Course Information PY 401 - Fall 2008

Physics 401 (Quantum Mechanics I) provides an introduction to quantum mechanics intended for undergraduate students in physics or engineering.

1. **Lecture:** TTh 10:15-11:30, RID315
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   Office hours: W 2:00-4:00 and by appointment.

2. **Homework:** Most thursdays a set of homework problems will be assigned. (You can also check the website.) The homework is due thursday the following week at 11:30am. No late homework will be accepted.

3. **Exams:** There will be two midterm exams, some quizzes, and a final.

4. **Grade:** Your final grade will be determined by weighting the various portions of the course as follows:
   - Midterms: 30%
   - Quizzes: 10%
   - Final: 30%
   - Homework: 30%

5. **More Information:** Additional information related to the course is available at [http://wonka.physics.ncsu.edu/~tmschaef/](http://wonka.physics.ncsu.edu/~tmschaef/).

6. **Textbook:** (required) Quantum Mechanics by Phillip Peebles, Princeton University Press. Supplemental Material:
   - Introduction to Quantum Mechanics, by David Griffiths, Benjamin Cummings. A popular undergraduate text book. Not as well thought out as Peebles, but a little more structured.
   - Modern Quantum Mechanics, by J. J. Sakurai, Addison Wesley. Not a good text book, but very useful supplement for both undergraduate and graduate students.
   - Principles of Quantum Mechanics, by R. Shankar, Springer. A little more challenging, and frequently used as a graduate textbook. Very well written and good for self study.