

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PHYS-295: Physics (Engineering Bridge)

CLASS SECTION: X02

TERM: 2025W

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): In-person, face to face, in Lecture and Laboratory

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: M 1:00 – 2:00pm; TF 1:30 – 2:30 pm; Th 2:30 – 3:20; Or make an appointment by email; drop by if office door is open anytime; send a text to 250 884 6266 for short questions or in case of emergency

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Topics will be reviewed and expanded beyond those covered in technology programs including thermal energy, mechanical waves, sound, physical optics, geometric optics, elementary electricity and magnetism, simple AC and DC circuits.

PREREQUISITE(S):

Restricted to students in Engineering Bridge

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Describe the operation of several temperature sensors including the function and temperature calculations

for a constant volume gas thermometer.

2. Solve problems involving thermal expansion in one and three dimensions. and derive from first principles the expressions required to solve these problems.
3. Solve problems involving the transfer of thermal energy with regard to specific heat capacity, latent heat and change of phase.
4. Solve problems involving the displacement wave function for transverse and longitudinal waves in elastic media with attention to wave number angular frequency, phase constant, and wave and particle velocities.
5. Derive the pressure wave function for sound waves and solve related problems.
6. Derive from first principles, the wave equation, the solution, and the expression for the wave velocity.
7. Derive the expressions for the interference of two or more waves including the phenomena of beats and standing waves.
8. Derive the expressions for, and solve problem involving the Doppler Effect.
9. Derive the expressions for, and solve problems involving physical optics phenomena including: double and multiple slit interference, thin films, diffraction and resolution of images.
10. Solve problems in geometrical optics including lenses, mirrors, prisms, and total internal reflection.
11. Use Coulomb's Law to solve problems in electrostatics for two or more charges.
12. Solve problems involving electric fields, electric potential, and potential difference for discrete charges and continuous charge distributions.
13. Analyze series and parallel electric circuits.
14. Solve problems involving magnetic flux density and magnetic forces on charges including forces on current carrying wires and torques on current loops.
15. Assemble experimental apparatus using written instructions.
16. Observe, record, organize and display data in tables, graphs or charts.
17. Analyze linear graphs (determine area, slope, intercept, etc.).
18. Observe and record sources of error and estimate the range of uncertainty in results.
19. Interpret meaning of experimental results in the context of the experimental objectives.
20. Write scientific reports in an acceptable, traditional format.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

University Physics (Pearson) Young, Hugh D., Freedman, Roger A., 14th or 15th Edition (Recommended)

PHYS 295 Lab Manual (available at Camosun Bookstore or online at D2L)

Scientific Calculator

-access to computer with MS Word*, MS Excel*. (Computer labs are available on campus)

-access to a cellphone, scanner or camera capable of generating PDF documents to submit lab reports, homework

*MS Word and MS Excel are available as part of the Office 365 suite provided free to all Camosun students. Please see <http://camosun.ca/services/its/other-services.html> for details.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor. Please see the Timeline at the end of this document.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Week 4	Midterm CK #1	F 8:30 am (2 hr)
Week 9	Midterm CK #2	F 8:30 am (2 hr)
Week 12	Midterm CK #3	F 8:30 am (2 hr)

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Homework Assignments	5
Midterms (CK) 3 – lowest mark dropped	30
Laboratory Reports	25
Final Celebration of Knowledge	40
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

- Course content, announcements, and important class information will be posted on D2L. Students must check D2L regularly.
- Homework will be assigned every week and will be submitted to D2L folders
- Three (3) midterm tests will occur at the dates and times listed below. Out of the four midterm tests, the lowest midterm grade will be dropped for each student to make up the 30% weighting.
- The lab reports will be submitted to D2L folders. Lab reports are due ONE WEEK after the date of the lab exercise.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING TESTING AND GRADING:

- As stated in the current college calendar, “students are expected to write tests and final exams at the scheduled time and place.” Exceptions will only be considered due to illness and emergency circumstances. Holidays or scheduled flights are not considered to be emergencies.
- Missed exams normally receive a zero grade. Instructors are not required to provide make-up tests.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING LABS:

Laboratory activities involve practical applications of your knowledge and manual skills development. Development of these skills is a requirement to meet the Course Learning Outcomes.

- Students must obtain an overall grade of 50% or higher in the laboratory component of the course order to obtain credit for the course.
- Unless otherwise stated by your instructor, late penalties are as follows: For overdue labs, a late penalty of 10% per day will be assessed following the due date.-
- At the discretion of the instructor, a student who is repeating this Physics course with a laboratory grade of 70% or higher may apply for lab exemption.

