

South Plains College
Common Course Syllabus: PHYS 1402
Revised Fall 2026

Department: Science
Discipline: Physics
Course Number: PHYS 1402
Course Title: General Physics 2
Available Formats: face to face
Campus: Levelland

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Course Room: S65

Course Description: Fundamental principles of physics, using algebra and trigonometry; the principles and applications of electricity and magnetism, including circuits, electrostatics, electromagnetism, waves, sound, light, optics, and modern physics topics; with emphasis on problem solving.

Pre-requisite: PHYS 1401

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.

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. Solve problems involving the inter-relationship of fundamental charged particles, and electrical forces, fields, and currents.
2. Apply Kirchhoff's Rules to analysis of circuits with potential sources, capacitance, inductance, and resistance, including parallel and series capacitance and resistance.
3. Solve problems in the electrostatic interaction of point charges through the application of Coulomb's Law.
4. Solve problems involving the effects of magnetic fields on moving charges or currents, and the relationship of magnetic fields to the currents that produce them.
5. Use Faraday's and Lenz's laws to determine electromotive forces and solve problems involving electromagnetic induction.
6. Articulate the principles of reflection, refraction, diffraction, interference, and superposition of waves.
7. Describe the characteristics of light and the electromagnetic spectrum.

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:

Lab exercises/homework	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. All bonus points will be added to one quiz grade. *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 (or anything else), the student will be required to stay home and complete the assignments for the day at home.

- All students, faculty and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 should contact DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN in Health Services at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or at (806) 716-2376.

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.

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PHYS 1402 General Physics 2 Tentative Daily Schedule Fall 2026

Week 1 Aug 24, 26 Introduction, Ch 19 Lab 1—Electrostatics: electrostatics kit	Week 10 Oct 26, 28 Ch 22 cont Lab 8—Simplest Motor
Week 2 Aug 31, Sept 2 Ch 19 cont Lab 2—Electrostatics: Van de Graffe generator	Week 11 November 2, 4 Ch 22 cont Lab 9—Simple Motor Review for Exam 2
Week 3 Sept 9 Ch 19 cont (Sept 7 Labor Day...Campus Closed) Lab 3—Electrostatics: repelling charged pith balls HW Ch 19 due Sept 9 Quiz 1 on Ch 19 on Sept 9	Week 12 Nov 9, 11 Exam 2 on Ch 21-22 on Nov 9 HW for Ch 22 due Nov 9 Midterms projects are due on Nov 11 by 1pm. Day 1 Midterm presentations Nov 11
Week 4 Sept 14, 16 Ch 20 Draw Midterm topics and discuss rubric Nova Fabric of the Cosmos Ep 1	Week 13 Nov 16, 18 Ch 23 Quiz 2 over midterm presentations Nov 16 Lab 10—Optics: diffraction, interference
Week 5 Sept 21, 23 Ch 20 cont Lab 4—Introduction to multimeters Review for Exam 1	Week 14 Nov 23 Ch 23 cont (Thanksgiving Nov 25-27...Campus Closed) Nova Fabric of the Cosmos Ep 4
Week 6 Sept 28, 30 Ch 21 Exam 1 on Sept 28 on Ch 19-20 Lab 5—Mapping the Electric Field HW Ch 20 due Sept 28	Week 15 Nov 30, Dec 2 Ch 23 cont Lab 11—Optics: Refraction, Nuclear Decay and Half life HW for Ch 23 due by Dec 2 Review for Final Exam All Bonus assignments will be due by Dec 2 at 4pm.
Week 7 Oct 5, 7 Ch 21 cont Lab 6—Resistors and multimeters, Simple Circuits	Final exam will be in class Monday, Dec 7 from 1-3pm.
Week 8 Oct 12, 14 Ch 21 cont Lab 7--Kirchhoff's Law problem Nova Fabric of the Cosmos Ep 2	(Exemption from the final exam will be a fidget spinner motor, surrendered to the instructor, which runs continuously for at least 2 full minutes in the instructor's presence.)
Week 9 Oct 19, 21 Ch 22 Nova Fabric of the Cosmos Ep 3 HW Ch 21 due Oct 19	