Academic subject: Practical Physics

Degree Class: L-35 – Scienze Matematiche		**Degree Course:** Mathematics	**Academic Year:** 2017/2018
		Kind of class: Optional	**Year:** 2 / **Period:** 1
			ECTS: 7 divided into **ECTS lessons:** 3 **ECTS exe/lab/tutor:** 4

Time management, hours, in–class study hours, out–of–class study hours
lesson: 56 exe/lab/tutor: 32 in–class study: 56 out–of–class study: 119

Language: Italian	**Compulsory Attendance:** no		
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Prerequisites:
General Physics, Analytical Geometry, Differential Calculation

Educational objectives:
Introduction to the basic methods of experimental physics by developing the ability to identify the essential aspects of physical phenomena and critical logical abilities to propose and / or verify phenomenological models capable of describing them.

Expected learning outcomes (according to Dublin Descriptors)

Knowledge and understanding:
Acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to independently conduct an experiment for verifying the laws of physics.

Applying knowledge and understanding:
Acquisition of the basics knowledge to collect data, analyze them and interpret them critically.

Making judgements:
Development of critical interpretation and evaluation capabilities of experimental data also in order to identify appropriate solutions and improvement strategies.

Communication:
Skills development in
- relationship in group work;
- communications of their results correctly to non-specialist interviewees.

Lifelong learning skills:
Accomplishment of the ability to grow autonomously with own knowledge and skills for following a continuous upgrade path over time.

Course program
The scientific method. Physical quantities and their measurement. Uncertainties in measurements of physical quantities. Catalog of uncertainties. Measuring instruments and their properties. Best measurement estimate. Uncertainty estimation. Significant measures, uncertainties and significant figures. Comparison between measurement and expected value and between measurements. Organization and presentation of data.
Definition of probability. Main properties of probability. Discrete and continuous random variables. Probability Distributions. Expected value and variance. The Gauss distribution and the standardized variable. Principle of maximum likelihood. Estimation of Gauss Distribution Parameters. Probability of standard deviation. Probability of obtaining a result in a measurement operation. The central limit theorem. Presentation of the result of a measure and intervals of confidence. Verification of hypotheses and significance. Weighted average.
Adaptation of a functional relationship to experimental data. Graph method. Minimal square method. Weighing least squares method. Estimate uncertainty about the parameters of the straight line. Estimate of uncertainty on an

interpolated value.
Linear correlation coefficient. Covariance and correlation.

Teaching methods:
classroom and laboratory lectures and exercises

Auxiliary teaching:
material supplied by the teacher

Assessment methods:
oral test

Bibliography:
G. Ciullo, Introduzione al laboratorio di fisica, Springer
G. Cannelli, Metodologie sperimentali in Fisica, EdiSES