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SC26001	○	○	-	○	○	FUKUDA	Jun-ichi	Science	Physics	Theoretical study of soft matter physics (liquid crystals, polymers, glasses, supercooled liquids, biological matter, active matter, water, etc.) and biophysics. More information can be found at https://www.sci.kyushu-u.ac.jp/e/departments/phys/labo/condensed.html .	Programming experience is desirable, although not mandatory.	1	Soft Matter Physics
						MATSUI	Jun						Liquid Crystal
						TARAMA	Mitsusuke						Polymer
						HIGUCHI	Yuji						Glass
													Supercooled liquid
													Biological matter
													Active matter
													Water
SC26002	○	○	○	-	○	Tojo	Junji	Science	Physics	Our laboratory carries out a wide range of the experimental particle physics programs. Our focus is especially to search for a new physics beyond the Standard Model of particle physics in high-energy frontier experiments and in several experiments using muon. Students have opportunities to join those programs.	Experience of general physics experiment and learning of introductory particle physics.	1	Experimental particle physics
SC26003	○	○	○	○	○	Ohba	Masaaki	Science	Chemistry	The Ohba Lab (Physical Coordination Chemistry) focuses on functions and properties of the "space" formed by assembled metal complexes. Our interests are in novel properties based on magnetic, dielectric and luminescence properties incorporated in the framework of space, and functions based on enzyme-metal complex composites. We develop research in the interdisciplinary field of chemistry, physics, and biology with a focus on coordination chemistry.		1	Coordination Chemistry
						Ohtani	Ryo						Metal-organic framework (MOF)
						LeOuay	Benjamin						Metal-organic polyhedra (MOP)
													Functional Material
													Metal complex-enzyme composite
SC26004	○	○	○	○	○	Terasaki	Akira	Science	Chemistry	Physical chemistry of atomic and molecular clusters by means of mass spectrometry and laser spectroscopy. Please visit http://www.scc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/quantum/index_e.php for further information.	Interest in experimental physics and chemistry	2	Physical chemistry
						Horio	Takuya						Nanoscience
													Atoms, molecules, and clusters
													Laser spectroscopy
													Mass spectrometry
													Reaction kinetics

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SC26005	○	○	○	-	○	Hori	Yuichiro	Science	Chemical	In our laboratory, we are developing chemical biology techniques to label and visualize proteins with synthetic fluorescent molecules by devising and applying chemical principles. In living cells, countless biomolecules exist, dynamically changing their localization and controlling cellular events by performing the biomolecular functions in a subcellular region where they are needed. Visualization of the movement of these biomolecules provides important information to elucidate the physiological functions they control. We are developing original technology for fluorescent labeling of proteins to reveal how proteins move in living cells and regulate biological phenomena. Furthermore, we aim to elucidate biological phenomena regulated by nucleic acids, glycans, and extracellular vesicles in addition to proteins, and to control functions of biomolecules at will by making full use of our protein labeling technology. Lab HP: https://www.scc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/ChemLife/en/index.html	Knowledge of chemistry and biology	1	Chemical Biology
						Kanae	Yumimoto						Fluorescence imaging
						Sasaki	Shogo						Protein chemistry
													Synthetic fluorophores
SC26006	○	○	○	-	○	Matsushima	Ayami	Science	Chemistry	http://chem.kyushu-univ.jp/biochem/en/ https://www.sci.kyushu-u.ac.jp/e/departments/chem/labo/struct_funct.html We have a strong interest in the molecular mechanisms of ligand-receptor interaction. Our main research targets are nuclear receptors which precisely regulate gene transcription. We focus on all nuclear receptors to elucidate their activation mechanisms comprehensively. Binding affinity is analyzed in vitro by many techniques, and transcription activity is measured by reporter gene assays using cultured cells.	Comfortable with laboratory animal care (mouse)	1	Nuclear receptor
													estrogen
													transcription
													endocrine-disrupting chemical
													opioid peptide precursor
SC26007	○	○	-	-	○	Yoshikawa	Akimasa	Science	Earth and Planetary Schiences	Various plasma phenomena occurring in "Geospace," the space around the Earth, and the associated space weather phenomena' effects on the Earth are studied using plasma physics, magnetospheric physics, and ionospheric physics. This course is intended for students who are interested in the solar-terrestrial environment and in the future application of space physics to space weather prediction.	The student must have a background in basic physics such as electromagnetism and mechanics, and an interest in space physics.	2	Space weather
													Space plasma physics
													Space and Earth electromagnetism
													Global electromagnetic fields obserbation
SC26008	○	○	○	○	○	Liu	Huixin	Science	Earth and Planetary Science	We study the upper atmosphere (thermosphere/ionosphere) of the Earth, Mars and Venus and their response to solar forcing, and lower atmosphere forcing via atmospheric waves and chemical processes. Ground/Satellite observations, along with model simulations are used to explore the physical and chemical coupling processes between various regions of the atmosphere.	Programing ability with Python or Matlab	3	space weather
													Earth and planetary atmosphere
													Earth and planetary ionosphere
													Earth and planetary thermosphere
													satellite observation
													model simulation

