



<b>Course Title :</b>	<b>Quantum Field Theory</b>
<b>Number of hours/semester :</b>	60 h, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
<b>Number of ECTS :</b>	6
<b>Lecture outline, contents :</b>	<p>Plan of the lectures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preliminary course on Group Theory (Notions of Lie Groups and Lie Algebras, SU(2) and SO(3), Lorentz and Poincaré groups, representations)</li> <li>2. Classical field theory : Lagrangian formalism, variational principle, Euler-Lagrange equations</li> <li>3. Relativistic fields : free real scalar field, Klein-Gordon equation, Noether theorem ; Complex scalar field and U(1) invariance.</li> <li>4. Quantization of the free scalar field.</li> <li>5. Free Dirac field : Spinors, Dirac equation.</li> <li>6. Quantization of the free Dirac field.</li> <li>7. U(1) gauge-invariance ; Maxwell field.</li> <li>8. Scalar field coupled to a source : Klein-Gordon propagator</li> <li>9. Interactions : Asymptotic states, scattering amplitudes, S-matrix , reduction formulae, correlation functions.</li> <li>10. Perturbation expansion ; Feynman diagrams in scalar field theory.</li> <li>11. Quantum Electrodynamics : Fermion and Photon propagators, Feynman diagrams, calculation of tree level processes.</li> <li>12. Spontaneous symmetry breaking : Goldstone and Higgs in abelian theories</li> <li>13. Non-abelian gauge theories ;</li> <li>14. The standard model ;</li> </ol>
<b>Pedagogical methods :</b>	Lectures and Tutorials
<b>Prerequisites :</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lagrangian formulation of classical systems of point particles</li> <li>2. Non-relativistic quantum mechanics : Heisenberg and Schrödinger pictures time-independent and time-dependent perturbation theory. Quantization of the Harmonic Oscillator in terms of raising and lowering operators</li> <li>3. Fourier transforms ; Complex analysis (contour integration in the complex plane, Cauchy theorem )</li> </ol>
<b>Modalities of knowledge assessment :</b>	Written examination at mid-term and at the end of the semester for the first session and Oral examination for second session (for the second session, the maximum grade is limited to 10)
<b>Bibliography :</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peskin-Schroeder, "An introduction to Quantum Field Theory"</li> <li>2. Schwartz , "Quantum Field Theory and the Standard Model"</li> </ol>