



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Department of Physics & Astronomy

PHYS-104-001
General College Physics 1
Fall 2019

COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is available on the web @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/phys.html>

Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

1. Instructor Information

(a) Instructor	Christopher Avis	
(b) Office hours	Mon*/ Weds*/Fri: 12:30PM-1:20PM; Tues/Thurs: 10:30-11:20 or by apt.	
(c) Location	Fisher 346D	
(d) Phone	250-370-3460	Alternative: _____
(e) E-mail	avisc@camosun.bc.ca	
(f) Website	D2L (online.camosun.ca)	

*Monday and Wednesday office hours may be cancelled in certain weeks due to other college meetings; I will announce cancellations in advance.

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Solve technical problems involving one-dimensional kinematics for a single particle undergoing constant acceleration along horizontal and inclined surfaces, and in free fall.
2. Solve technical problems involving the dynamics of a single particle in one dimension, the vector nature of forces, the net force on an object, free-body diagrams for single and two interacting objects, gravitational forces, and inertia.
3. Solve technical problems involving kinetic energy, gravitational potential energy, elastic potential energy, conservation of mechanical energy, and mechanical power, in one dimension.
4. Solve technical problems involving conversions between common temperature scales, specific heat capacity, latent heats, calorimetry, and heat transfer by radiation, thermal conduction and convection.
5. Solve technical problems involving nuclear energy (mass-energy equivalence, binding energy), demonstrate knowledge of nuclear fission, fusion, and fuel disposal problems.
6. Solve elementary technical problems involving graphical and trigonometric vector algebra in two dimensions, two-dimensional kinematics (motion), dynamics (forces), work and power.
7. Solve technical problems involving projectile motion, circular motion with constant speed, gravitational forces and planetary motion.
8. Solve technical problems involving hydrostatics (Archimedes' principle, Pascal's principle) and simple fluids in motion (Equation of continuity, Bernoulli's equation).
9. Assemble experimental apparatus using written instructions.
10. Observe, record, organize and display data in tables, graphs or charts.
11. Analyze linear graphs (determine area, slope, intercept, etc.).
12. Observe and record sources of error and estimate the range of uncertainty in results.
13. Interpret meaning of experimental results in the context of the experimental objectives.
14. Write scientific reports in an acceptable, traditional format.

3. Required Materials

(a) Texts

Physics by Giancoli, 7th Edition (optional reference available in Camosun library)
Physics 104 Laboratory Manual

(b) Other

Ruler, protractor, scientific calculator.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:	11:30 AM-12:20PM	Fisher 316	Lecture
Thursday:	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Fisher 316	Lab
Friday:	11:30 AM-12:20 PM	Fisher 316	Lecture

90 minute term tests will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, September 26th

Thursday, November 7th

Thursday, October 17th

Thursday, December 5th

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Grading Scheme Option 1		Grading Scheme Option 2	
(a) Weekly Homework:	5%	(a) Weekly Homework:	5%
(b) Lab Reports:	15%	(b) Lab Reports:	15 %
(c) Term Tests (best 3 out of 4):	30 %	(c) Term Tests (best 3 out of 4)	30 %
(d) Physics Presentation*:	10 %	(d) Final Exam:	50 %
(e) Final Exam:	40%		

* The Physics Presentation will be a short 10-15 minute presentation delivered in class on a subject related to one of those in the Intended Learning Outcomes. Presentations can be done solo or in groups of two. Students must notify me by the end of the day on Friday, September 20th if they intended to do a presentation as part of their mark.

COURSE SPECIFIC POLICIES

- Homework problems for a particular week will cover up to whatever section is finished on the last lecture of that week. They will be due at the beginning of class on the Friday of the following week and will be checked for completeness.
- Labs for a particular week will be due by the beginning of the lab one week following the lab. Each student is allowed one “dropped” or “missed” lab.
- You must be present to collect your own data during a lab (as will be verified with a sign in sheet). Labs completed using others’ data will not be accepted.
- Any outstanding homework or labs must be submitted prior to the last day of classes, and will be graded according to the late policy outlined by the instructor.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING TESTING AND GRADING:

- The final exam will cover the entire course and will be 3 hours long. 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 emergency circumstances as outlined in the calendar. Holidays or scheduled flights are not considered to be emergencies.
- Students must write quizzes, tests, midterm tests, etc., on the date and time assigned by the instructor. Missed exams normally receive a zero grade. Instructors are not required to provide make-up tests. At their discretion, instructors may waive a test in exceptional circumstances such as medical issues or a documented illness.
- Any outstanding homework or labs must be submitted prior to the last day of classes, and will be graded according to the late policy outlined by the instructor.
- Refer to your instructor’s information page for any additional policies regarding testing and grade calculation.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING LABS:

- **Students must obtain an overall grade of 50% or higher in the laboratory component of the course order to obtain credit for the course.**
- Attendance is mandatory & you may be required to “sign in” at the beginning of each lab period. A lab may be waived or made up at a later time only in the case of documented illness or other extenuating circumstances. If you will be absent from a lab period due to illness it is your responsibility to notify your instructor.
- Unless otherwise stated by your instructor late penalties are as follows: For overdue labs (or assignments), a late penalty of 1 mark per day (10%) will be assessed for the first five days following the due date. After this date a complete report is still required and earns a maximum mark of 50%.
- 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.
- Students will complete a minimum of 9 laboratory experiments including 3 formal reports (with full uncertainty calculations) and at least at least one lab using technology to perform data analysis.

6. Grading System

- Standard Grading System (GPA)
- Competency Based Grading System

7. Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

8. College Supports, Services and Policies



Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @

<http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

A. GRADING SYSTEMS <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

B. Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.