

Physics 100  
Elements of Physical Science  
M-W 7:00 – 8:15 pm Lecture  
Merion 112

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Class

### Recommended (Not Required) Hardcopy Book

Physics of Everyday Phenomena, Griffith, 5<sup>th</sup> edition  
Conceptual Physics, Hewitt

### Course Description

This course is designed to increase your understanding of the world around you both qualitatively and quantitatively. The goal of this course is to enhance your skills as a layman to think and communicate like a physicist.

### Grading

Your grade will be determined by your performance on the TESTS and QUESTS. You will also receive points for your effort on weekly online quizzes. Your final grade cannot be more than 15 points higher than your grade on the last exam which will be held in class on the last day of classes.

### Book (Recommended, not required)

FHSST: Physics

This is a free, online textbook that you can download from the following site:

[http://nongnu.askapache.com/fhsst/Physics\\_Grade\\_10-12.pdf](http://nongnu.askapache.com/fhsst/Physics_Grade_10-12.pdf)

It is also posted in the Content section of D2L for this course.

Chapters covered

**Chapter 2** –Units

**Chapter 3** – One Dimensional Motion

**Chapter 11** – Vectors

**Chapter 21** (Sections 1-2) – Projectiles

**Chapter 12** (Sections 1-4) – Newton's Laws

### **FIRST TEST**

Circular Motion (I don't know why this book does not cover it)

**Chapter 4** (Sections 1-2) – Gravity and Weight

### **FIRST QUEST (between a test and a quiz)**

**Chapter 4** (Sections 3-6) – Energy

**Chapter 22** (Section 2) – Hooke's Law

**Chapter 23** – Work, Energy, and Power

**Chapter 12** (Section 5) – Momentum and Impulse

**Chapter 21** (Sections 3-4) – Collisions

### **SECOND TEST**

**Chapter 12** (Section 6) – Torque and Levers (Optional)

### **SECOND QUEST**

**Chapters 5, 6, and 14** – Waves

**Chapter 15** – Sound

**Chapter 16** – Music

**Chapter 24** – Doppler Effect

**Chapter 7** – Light

**Chapter 13** – Optics

**Chapter 25** – Color

**Chapter 26** – Diffraction and Sonic Boom

### **THIRD TEST**

**Chapter 9** – Electrostatics

**Chapter 17** – more Electrostatics

**Chapter 10** – Circuits

**Chapter 19** – more Circuits

**Chapter 8** – Magnetism

**Chapter 18** – E&M

**Chapter 20** – Electric Properties of Matter

### **LAST TEST**

(only paper and pencil test of the semester)

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