Course Syllabus

PHYS 1401
College Physics I (4008015303)

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. Laboratory activities will reinforce fundamental principles noted above.

Semester Hours Credit: 4

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3-3

Prerequisite: MATH 1314 AND MATH 1316 or MATH 2312/2412


Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

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.

14. Solve problems using principles of energy.

**Evaluation Methods:**
Internet-based homework will be assigned twice per week except during weeks with official College holidays when there will be only one (1) homework assignment. The average of the student’s scores on the homework assignments will represent 20% of the total numerical grade for the course and the graded laboratory reports will represent 20% of the total numerical grade for the course.

There will be two (2) major Internet examinations during the course. Each of these exams will represent 20% of the final score for the class. There will be an internet-based final examination that will represent 20% of the final score for the class.

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For more information, contact: in Alice at sdalice@coastalbend.edu; Beeville at sdbeeville@coastalbend.edu; Kingsville at sdkingsville@coastalbend.edu; and Pleasanton at sdpleasonton@coastalbend.edu.

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See at: [FLB (Local)] and [FM (Local)].

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