UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

DEPARTMENT	Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata
ACADEMIC YEAR	2016/2017
MASTER'S DEGREE (MSC)	MEDICINE AND SURGERY
SUBJECT	PHYSICS
TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY	A
AMBIT	50400-Discipline generali per la formazione del medico
CODE	90402
SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)	FIS/07
HEAD PROFESSOR(S)	MICCICHE' SALVATORE Professore Ordinario Univ. di PALERMO MANTEGNA ROSARIO NUNZIO Professore Ordinario Univ. di PALERMO CASCIO DONATO Professore Associato Univ. di PALERMO
OTHER PROFESSOR(S)	
CREDITS	6
INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	90
COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	60
PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS	
MUTUALIZATION	
YEAR	1
TERM (SEMESTER)	1° semester
ATTENDANCE	Mandatory
EVALUATION	Out of 30
TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	**CASCIO DONATO** Tuesday 16:00 18:00 -- Il ricevimento viene effettuato su teams. Si prega di richiedere appuntamento almeno due giorni prima via email (donato.cascio@unipa.it), indicando il Corso di Laurea di appartenenza. **MANTEGNA ROSARIO NUNZIO** Tuesday 15:00 17:00 Studio del docente presso l'Edificio 18 di Viale delle Scienze previa comunicazione email all'indirizzo rosario.mantegna@unipa.it Professor's office located at Building 18 in Viale delle Scienze upon previous email agreement to rosario.mantegna@unipa.it **MICCICHE' SALVATORE** Tuesday 15:00 17:00 Dipartimento di Fisica e Chimica, Viale delle Scienze, Ed. 18, Studio del docente. Gli studenti sono pregati di iscriversi tramite portale UNIPA. \\ Department of Physics and Chemistry, Viale delle Scienze, Ed. 18, Lecturer's office. Students are requested to register through the UNIPA portal.

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