systems and Metal Engineering</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>						
9	C004523	Materials for Energy Applications	6		(A:1) <sup>c</sup>	180
<i>Christophe Detavernier -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>						
10	C004511	Thin Films: Physics and Analysis	6		A:1	180
<i>Jolien Dendooven -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
11	C004512	Thin Films: Atomic Scale Processing and Analysis	3		A:1	90
<i>Jolien Dendooven -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
12	C004513	The Theory of Metals: from Path Integrals to Experiment	6		A:1	180
<i>Nick Bultinck -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						

## 2.3 Nuclear and Particle Physics

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004507	Nuclei: Structure, Synthesis and Interactions	6		A:2	180
<i>Natalie Jachowicz -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>						
2	C004560	Particle Radiation Detection and Measurement	6	a	A:1	180
<a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>						
3	C004450	Medical Radiation Physics and Dosimetry	6		A:2	180
<i>Klaus Bacher -- Department of Human Structure and Repair</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 10</a>						
4	C003129	Capita Selecta Particle Physics	6		A:2	180
<i>Joscha Knolle -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i>						
<a href="#">Indicative price: € 5</a>						
5	C003212	Extensions of the Standard Model	6	a	A:1	180
<i>Steven Lowette -- Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i>						

		<a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>				
6	C003211	Electroweak and Strong Force <i>Alexandre Sevrin -- Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6	a	A:2	180
7	C003214	Experimental Techniques in Particle Physics <i>Steven Lowette -- Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6	a	A:1	180
8	C002349	Astroparticle Physics <i>Archisman Ghosh -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		A:2	180

## 2.4 Theoretical Physics

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Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004514 Quantum Electrodynamics <i>Dimitri Van Neck -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 101</a>	6			(A:2) <sup>d</sup>	180
2	C004515 Many-body Physics <i>Dimitri Van Neck -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 10</a>	6			A:2	180
3	C003668 Quantum Computing <i>Frank Verstraete -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:2	180
4	C004516 Holography <i>Michal Heller -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6			(A:2) <sup>d</sup>	180
5	C004561 Quantum Black Holes <i>Thomas Mertens -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:2 <sup>a</sup>	180
6	C004071 Strongly Correlated Quantum Systems <i>Jutho Haegeman -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:2	180
7	C004421 Relativistic Hydrodynamics - from Quantum Field Theory to Black Holes <i>Michal Heller -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6			A:1 <sup>a</sup>	180
8	C004517 Dynamics: from Newton to Schrödinger <i>Sven De Rijcke -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180
9	C004513 The Theory of Metals: from Path Integrals to Experiment <i>Nick Bultinck -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180
10	C004518 Field Theory for Statistical Mechanics <i>Nick Bultinck -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			(A:2) <sup>d</sup>	180
11	C004106 Complexity and Criticality <i>Jan Ryckebusch -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:2	180

## 2.5 Interdisciplinary Elective Courses

[Subscribe to no more than 48 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	E006900 Plasma Technology and Fusion Technology <i>Rino Morent -- Department of Applied Physics</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6			A:1	180
2	E026260 Magnetohydrodynamics of Plasmas <i>Roger Jaspers -- Department of Applied Physics</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:2	180
3	C003940 History and Philosophy of Sciences: Physics and Astronomy [nl] <i>Maarten Van Dyck -- Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6			A:1	180

4	C003758	Machine Learning <i>Yvan Saeys -- Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		A:1	180
5	C001427	Introduction to the Dynamics of Atmospheres [nl] <i>Piet Termonia -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 10</a>	6		A:1	180
6	E040430	Continuum Mechanics <i>Geert Verdoolaeghe -- Department of Applied Physics</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		A:2	180
7	E006500	Quantum Optics <i>Bart Kuyken -- Department of Information Technology</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		A:1	180
8	E024641	Physics of Semiconductor Devices <i>Benoit Bakeroot -- Department of Electronics and Information Systems</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 10</a>	6		B:2	180
9	E029040	Physical Chemistry <i>Iwan Moreels -- Department of Chemistry</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		B:2	180
10	C004453	Modeling Complex Systems <i>Sophie De Buyl -- Vrije Universiteit Brussel</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6	a	A:2	180
11	E006400	Wave Physics in Living Matter <i>Wout Joseph -- Department of Information Technology</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		A:2	180
12	C004106	Complexity and Criticality <i>Jan Ryckebusch -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		A:2	180
13	C004517	Dynamics: from Newton to Schrödinger <i>Sven De Rijcke -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	6		A:1	180
14	F000920	Networks in Socio-Economic Systems <i>Luis Enrique Correa da Rocha -- Department of Economics</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 110</a>	6		A:2	180

