

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: PHYS 1401
Revised Summer 1 2024

Department: Science
Discipline: Physics
Course Number: PHYS 1401.001
Course Title: General Physics 1
Available Formats: hybrid
Campus: Levelland

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Course Room: S65

Course Description: Fundamental principles of physics, using algebra and trigonometry; the principles and applications of classical mechanics and thermodynamics, including harmonic motion, mechanical waves and sound, physical systems, Newton's Laws of Motion, and gravitation and other fundamental forces; with emphasis on problem solving.

Pre-requisite: MATH 1316 or consent of instructor.

Credit hours: 4 **Lecture hours:** 3 **Lab hours:** 3

Course Textbook: Physics, 5th Edition by James Walker, required (online access code not required)

Supplies: Students will each need a three-ring binder, a spiral notebook or loose-leaf paper that will fit inside the binder, a notecard or notecards no larger than 3" by 5", a scientific calculator (not a phone), and writing utensils. For any outdoor lab activities, each student may want an outdoor blanket or lawn chair.

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement: Life and Physical Sciences Foundational Component Area (030)

Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:

Communication skills--to include effective written, oral, and visual communication.

Critical Thinking skills--to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

Empirical and Quantitative skills--to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

Teamwork skills--to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students shall be able to:

1. Determine the components of linear motion (displacement, velocity, and acceleration), and especially motion under conditions of constant acceleration.
2. Apply Newton's laws to physical problems including gravity.
3. Solve problems using principles of energy.
4. Use principles of impulse and linear momentum to solve problems.
5. Solve problems in rotational kinematics and dynamics, including the determination of the location of the center of mass and center of rotation for rigid bodies in motion.
6. Solve problems involving rotational and linear motion.
7. Describe the components of a wave and relate those components to mechanical vibrations, sound, and decibel level.
8. Demonstrate an understanding of equilibrium, including the different types of equilibrium.
9. Discuss simple harmonic motion and its application to quantitative problems or qualitative questions.
10. Solve problems using the principles of heat and thermodynamics.
11. Solve basic fluid mechanics problems.
12. Demonstrate techniques to set up and perform experiments, collect data from those experiments, and formulate conclusions from an experiment.
13. Record experimental work completely and accurately in laboratory notebooks, and communicate experimental results clearly in written reports.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment: A pre- and post-test will be used to determine the extent of improvement that the students have gained during the semester.

Breakdown of Grading:

Homework/Lab exercises	10%
Quizzes	10%
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Midterm project	25%
Final	5%

Grading scale:

100---A---90, 89---B---80, 79---C---70, 69---D---60, 59---F---0

Note: Final grades will be calculated using the above grade breakdown at the end of the semester.

(Bonus points may be given for assignments and activities that are considered above and beyond course requirements. *Students are strongly encouraged to attempt all bonus assignments.* Points for bonus activities will be added onto one quiz grade.)

Attendance Policy:

Attendance in this class will be taken from completed assignments. Everything done face-to-face in class will be recorded and posted on Blackboard. If a student feels ill with ANY symptoms of COVID-19, the student will be required to stay home and complete the assignments for the day at home.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

You should always check Blackboard before coming to class in order to make sure that class has not been cancelled due to the instructor's illness.

Computer/Software requirements

Minimum Computer Requirements:

1. Personal computer with a 1 GHz Pentium processor and at least 512 MB of RAM memory, a minimum 5 GB of free hard drive, running Windows 7 / MacOS 10.8 or later (Windows 10 / MacOS 10.12 recommended).
2. Web Browser: Google Chrome seems to work the best with Blackboard and HOL.
3. A high speed internet connection of 5+ Mbps.
4. Microsoft Office and Microsoft PowerPoint and Word software (a recent version, preferably 2016 or higher).
5. Windows Media Player (the latest version).
6. Soundcard and functioning speakers.
7. Knowledge of how to navigate Google Chrome web pages and how to deal with pop-up blockers and other devices and warnings on Google Chrome.
8. Knowledge of how to download files from the Google Chrome and find them on your computer once they are downloaded.
9. Knowledge of basic operations of Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint.
10. Knowledge of how to view and adjust videos with Windows Media Player.

