

South Plains College

Common Course Syllabus: PHYS 1401

Revised Fall 2020

Department: Science

Discipline: Physics

Course Number: PHYS 1401.001

Course Title: General Physics 1

Available Formats: flex

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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 in-class lab activities, each student will need 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

(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.*)

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.

It is the policy of South Plains College for the Fall 2020 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings while in SPC buildings including in classrooms, labs, hallways, and restrooms. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students on the Levelland campus or the Dean/Director of external centers for Student Code of Conduct Violation.

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 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 even 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.

Academic Integrity

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. Classroom behavior that is not conducive to learning will be dealt with according to the guidelines set forth on the South Plains College Catalog. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

Diversity Statement

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disabilities Statement

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Non-Discrimination Policy

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

PHYS 1401 General Physics 1 Tentative Weekly Schedule Fall 2020

<p>Week 1 Aug 25, 27 Introduction, Ch 1 Lab 1—Measurements and Units, Measuring Up</p>	<p>Week 9 Oct 20, 22 Ch 6 Lab 7—Coefficient of Friction HW Ch 5 due Oct 22</p>
<p>Week 2 Sept 1, 3 Ch 2 Lab 2—Hot Air Balloon Lab, Vector Voyage Activity HW Ch 1 due Sept 3</p>	<p>Week 10 Oct 27, 29 Ch 6 cont Lab 8—Simple Harmonic Motion/Spring Constant</p>
<p>Week 3 Sept 8, 10 Ch 3 Lab 3—Distance-Velocity-Acceleration, How Do You Rate? HW Ch 2 due Sept 10</p>	<p>Week 11 Nov 3, 5 Ch 7 Quiz 1 over Ch 5 & 6 HW Ch 6 due Nov 5</p>
<p>Week 4 Sept 15, 17 Ch 4 Draw Midterm project topics Lab 4—1-D Rocket HW Ch 3 due Sept 17</p>	<p>Week 12 Nov 10, 12 Ch 8 Lab 7—Conservation of Energy/poster board roller coaster Review for Exam 2 HW Ch 7 due Nov 12</p>
<p>Week 5 Sept 22, 24 Ch 4 cont Lab 5—Range (2D) Rocket Lab/Projectile Motion</p>	<p>Week 13 Nov 17, 19 Ch 9 Exam 2 over Ch 5-8 HW Ch 8 due Nov 19</p>
<p>Week 6 Sept 29, Oct 1 Ch 5 Finish Lab 5, Review for Exam 1 HW Ch 4 due Oct 1</p>	<p>Week 14 Nov 24 Midterm Projects due HW Ch 9 due Nov 24</p>
<p>Week 7 Oct 6, 8 Exam 1 over Ch 1-4</p>	<p>Week 15 Dec 1, 3 Ch 10-13 Highlights/Selected topics Open note Quiz 2 over Midterm Projects. Bonus book reports due by Dec 3.</p>
<p>Week 8 Oct 13, 15 Ch 5 cont Lab 6—Force</p>	<p>A take-home Final Exam will be posted online by the morning of December 8 and will be due by midnight on December 8.</p>