## 2.6 Professional Skills and Internships

[Subscribe to at least 4 and no more than 24 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004519 Professional Skills for Scientists [en, nl] <i>Philippe Smet -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 5</a>	4			(A:J) <sup>c</sup>	120
2	E076471 Dare to Start <i>Wouter Haerick -- Department of Information Technology</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	3			A:2	90
3	E076460 Dare to Venture <i>Johan Verrue -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	4			A:2	120
4	C004520 Internship A <i>Matthieu Boone -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	4			A:J	120
5	C004521 Internship B <i>Matthieu Boone -- Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	6			A:J	180
6	C004522 Project Work <i>Christophe Detavernier -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	4			A:J	120

## 2.7 Social and Economic Elective Courses

[Subscribe to no more than 20 credit units from the following list.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004523 Materials for Energy Applications <i>Christophe Detavernier -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i>	6			(A:1) <sup>c</sup>	180

		<a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>			
2	E039060	Sustainable Energy and Rational Use of Energy <i>Jeroen Beeckman -- Department of Electronics and Information Systems</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 7</a>	4		A:2 120
3	E065460	Rational Use of Materials <i>Tom Depover -- Department of Materials, Textiles and Chemical Engineering</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	5		A:1 150
4	E076320	The Information Society and ICT [nl] <i>Erik Mannens -- Department of Electronics and Information Systems</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	3		A:2 90
5	F000551	Business Skills <i>Mieke Audenaert -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 46</a>	4		C:2 120
6	A001900	Introduction to Psychology [nl] <i>Wim Notebaert -- Department of Experimental Psychology</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	3		A:1 90
7	H001977	Coaching and Diversity [nl] <i>Elisabeth De Schauwer -- Department of Special Education</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	3	UKV	A:J 90
8	E076450	Basic Entrepreneurship [nl] <i>Yannick Dillen -- Department of Marketing, Innovation and Organisation</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	3	UKV	A:1 90
9	E078010	Technology and Environment <i>Luc Martens -- Department of Information Technology</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 0</a>	3		A:1 90
10	F000982	Complexity Economics and Agent-Based Modelling <i>Luis Enrique Correa da Rocha -- Department of Economics</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: € 55</a>	6		A:2 180

## 2.8 Elective Courses UGent or other Universities

Subscribe to maximum 18 credit units from UGent courses, including the [Ghent University elective courses](#), courses from other Flemish Universities or an [Erasmus+ Partner University](#). Maximum 12 credit units can be chosen from Bachelor programmes. Subject to approval by the faculty.

## 3 Master's Dissertation 30 credits

[Subscribe for the Master's Dissertation in year 2 of the full-time standard learning track.](#)

Nr	Course	CRDT	Ref	MT1	Session	Study
1	C004524 Master's Dissertation <i>Philippe Smet -- Department of Solid State Sciences</i> <a href="#">Indicative price: unknown</a>	30		2	A:J	900

## Programme related study costs

Type: Laptop

Name: Laptop

Indicative price: € 700

Optional: No

Fulltime standard learning track year: 1

Additional information: <https://www.ugent.be/we/nl/voor-nieuwe-studenten/laptop>

## Teaching

When a course is not taught (solely) in the programme's language of instruction, the effectively used languages are indicated in square brackets following the course name, using the following ISO codes:

bg: Bulgarian	de: German	es: Spanish	ja: Japanese	pl: Polish	sh: Croatian/Serbian	zh: Chinese
cs: Czech	el: Greek	fr: French	nl: Dutch	pt: Portuguese	sl: Slovene	
da: Danish	en: English	it: Italian	no: Norwegian	ru: Russian	sv: Swedish	

## Semester

Semesters are indicated by their number (1 or 2); semester 3 represents the summer period and J indicates a course spanning semesters 1 and 2. When a capital letter precedes a semester number, the course has multiple offerings. The letter indicates the offering concerned.

When a semester is shown in brackets, the course is not offered this year in the specific offering.

The offering frequency and first year of offering are indicated by the following codes:

a: bi-annually	c: annually, from 2025-2026	f: annually, from 2026-2027	i: annually, from 2027-2028
b: tri-annually	d: bi-annually, from 2025-2026	g: bi-annually, from 2026-2027	j: bi-annually, from 2027-2028
	e: tri-annually, from 2025-2026	h: tri-annually, from 2026-2027	k: tri-annually, from 2027-2028

## Learning materials

The prices stated are indicative and subject to fluctuations.

The list of learning materials per course unit can be found in the course sheets.