

# Problem Solving in Physics II

Title Problem Solving in Physics II  
Semester E2023  
Master Fysik / Mathematical Physical Modelling / Physics and Scientific programme in Modelling

Type of activity Course

Teaching language English

Study regulation Read about the Master Programme and find the Study Regulations at [ruc.dk](http://ruc.dk)

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## REGISTRATION AND STUDY ADMINISTRATIVE

Sign up for study activities at [stads selvbetjening](#) within the announced registration period, as you can see on the [Studyadministration homepage](#).

When signing up for study activities, please be aware of potential conflicts between study activities or exam dates.

### Registration

The planning of activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programs which do not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programs, an overlap of lectures or exam dates may occur depending on which courses you choose.

Number of participants

ECTS 10

Responsible for the activity

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Teachers

Study administration INM Registration & Exams ([inm-exams@ruc.dk](mailto:inm-exams@ruc.dk))

Exam code(s) U60483

## ACADEMIC CONTENT

Overall objective The course Problem Solving in Physics II will develop the student's skills and competences in formalising problems in terms of physics, solving these and evaluating the solutions. This is done by exemplary work within the fundamental theories of physics (i.e., the fundamental theories of physics covered in Problem Solving in Physics I are included).

Detailed description of content The list of topics includes mechanics, dimensional analysis, special relativity, thermodynamics and heat, fluid mechanics, waves and sound, accelerated frames of reference, construction of differential equations, electrodynamics, optics, quantum physics, statistical physics, atomic, nuclear and solid state physics.

Course material and Reading list Unformalized Problems for Problem Solving in Physics I and Problem Solving in Physics II, IMFUF Atekst nr. 504, is the basic book pointing out the aim of the course. The syllabus covered as input is standard introductory physics as covered in typical introductory textbooks. A specific textbook will be recommended, to be supplemented with physics notes on Moodle.

Overall plan and expected work effort Scheduled introduction, tests, consultation and evaluation in the class: 11 hours. Scheduled lectures at RUC with surveys and problem solving: 65 hours. It is expected that the students use twice as much time studying before and after the lectures as the time scheduled for lectures: 130 hours Exam: 4 hours Preparation for exam: 60 hours Sum: 270 hours

Format

The course includes formative evaluation based on dialogue between the students and the teacher(s).

Evaluation and feedback Students are expected to provide constructive critique, feedback and viewpoints during the course if it is needed for the course to have better quality. Every other year at the end of the course, there will also be an evaluation through a questionnaire in SurveyXact. The Study Board will handle all evaluations along with any comments from the course responsible teacher.

Furthermore, students can, in accordance with RUCs 'feel free to state your views' strategy through their representatives at the study board, send

evaluations, comments or insights from the course to the study board during or after the course.

Programme The detailed program/lesson plan containing problems to be worked on in each lecture, and any associated reading, will be available on Moodle at the start of the course.

## ASSESSMENT

After completing the course the students will be able to

- Overall learning outcomes
- demonstrate and apply knowledge and understanding of electrodynamics, optics, quantum physics, statistical physics, atomic, nuclear, particle and solid state physics
  - determine and argue which physics are at play in an openly formulated problem
  - work out an openly formulated problem in physical and mathematical terms, solve the problem and evaluate the solution
  - 'think like a physicist'.

Individual written invigilated exam.

The duration of the exam is 4 hours.

Form of examination Permitted support and preparation materials for the exam: A formulae collection of max. one A4 size page (both sides of the paper may be used) made by the student.

Assessment: 7-point grading scale.

Moderation: External examiner.

Form of Re-examination Samme som ordinær eksamen / same form as ordinary exam

Type of examination in special cases

The exam is a 4 hour written invigilated exam. The exam consists of a collection of problems which the students must solve.

The assessment criteria of the written part

Examination  
and  
assessment  
criteria

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of some of the theory constructs of physics
- determine and argue for which type of physics is in play in an unformalized problem in physics
- tackle an unformalized problem, formulating it in terms of physics and mathematics, solving the problem and evaluating the solution
- "think like a physicist" within selected parts of physics.

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## Course days:

**Hold: 1**

### Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)

time 08-09-2023 12:15 til  
08-09-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)

time 12-09-2023 08:15 til  
12-09-2023 12:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
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### Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)

time 15-09-2023 12:15 til  
15-09-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
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### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 19-09-2023 09:30 til  
19-09-2023 12:30

location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 22-09-2023 12:15 til  
22-09-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 26-09-2023 09:30 til  
26-09-2023 12:30

location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 29-09-2023 12:15 til  
29-09-2023 16:00

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location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
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### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 03-10-2023 09:30 til  
03-10-2023 12:30

location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 06-10-2023 12:15 til  
06-10-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 10-10-2023 09:30 til  
10-10-2023 12:30

location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 13-10-2023 12:15 til  
13-10-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 17-10-2023 09:30 til  
17-10-2023 12:30

location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 20-10-2023 12:15 til  
20-10-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM) - please note start time at 9.00**

time 24-10-2023 09:00 til  
24-10-2023 12:00  
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location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)  
Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
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### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 27-10-2023 12:15 til  
27-10-2023 16:00  
location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)  
Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
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### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 31-10-2023 09:30 til  
31-10-2023 12:30  
location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)  
Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 03-11-2023 12:15 til  
03-11-2023 16:00  
location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)  
Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 07-11-2023 09:30 til  
07-11-2023 12:30  
location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 10-11-2023 12:15 til  
10-11-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

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Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 14-11-2023 09:30 til  
14-11-2023 12:30

location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)

Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 17-11-2023 12:15 til  
17-11-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

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Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 21-11-2023 09:30 til  
21-11-2023 12:30

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Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

### **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 24-11-2023 12:15 til  
24-11-2023 16:00

location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)

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## **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 28-11-2023 09:30 til  
28-11-2023 12:30  
location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)  
Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

## **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 01-12-2023 12:15 til  
01-12-2023 16:00  
location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)  
Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

## **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 05-12-2023 09:30 til  
05-12-2023 12:30  
location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)  
Teacher Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )  
Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )

## **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 08-12-2023 12:15 til  
08-12-2023 16:00  
location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)  
Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

## **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 12-12-2023 09:30 til  
12-12-2023 12:30  
location 27.2-064 - pc lokale (40)  
Teacher Nicholas Bailey ( nbailey@ruc.dk )  
Martin Niss ( maniss@ruc.dk )

## **Problem Solving in Physics II (PSM)**

time 15-12-2023 12:15 til  
15-12-2023 16:00  
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## **Problem Solving in Physics II - Exam (PSM)**

time 05-01-2024 10:00 til  
05-01-2024 14:00  
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forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 44.3-40 - teorilokale (50)

## **Problem Solving in Physics II - Reexam (PSM)**

time 23-02-2024 12:30 til  
23-02-2024 16:30  
forberedelsesnorm ikke valgt  
forberedelsesnorm D-VIP ikke valgt  
location 27.2-054 - lokale 3 (40)