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3. Relevant Textbooks:

*Quantum Theory of Many Particle Systems* by A. L. Fetter and J. D. Walecka

*Quantum Many-Particle Systems* by John W. Negele and Henri Orland

*Many-Particle Systems* by G. D. Mahan

*Methods of Quantum Field Theory in Statistical Physics* by A. A. Abrikov, L. P. Gorkov,  
and I. E. Dzyaloshinski: (AGD)

4. Grade Weighting:

Homework: Given every four weeks

I. Introductory Material

- (i) Second Quantization
- (ii) Model Hamiltonians
  - (a) electron gas model
  - (b) tight binding models - The Hubbard Model
  - (c) spin Hamiltonians
  - (d) The Anderson Model
- (iii) Coherent States
  - (a) Boson coherent states
  - (b) Grassmann algebra
  - (c) Fermion coherent states

II. Green's Functions at Zero Temperature - The Canonical Quantization Approach

- (i) Pictures
- (ii) Definition of Green's Functions
- (iii) Feynmann Diagrams and Perturbation Theory
- (iv) Physical Content of Self Energies

III. Green's Functions at Finite Temperatures

- (i) Canonical Quantization Approach
- (ii) Perturbation Theory
- (iii) Analytic Properties
  - (a) Zero temperature Green's functions
  - (b) Finite temperature Green's functions
- (iv) Real time Green's functions and linear response

IV. The Fermi and Electron Gas Problems

- (i) Hartree-Fock Approximation
- (ii) Screening in an electron gas
- (iii) Zero sound in an imperfect Fermi gas
- (iv) Plasma oscillations in an electron gas

V. Superconductivity (conventional)

- (i) Experiments
- (ii) Cooper instability
- (iii) Gorkov theory - BCS theory
- (iv) Field theory approach
- (v) Thermodynamics of SC state
- (vi) Transport in superconductors

VI. Magnetism

- (I) Experiments
- (ii) Ferromagnetism
- (iii) Antiferromagnetism