

CAMOSUN COLLEGE

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

PHYS 104 GENERAL COLLEGE PHYSICS 1

This is the first part of a survey of physics primarily for students in life sciences and non-science programs. Students explore kinematics, dynamics, work, energy and power, thermal energy, nuclear energy and electricity. Students will also be introduced to some recent developments in physics and their effect on society.

OFFERED:	Fall, Winter
CREDIT:	4
IN CLASS WORKLOAD:	4 lecture, 2 lab
PREREQUISITES:	PHYS 060 or PHYS 150 or Physics 11 MATH 060 or MATH 11

OUTLINE

- 1. Kinematics in one dimension**
 - 1.1 Average and instantaneous velocity
 - 1.2 Average and instantaneous acceleration.
 - 1.3 Development of equations of uniformly-accelerated motion.
 - 1.4 Application to motion of cart on level and inclined air-tracks.
 - 1.5 Application to falling bodies.

 - 2. Dynamics in one dimension**
 - 2.1 Introduction to Newton's First, Second and Third Laws of Motion.
 - 2.2 The vector nature of force.
 - 2.3 Types of force (gravitational, contact, tension; relation to interatomic forces).
 - 2.4 Free body diagrams. Concept of net force.
 - 2.5 Principle of inertia. (Mach's principle; rotating pail experiment)

 - 3. Work, energy and power**
 - 3.1 Definition. Work done by a force (positive and negative). Net work.
 - 3.2 Kinetic energy. The Work-Energy Theorem.
 - 3.3 Potential energy (gravitational, spring).
 - 3.4 Conservation of energy.

 - 4. Thermal energy**
 - 4.1 Absolute temperature scale. Connection to molecular motion.
 - 4.2 Heat as a form of energy; calorimetry.
 - 4.3 Change of state and latent heat.
 - 4.4 Heat transfer: radiation, conduction and convection. Applications.
 - 4.5 Thermal expansion.
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5. **Nuclear energy**
 - 5.1 Nuclear energy. Contrast with chemical energy.
 - 5.2 The chain reaction. Applications (military, civil).
 - 5.3 Nuclear waste; disposal and reprocessing.
 - 5.4 Fusion energy; Applications (energy-production in stars, military, civil).

6. **Electricity**
 - 6.1 Basic idea of electric charge and its relation to matter.
 - 6.2 Law of electrostatic force.
 - 6.3 Electric current. Brief outline of magnetic effects.
 - 6.4 Electric fields and field line (qualitative).
 - 6.5 Electric potential; the Volt. The electric battery.
 - 6.6 Simple D.C. circuits and Ohm's Law.
 - 6.7 Your electricity meter: the kWh.

7. **Kinematics and Dynamics Vectors in two dimensions** (review and preparation for students taking PHYS 114)
 - 7.1 Graphical representation of vector algebra
 - 7.2 Vector components by trigonometry
 - 7.3 Vector algebra by trigonometry
 - 7.4 Review of Kinematics in two dimensions
 - 7.5 Review of Dynamics in two dimensions
 - 7.6 Review of Work and Energy in two dimensions

In order to obtain a passing grade for this course, students must satisfactorily complete the lab component of the course.

Text and materials

Text: Physics, Principles and Applications, Giancoli (5th or 6th Edition)

Lab manual

Scientific calculator

Graph paper

It is the policy of the physics department that instructors are not required to give make-up tests. At their discretion, instructors may give make-up tests in the case of documented excuses.