## COURSE OUTLINE PY452: QUANTUM PHYSICS II FALL 2010

- 1. Identical particles
  - Schrödinger equation for *N*-particle systems
  - Symmetry under two-particle exchange
  - Slater determinant
  - Pauli principle
  - Fermi-Dirac and Bose-Einstein statistics
- 2. Time-independent perturbation theory
  - Non-degenerate perturbation theory
  - Degenerate perturbation theory
- 3. The real hydrogen atom
  - Relativistic mass corrections
  - Spin-orbit coupling
  - Zeeman effect
  - Hyperfine splitting
- 4. The helium atom, the hydrogen molecule, and the structure of larger atoms
  - First order correction to He ground state due to *e-e* interactions
  - The variational principle
  - The hydrogen molecule ion
  - The periodic table and the shell structure of atoms
- 5. The WKB Approximation
  - The classical picture
  - Tunnelling and the connection formulae
- 6. Time dependent perturbation theory and the radiation of atoms
  - Emission and absorption of radiation
  - The golden rule
  - Selection rules
- 7. The adiabatic approximation and geometric phases
  - The adiabatic theorem
  - Berry's phase
  - The Aharonov-Bohm effect
- 8. Scattering theory
  - Partial wave analysis
  - Phase shifts
  - The Born approximation
- 9. Fundamental Issues in Quantum Mechanics
  - The EPR paradox
  - Bell's theorem
  - The no-clone theorem
  - Schrödinger's cat
  - Zeno effect