

# RADI 6021 HEALTH PHYSICS II

## Advanced Medical Health Physics

Fall 2016

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**CLASS DAYS and TIME:** Fridays 9:30 am to 12:20 pm

**CLASSROOM:** DTL 1.343T.1

**COURSE FACULTY:** Michael A. Charlton, Ph.D., CHP, LMP, CIH, CSP, CHMM

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course to anticipate, recognize, evaluate and control ionizing radiation hazards in a complex biomedical research and clinical setting. The learner will be exposed to current research, techniques and challenges in the contemporary medical health physics environment. The learner will apply health physics principles to frequently encountered health physics problems.

**Pre-requisites** – RADI 5020

**Semester credit hours** – State the number of credit hours awarded for successful completion of the course

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- To anticipate, recognize, evaluate, and control ionizing radiation hazards in an occupational setting. .
- To understand the fundamental safety principles required for the safe use of ionizing radiation.
- To review the primary regulatory structure and regulatory agencies involved in the governance of ionizing radiation use.
- To apply health physics safety principles to common biomedical research, diagnostic physics, and therapy physics applications.

### COURSE ORGANIZATION

**The main teaching modalities used in this course include:**

- 1) Case studies are used anticipate and evaluate current medical health physics issues
- 2) Didactic lectures are used to review the regulatory structure and historical governance of ionizing radiation
- 3) Hands-on laboratories are used to apply important health physics concepts to real equipment

**Materials** – Handouts, literature, and reference materials will be provided

**Computer Access** – Standard UTHSCSA computer access is required for this graduate course. These may include, but are not limited to literature review, statistical programs, search engines, Radiation Safety Procedure Manual, Chemical Safety Manual, and other manufacturer's operating instructions.

**Reading Assignments** – Course readings will be assigned each week from the applicable health physics references prior to each case study and lecture.

## ATTENDANCE

Lecture and case study attendance is mandatory. Students are required for all course materials in the event of an absence. All absences must be submitted to the teaching faculty prior to the scheduled class meeting date. 24-hours' notice is required except in the case of emergency situations.

## TEXTBOOKS

**Required:** *Contemporary Health Physics: Problems and Solutions*. J.J. Bevelacqua. Wiley-Interscience Publications. New York. 1995.

**Recommended:** *Health Physics Journal*, selected readings. *Operational Health Physics*, Supplement to *Health Physics*, selected readings.

## GRADING POLICIES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

Describe in detail how grades for assignments/projects/tests will be weighted and factored into final grades, also include other information relevant to grading if applicable – for example information about extra credit, examination protocol, make-up exams, etc.

### Grading System

30% Project I  
30% Project II  
30% Final Project  
10% Active Participation

A = 90-100%    B = 80-89%    C = 70-79%    F = < 69%

## REQUESTS FOR ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

In accordance with policy 4.2.3, **Request for Accommodation Under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA)**, any student requesting accommodation must submit the appropriate request for accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, form 100). to his/her appropriate Associate Dean of their School and a copy to the ADA Coordinator. Additional information may be obtained at <http://uthscsa.edu/eoo/request.asp>.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM

Any student who commits an act of academic dishonesty is subject to discipline as prescribed by the UT System Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an exam for another person, signing attendance sheets for another student, and any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such an act. Additional information may be obtained at <http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/academicdishonestypolicy/>

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Title of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. It reads "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

### **University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio's Commitment:**

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. As required by Title IX, UTHSCSA does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, and it encourages any student, faculty, or

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In an emergency, victims of sexual abuse should call 911. For non-emergencies, they may contact UPD at 210-567-2800. Additional information may be obtained at <http://students.uthscsa.edu/titleix/>

## **EMAIL POLICY**

The use of email is encouraged to increase information exchange and to ask routine questions.

## **USE OF RECORDING DEVICES**

The use of recording devices is at the discretion of the faculty. Check with the faculty member prior to recording their cases or lectures. No patient identifiers may be recorded or duplicated. A photo release may be required for any patient-related images.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Electronic devices and technology is strongly encouraged to increase student awareness of current trends in medical physics. These media may include medical devices, medical records, dose measuring devices, computing devices, and learning management systems.

**TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE**  
**COURSE SUBJECT and COURSE NUMBER**  
**COURSE TITLE**  
**SEMESTER and YEAR**

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WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	Assignment	Instructor and Modality
Week 1	8/26	Course Introduction, Syllabus Review, Instructors		Charlton
Week 2	9/2			Charlton
Week 3	9/9	Project 1		Charlton
Week 4	9/16	Project 1		Charlton
Week 5	9/23	Project 1		Charlton
Week 6	9/30	Project 1 Submission & Presentation		Charlton
Week 7	10/7	Project 2		Charlton
Week 8	10/14	Project 2		Charlton
Week 9	10/21	Project 2		Charlton
Week 10	10/28	Project 2 Submission & Presentation		Charlton
Week 11	11/4	Final Project		Charlton
Week 12	11/11	Final Project		Charlton
Week 13	11/18	Final Project		Charlton
Week 14	11/25	Thanksgiving Holiday	No course meeting	
Week 15	12/2			Charlton
Week 16	12/9	Final Project Submission & Presentation		Charlton
Week 17				

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