MISSED LABS GUIDELINES:

- Laboratory activities are in-person activities; attendance and participation are required. Reports will not be accepted from students who did not attend the lab period.
- If you arrive more than 30 minutes late to the lab, you may be recorded as absent.
- Students who will miss a laboratory session have an obligation to seek out concessions directly from their instructor in a timely manner, BEFORE the lab period occurs. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, lab instructors must be notified within 24 hours of the missed lab period, or concessions will not be available.
- If you miss up to three (3) laboratory sessions, you are still eligible to meet the Learning Outcomes for the course, though missed labs may receive a zero grade.
- If you miss a **total of four (4) or more labs for any reason** including, but not limited to: life circumstances, illness, family or pet obligations, planned vacations, milestone family events, work commitments, competitive athletic events., you will be unable to meet the learning outcomes for the class and will receive a **failing grade (F) in the entire course**, regardless of marks received on graded lab and lecture components. Exceptions will only be considered through an academic concession granted by the instructor or Dean/Associate Dean.
- Please note that if you are suffering from a serious medical illness that prevents you from participating in this course, Camosun College has a Compassionate Medical Withdrawal Policy (<https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical>)

GENERAL IN-PERSON ASSESSMENT RULES FOR STUDENTS – PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT:

The rules are used for on-campus quizzes, tests, and exams in the Physics and Astronomy department. A Faculty member will actively supervise throughout the examination. The instructor may move around the room or sit at the front or back of the room.

By entering the exam room, students agree to abide by the following rules:

- Turn off all electronic communication devices (including, but not limited to: cellphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets) before entering and place them on a designated table at the front of the exam room.
- All bags must be on the sides, back, or front of the room – the instructor will identify the appropriate place.
- Students are not permitted to wear brimmed hats or hoodies during in-person assessments.
- Students may bring pens, pencils, calculator, highlighters, erasers, ruler, protractor, and a drink in a closed container. If permitted in the room, students may have a snack in its original packaging or a clear container.
- Calculators must be scientific, non-textual calculators, with no notes of any kind in the case.
- Items brought into the room may be inspected by the Faculty member.

- If you arrive late for the examination, no additional time will be provided. Students arriving more than 30 minutes late may not be allowed to enter the room.
- For biological breaks, permission to leave the exam room must be obtained. Only one student at a time may leave the room, and biological breaks must be as brief as possible.
- Access to any online materials during exams is prohibited.
- Any work submitted on an examination must be entirely your own.
- Students found communicating with one another in any way or under any pretext; having unauthorized books, papers, electronic computing devices, data storage, or communication devices in view, even if their use is not proved; or found cheating in any way may receive a zero grade. All incidents will be recorded and managed according to the College's Academic Integrity Policy.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds

Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning \(CAL\)](#) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the “Attendance” section under “Registration Policies and Procedures” (<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.

**PHYSICS 295 X02
TIMELINE 2025 W**

CK = Celebration of Knowledge (test). Formal Lab Reports (*).

<i>Week</i>	Lecture 1 Tuesday (9:30am)	Lecture 2 Wednesday (1:30)	Lecture 3 Thursday (1:30)	Laboratory Friday (8:30am)
1 Jan 6 – 10	Introduction	Temp Scales Cons Vol Gas Thermometer	Linear Expansion	Excel Graphing Exercise
2 Jan 13 – 17	Linear/Volumetric Expansion	Specific Heat	Latent Heat Calorimetry	Linear Expansion (Hand Out) *
3 Jan 20 – 24	Calorimetry Phase Diagrams	Waves 1 Wave Equation	Waves 2	Lab 9 Electric Energy and Specific Heat
4 Jan 27 - 31	Waves 3 Beats and Doppler Effect	Waves 4 Beats and Doppler Effect	Optical Interference 1 Double Slit	CK #1
5 Feb 3 – 7	Optical Interference 2 Double/Multiple	Optical Interference 3 Thin Film/Diff	Geometric Optics Reflection Refraction	Lab 8 Standing Waves*
6 Feb 10 – 14	Image Formation in Mirrors 1	Image Formation in Lenses 2	Charges Coulomb's Law 1	Lab 4 Image Formation in Thin Lens/Mirror
7 Feb 17 – 21	FAMILY DAY (College Closed)	READING BREAK (College Closed)	READING BREAK (College Closed)	READING BREAK (College Closed)
8 Feb 24 – 28	Charges Coulomb's Law 2	Charges Coulomb's Law 3 Distributions	Electric Field 1 Point Charges	Electric Field Mapping (Hand out)
9 Mar 3 – 7	Electric Field 2 Distributions	Electric Potential Energy Electric Potential	Electric Currents 1 Resistivity	CK #2
10 Mar 10 – 14	Electric Currents 2 Resistivity Ohm's Law	Electric Currents 3 Ohm's Law Electric Power	Resistors in Series and Parallel	Lab 5 Resistivity of Ni Chrome Wire*

11 Mar 17 – 21	Resistors in Series and Parallel	Kirchhoff's Laws 1	Kirchhoff's Laws 2	Lab 6 Kirchhoff's Rules with Uncertainty
12 Mar 24 – 28	Series/Parallel Combination	Magnetism Introduction	Sources of Magnetic Fields	CK #3
13 Mar 31 – Apr 4	Magnetic Forces on Currents	Magnetic Forces on Currents	Magnetic Induction	Magnetic Force on a Wire (Hand out)
14 Apr 7 – 11	Magnetic Induction	REVIEW	REVIEW (last day)	REVIEW

April 18 Good Friday

April 21 Easter Monday