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SC26009	○	○	○	-	○	Hamamura	Natsuko	System Life Science/ Science	Biological Science/Dept. of Biology	Due to rapid industrial development, discharge of a wide range of chemicals into the environment has increased dramatically in recent years. Microorganisms inhabit almost every environment on the Earth's surface and play important roles in biogeochemical processes and ecosystem function. Our overall research interest is to understand the complex interactions of microbial community functions and geochemical processes, both of which are influencing each other co-dependently to shape the ecosystem. We are working with natural or anthropogenically-impacted systems to study function and diversity of microbial community in context of ecosystem function, interaction with environmental factors, and physiochemical changes. Interdisciplinary knowledge and research efforts are necessary to link genomics, ecology, and geochemical processes associated with microbial functions in the environments. Topics: 1. Environmental microbiology. 2. Geomicrobiology of metalloids. 3. Microbe-mineral interactions. 3. Microbial ecology in the extreme environment.	Lab work experience (preferably in the areas of microbiology, molecular biology, and/or geochemical analyses) and knowledge of microbiology.	1	bioremediation
													microbial metal transformation
													microbial electrochemistry
													microbial ecology
													environmental microbiology
													geomicrobiology
SC26010	○	○	○	○	○	Eriko	Sasaki	Science	Biology	Our research focuses on the genetic basis of natural variation, such as flowering phenology and genome defense systems, mainly in Europe populations of <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> . We aim to understand how plants have adapted to various environmental conditions using genomics, quantitative genetics, and molecular biology approaches. Website (https://sites.google.com/view/erikosasaki-research/home-en)		2	Evolution
													Plants
													Quantitative genetics
													Epigenetics
SC26011	○	○	○	○	○	Arakaki	Seiji	Science/ System Life Science	Biology/ System Life Science	Our laboratory, the Amakusa Marine Biological Laboratory, is located in western Kyushu (far away from the main campus). The AMBL aims at elucidating how a multitude of species can coexist and maintain ecological assemblages under different environmental conditions and evolutionary backgrounds. (Website) http://ambl-ku.jp/		1	Marine
													Community
													Ecology
													Coastal Ecosystems

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MA26001	○	○	○	○	○	Masato	Tsuji	Mathematics	Mathematics	I am interested in dynamical systems, which describes deterministic time evolutions that appear in many fields of sciences. More specifically I am studying smooth ergodic theory which describes long-time statistical properties of dynamical systems generated by smooth vector fields or smooth maps.	Calculus and Linear Algebra.	2	Dynamical System
													Ergodic Theory
													Chaos
													Fractal
													Strange Attractor
													Fractal dimension
MA26002	○	○	○	○	○	Kajiwara	Kenji	Mathematics	Mathematics	Differential geometry of smooth/discrete curves and surfaces, integrable systems, geometric shape generation. Applications to architecture design and industrial design.	Knowledge of fundamental calculus, linear algebra, differential equations, and preferably, geometry of curves and surfaces.	1	Curves and Surfaces
													Integrable Systems
													Geometric Shape Generation
													Differential Geometry
MA26003	○	○	○	○	○	CESANA	Pierluigi	Mathematics	Mathematics	My lab focuses on investigating problems in materials science and chemistry using a wide range of mathematical tools. We have two main lines of research: 1. Partial Differential Equations and Continuum Models for Smart Materials: We study actuation, shape change, and mechanical instabilities induced by topological defects in (thin structures of) active materials. Some of this work is in collaboration with groups at Caltech and Oxford. For more details, see https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.02511 https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.06859 https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.04380 2. Artificial Intelligence-Assisted Design and Optimization of Molecules and Materials: We focus on targeted applications in electronics, semiconductors, and more. This research includes collaborations with industrial partners and the Department of Applied Chemistry at Kyushu. For more information, check out our work: https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.jpca.3c05887 .	Flexible options are available, with various projects tailored to each student's background. I have participated in the Q-PELS program since 2024 and, in collaboration with one Q-PELS student, have produced one research paper to date, see: https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.15457	3	Partial Differential Equations Calculus of Variations Continuum Mechanics Density Functional Theory Quantum chemistry Machine Learning AI for materials science Materials Informatics

