

GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE
TROY STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
MAIN CAMPUS
Updated: Spring 2003

PHY 2252 -- General Physics I

TEXT: *College Physics*. 6th edition. Serway & Faughn. Thompson Learning Publishing

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the laws of mechanics, thermodynamics, and wave motion. Prerequisites: MTH 1114 (Plane Trigonometry). Corequisite: PHY L252 (General Physics I Lab).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To demonstrate a knowledge of--

1. the laws and principles of basic physics as they relate to the interaction of matter and energy and their conservation
2. the diverse nature of the field of studies by the students attending this course
3. measurement and mathematical concepts
4. motion in one dimension
5. vectors and two dimensional motion
6. the laws of motion
7. work and energy
8. momentum and collisions
9. circular motion and the law of gravity
10. rotational equilibrium and rotational dynamics
11. solids and fluids
12. thermal physics
13. heat
14. the laws of thermodynamics
15. scientific facts and the history , principles, issues, generalizations, and the laws of physics, contributions from different countries and cultures to the knowledge of physics, and the relationship of physics to other sciences and their implications and applications
16. the role and implications of physics for daily living and techniques for addressing global and ethical issues in science.

To demonstrate an ability to--

17. Apply the laws and principles of basic physics to the solution of problems within an algebra-trigonometric framework

OR

18. Recognize the fundamental issues involved in problems of physics
19. Successfully solve physics problems
20. Address global and ethical issues in physics and apply scientific processes to the solution of problems encountered in daily activities.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES: AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Any student whose

disabilities fall within ADA must inform the instructor at the beginning of the term of any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements for this course. Students who have or may be dealing with a disability or learning difficulty should speak with the instructor, contact the Office of Adaptive Needs Program (Trojan Center 215), or call 670-3220/3221. Various accommodations are available through the Adaptive Needs Program. The faculty in the School of Business makes every effort to accommodate unique and special needs of students with respect to speech, hearing, vision, seating, or other possible disabling conditions. Please notify the instructor as soon as possible of requested accommodations or ways to help.

CHEATING POLICY: The SGA and the Board of Trustees have approved a TSU Honor Code. The University has adopted a firm policy for incidents of academic dishonesty with potentially severe and long-term consequences for violators. All exams and outside work are to be considered as individual assignments unless instructed otherwise in writing. No unauthorized [i.e., by the instructor, beforehand] assistance may be given or received on any work submitted for grading. Giving unauthorized assistance is also considered “cheating”. The first incident will result in no credit for that assignment and the second incident will result in failure in the course. Students should be aware of the TSU Honor Code, the Academic Code, and the Penalties for Misconduct as published in the Oracle [available online from TSU homepage]. A friendly note of caution: my operational definition of plagiarism is five or more words used together by a second author in the same sequence as presented by their first author, without attributing the idea to the first author. Ideas and theoretical concepts should be attributed to their originator. Using quotation marks for longer strings of words is required. The consequences for plagiarism are harsh: one small occurrence, one letter grade, two small occurrences, two letter grades, etc. However, a single flagrant attempt at deception, once discovered, will result in an automatic failure in the course. You must give your work credibility by citing credible references in support of premises, facts, and expert opinions. In three words: Prudence, Credibility, and Integrity.

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GRADING SCALE

90-100	A	60-69	D
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80-89
70-79

B
C

Below 60 F

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PHY L252 -- General Physics I Laboratory

TEXT: *Physics Laboratory Experiments; 4th Edition*, by Wilson, Heath Publishing.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Laboratory work emphasizes basic principles of lecture topics, the use of measuring instruments, and the interpretation of data. Corequisite: PHY 2252 (General Physics I).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To demonstrate a knowledge of--

1. measurement and error
2. acceleration of gravity
3. projectile motion
4. force and acceleration
5. static and kinetic friction
6. conservation of energy
7. rotational motion and energy
8. Archimedes' Principle and specific gravity
9. Young's modulus
10. specific heat

To demonstrate an ability to--

11. investigate scientific phenomenon, interpret findings, and communicate them to others
12. set up and conduct physics experiments

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