



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Physics and Instrumentation						
Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
PHY	1911	45235	2, 2005	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOSCI
Academic org:	FOS002
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	010301

STAFFING

Examiner: Brad Carter
Moderator: Jeff Sabburg

RATIONALE

Physics, the study of the laws of nature, provides engineers and technologists with a thorough understanding of the principles behind instrumentation and its use in measurement and other applications. Physics is a fundamental science relevant to many areas of technology in use today and the principles learned will remain relevant, despite future developments in technology. This course provides comprehensive instruction in physics for students intending to become engineering professionals. The programme content follows the guidelines established by the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

SYNOPSIS

Physics is the study of natural laws and its basic principles are directly relevant to many areas of science and technology. This introductory course provides students with an understanding of the theory and application of the laws of physics. Emphasis will be given to the core concepts of physics and how they can be used to solve problems. The major topic areas studied are: Problem Solving; Mechanics, Acoustics, Thermodynamics, Electromagnetism; Circuits; Optics. The course material also features some of the many practical applications of physics and the physical principles at work in instrumentation and measurement systems.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a basic knowledge of physics principles, kinematics, forces, work, energy, momentum, rotational mechanics;
2. demonstrate skills and knowledge in the physical principles relevant to instrumentation and measurement systems.

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Problem Solving in Physics, Vectors, Kinematics, Forces, Work and Energy, Linear Momentum, Rotational Mechanics, Solid and Fluids.	50.00
2.	Simple Harmonic Motion and Waves, Wave Behaviour, Thermodynamics, The Electric Field, The Magnetic Field, Electric Circuits, Geometric Optics, Modern Physics. (Note the application of physics to instrumentation forms an integral part of the study of the topics listed above.)	50.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Serway, RA & Faughn, JS 2003, *College Physics*, 6th edn, Thomson Learning, Brooks/Cole, Pacific Grove, USA.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Tipler, PA & Mosca, G 2004, *Physics for Scientists and Engineers (Extended version)*, 6th edn, WH Freeman & Co, USA.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Computer Managed Assessment	40.00
Examinations	3.00
Private Study	130.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
CMA 1	10.00	10.00	16 Sep 2005
CMA 2	10.00	10.00	28 Oct 2005
3HR RESTRICTED EXAM	80.00	80.00	END S2 (see note 1)

NOTES

1. Examination dates will be available during the Semester. Please refer to the examination timetable when published.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete the CMA tests satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for them. To complete the examination satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit CMAs after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of up to 20% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment will apply for each working day late.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
In a Restricted Examination, candidates are allowed access to specific materials during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold textual information (students must indicate on their examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination. With the Examiner's approval, candidates may, take an appropriate non- electronic translation dictionary (but not technical dictionaries) into the examination. This will be subject to perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that could give the candidate an unfair advantage, it may be removed from the candidate's possession until the appropriate disciplinary action is completed.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.

8 University Regulations:

Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. If requested by the Examiner, students will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made.
- 10 Students who obtain an overall passing mark, but do not perform satisfactorily in the examination, may, at the discretion of the examiner, be granted a supplementary examination. Students will be granted a deferred examination only if they perform satisfactorily in all other assessment items.