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MA26004	○	○	○	○	○	Hiroshima	Fumio	Mathematics	Mathematics	I am studying the spectral analysis of operators on an infinite dimensional space. Especially, from the mathematical standpoint, we investigate the quantum field theory on pseudo-Riemannian manifolds by using operator theory, micro-local analysis, theory of one-parameter semigroup, stochastic analysis, functional integral.	Knowledge of measure theory, linear algebra, general topology	1	quantum field theory
													path integral
													functional analysis
													spectral analysis
													measure theory
													mathematical physics
MA26005	○	○	○	○	○	Ochiai	Hiroyuki	Mathematics	Mathematics	Professor Ochiai works on Algebraic Analysis, including Special Functions, Hypergeometric functions, Representation Theory of Lie groups and Lie algebra, D-modules	Calculus and Linear algebra are necessary.	2	Algebraic Analysis
													D-module
													hypergeometric function
													spherical function
													Hecke algebra
													Lie group
MA24006	○	○	○	○	○	Matsue	Kaname	Mathematics	Mathematics	Research interests in this Lab are mainly twofolds. 1: Dynamical Systems. Based on (ordinary) differential equations, various complex, singular behavior are studied. Recently, blow-up solutions and singular perturbation problems are mainly studied. 2: Numerical Analysis with application to dynamical systems. Singular nature in dynamical systems is also studied from the viewpoint of numerics. Numerical difficulties in these problems are our issues here. As an application, the following topic is also studied. 3: Combustion.	Knowledge of undergraduate level mathematics. Basic programming skills (like C or Python) are preferable to have. Students who are interested in Topic 1 (in Research Description) are strongly welcome.	1	Dynamical Systems
													Numerical Analysis
													Singular Perturbation, Blow-up
													Complex Systems involving Combustion

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MI26001	○	○	○	○	○	Ta	Ton	Joint Graduate School of Mathematics for innovation	Agro-Environmental Sciences	Mathematical Modeling Lab website: http://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/lab/ta/	Love mathematics or applied statistics or programming (MATLAB, Python,...)	3	Stochastic differential equations
										Fish schooling			
										Deep learning			
										Applied statistics			
										Forest ecosystem			
		Stochastic evolution equations											
SL26002	○	○	○	○	○	Kaneko	Miki	System Life Science	System Life Science	Kaneko Laboratory focuses on health science and biomedical engineering. Our research encompasses the measurement and analysis of biological signals, including electrocardiograms (ECG) and electroencephalograms (EEG), as well as the development of advanced measurement technologies. The aim of our laboratory is to investigate the characteristics and underlying mechanisms of biological signals through signal analysis and to develop novel methodologies and applications in the fields of life sciences, medicine, education, arts and culture, and sports.		4	Health science
										Biomedical engineering			
SL26003	○	○	○	○	○	Lauwereyns	Johan	Systems Life Sciences	Systems Life Sciences	The Lauwereyns Lab hosts research in the areas of cognitive science and bioethics, particularly with respect to meta-decision-making and cognitive biases. We typically use eye-tracking, biometrics and behavioral measurements in our research.	One of the following is required: 1) have studied experimental psychology or cognitive science; 2) have studied bioethics; 3) have good programming skills (Python); or 4) have good statistical skills (particularly ANOVA).	2	Bioethics
										Cognitive biases			
										Meta-decision-making			
SL26004	○	○	○	-	○	Arata	Jumpei	Systems Life Sciences	Systems Life Sciences	Our research aims at new medical applications based on Robotic technology. Robotic technology includes many elements – mechanism, sensor, control, system integration and etc. We study about these elements to realize further effective medical applications. Visit our website for more details: https://amd.mech.kyushu-u.ac.jp/	Fluent English conversation skills. Basic knowledge of Mechanical Engineering (Mathematics, Mechanics, Mechanical Design)	1	Robotics
										Medical Application			
										Surgical robots			
										Rehabilitation robots			
										Bio sensors			
										Brain-Machine Interface			
SL26005	○	○	-	-	○	Mori	Takeshi	Systems Life Sciences	Systems Life Sciences	We are trying to create a new concept of biomedical technology by gathering all the related knowledge. We are a heterogenous group composed of chemists, molecular biologists, pharmacologists, medical scientists, and veterinarians. -"Human Orthogonal Enzymes" for High-Quality Diagnosis -"Re-directional Pharmaceuticals" -Development of Gene-Engineered Macrophage Drugs - Bio-invisible Polymers -"Prevention Medicine" by Long-lasting DDS -Bio-polyion complexes for Cellular Mimetics & Therapy - Efficient Induction of Immune tolerance (Website) https://sites.google.com/view/katayamalab	Knowledge of basic chemistry or basic life sciences.	1	Biomaterials/Bioengineering
										Analytical Chemistry			
										Immunology			
										Formulation Technology			
										Macromolecular/Supramolecular Science			
										Artificial Cells			