

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

**Physics in Medicine:  
 Physics of Magnetic Resonance  
 Imaging (A)**

**Course No.:** physics776

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+1	6	WT

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Lectures Experimental Physics I-III (physik111-physik311) respectively

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding the principles of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Physics

**Contents of the Course:**

- Theory and origin of nuclear magnetic resonance (QM and semiclassical approach)
- Spin dynamics, T1 and T2 relaxation, Bloch Equations and the Signal Equation
- Gradient echoes and spin echoes and the difference between T2 and T2\*
- On- and off-resonant excitation and the slice selection process
- Spatial encoding by means of gradient fields and the k-space formalism
- Basic imaging sequences and their basic contrasts, basic imaging artifacts
- Hardware components of an MRI scanner, accelerated imaging with multiple receiver
- Computation of signal amplitudes in steady state sequences
- The ultra-fast imaging sequence EPI and its application in functional MRI
- Basics theory of diffusion MRI and its application in neuroimaging
- Advanced topics: quantitative MRI, spectroscopic imaging, X-nuclei MRI

**Recommended Literature:**

- T. Stöcker: Scriptum zur Vorlesung
- E.M. Haacke et al, Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Physical Principles and Sequence Design, John Wiley 1999
- M.T. Vlaardingerbroek, J.A. den Boer, Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Theory and Practice, Springer, 20
- Z.P. Liang, P.C. Lauterbur, Principles of Magnetic Resonance Imaging: A Signal Processing Perspective, SPIE 1999