

Master Physics Teacher Certificate *Modern Physics*

Text: **Ideas of Modern Physics** by Simon Dalley

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Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Explain how the concepts and findings of Modern Physics shape our world

Analyze and interpret quantitative data in the context of Modern Physics

Identify ideas of Modern Physics within the appropriate State standards

Date	<u>Class</u>	Pre-class reading and quizzes
Read Chapter 1 before the course begins, other sections before class All classes are Sat 9 am - Noon at SMU		
12-Sep	Classical Physics LAB - Measurement Error, Pre-test	2.1, 2.2
19-Sep	Electromagnetism and Light LAB - Speed of Light	2.3, 2.4
26-Sep	Special Relativity LAB - Space and Time Dilation	3.1, 3.2
3-Oct	$E = mc^2$ LAB - Paradoxes	3.3, 3.4
10-Oct	General Relativity LAB - Weak Equivalence Principle	4.1, 4.2
17-Oct	Cosmology LAB - Age of Universe	4.3, 4.4
24-Oct	Quantum Mechanics LAB - Laser Diffraction	5.1, 5.2
31-Oct	Matter Waves LAB - Magnetic Particle Accelerator	5.3, 5.4
7-Nov	Atoms LAB - Hydrogen Spectrum	6.1, 6.2
14-Nov	Nuclei LAB - Radioactivity (w/ Prof. Andy Liu)	6.3, 6.4
<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>		
5-Dec	Synthesis LAB - "Particle Fever" movie	7.1, 7.2
12-Dec	State of the Art LAB - Particle Detectors, Post-test & Lunch	7.3, 7.4