

Anno Accademico 2014/2015

MATHEMATICAL METHODS OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS	
Enrollment year	2014/2015
Academic year	2014/2015
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	FIS/02 (THEORETICAL PHYSICS, MATHEMATICAL MODELS AND METHODS)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
Course	
Curriculum	FISICA NUCLEARE E SUBNUCLEARE
Year of study	1°
Period	1st semester (13/10/2014 - 23/01/2015)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	48 lesson hours
Language	ITALIAN
Activity type	ORAL TEST
Teacher	CARFORA MAURO (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	Undergraduate Mathematical Methods, Mechanics, Electrodynamics and Quantum Mechanics.
Learning outcomes	Introduction to the mathematical methods of theoretical Physics with case studies applications to relativity, gauge and quantum field theories.
Course contents	Differentiable manifolds, vector bundles, principal bundles. Vector fields on a manifold, flow of a vector field, Lie derivative. Linear connection on a vector bundle. Connections as 1-forms with value in the Lie algebra of a Lie group. Parallel transport. The Exponential map. Curvature and holonomy of a connection. Bianchi identities and their geometrical meaning. Curvature tensor. Metrics on a manifold, compatibility with a linear connection. Connections and Yang-Mills fields. Gauge invariance. Yang-Mills equations and their variational derivation. The example of the electromagnetic field. Linear connections on the tangent bundle and

	Levi-Civita connections. Geodetics and their properties. The Ricci tensor. Isometries and Killing vectors. Geometrical analysis. Differential operators on manifolds and partial differential equations. Banach spaces of sections. L^p and Sobolev Spaces. Elliptic, parabolic, and hyperbolic operators. Examples and applications. The spectral theorem. The spectrum of the Laplace-Beltrami operator on a compact manifold. Applications. Functional determinants and partition functions in quantum field theory and statistical mechanics.
Teaching methods	=
Reccomended or required readings	Manfredo do Carmo, Riemannian Geometry, Birkhauser Boston Y. Choquet- Bruhat, C. DeWitt-Morette, Analysis, Manifolds and Physics, North-Holland J. Jost, Riemannian Geometry and Geometric analysis, Springer
Assessment methods	Oral examination.
Further information	Oral examination.
Sustainable development goals - Agenda 2030	<u>\$Ibl_legenda_sviluppo_sostenibile_</u>