Additional notes on technology:

I will respond to individual emails as quickly as I can. I will always send a reply email when an assignment is sent through email to let the student know that I have received it. If you send me something through email, and you do not receive a response within 2 school days, please resend it. I will always at least touch base with you within a 2-day time period unless I am ill. Also, a student will not be punished in the event that Blackboard or an SPC server is down when an assignment is due. If you need to print, turn something in, or access something online, please try to do so ahead of time and not at the last minute in order to avoid this situation.

Dropping a Course: Students may drop courses through Texan Connect, the Admissions and Records Office, or Advising and Testing Center through the late registration period.

After late registration has closed, a student must complete the online Student Initiated Drop Request to drop a course.

Students may also drop courses in person at any campus location by completing a Student Initiated Drop Form. Complete a Student Initiated Drop Form and return the signed form to the Levelland Admissions and Records Office, the Student Support Center at the Lubbock Downtown Center, the Lubbock Career and Technical Center, or Plainview Center. You must have a picture ID to complete the drop.

A mark of "W" will be given for student-initiated drops that occur prior to and through the last day to drop as indicated in the online Academic Calendar found here:

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/academiccalendar/index.php>.

Syllabus Statements: For information about Artificial Intelligence, Disabilities, Non-Discrimination, Intellectual Exchange, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team, Campus Concealed Carry, and COVID-19, please use this address: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>.

Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy may result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F or X for the course, if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Submitting work that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student or an online term paper site.
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.
5. Violating the Artificial Intelligence policy, as outlined in the syllabus. For more information on AI, please reference this in the syllabus statements:
<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

PHYS 1401 General Physics 1 Tentative Daily Schedule Summer 1 2024

<p>Day 1 June 3 Introduction (Work on getting textbook asap, read over syllabus, and start reading Ch 1 before first day of class if possible) Lecture on Ch 1 Lab 1—Measurements and Units Start Ch 2 lecture</p>	<p>Day 6 June 19 Exam 1 on Ch 1-5 Finish lecture for Ch 6 Lab 6—Force Midterm Projects due by 5pm</p>
<p>Day 2 June 5 Lecture on Ch 2 cont Lab 2—Vector Voyage HW Ch 1 due Draw Midterm project topics Start Ch 3 lecture</p>	<p>Day 7 June 24 Lecture on Ch 7 Lab 7—Simple Harmonic Motion/Hooke's Law HW Ch 6 due Lecture on Ch 8 Review for Exam 2</p>
<p>Day 3 June 10 Finish Ch 3 lecture Quiz 1 over Ch 1 & 2 Lab 3—Distance-Velocity-Acceleration, How Do You Rate? HW Ch 2 due Start lecture for Ch 4</p>	<p>Day 8 June 26 Lecture on Ch 9 Lab 8—Conservation of Energy/Marble Rollercoaster All Bonus assignments/opportunities due HW Ch 7 & 8 due Exam 2 (Ch 6-9)</p>
<p>Day 4 June 12 Finish Ch 4 lecture Lab 4—1D Rocket Lab HW Ch 3 due Lecture on Ch 5</p>	<p>Day 9 July 1 Highlights/Selected topics from Ch 10-13 Lab 9—Density/Hot Air Balloon Lab 10—Rotational Motion</p>
<p>Day 5 June 17 Lecture on Ch 6 Lab 5—Projectile Motion Review for Exam 1 HW Ch 4 and 5 due</p>	<p>Day 10 July 3 Open note Quiz 2 over Midterm Projects HW Ch 9 due Review for Final Exam</p>
	<p>Final Exam will be posted on Blackboard by 8am on July 5 and will be due by midnight on July 5. The final will be submitted electronically to kbouldin@southplainscollege.edu</p>