

General Physics I (PHY130)

COURSE MEETING TIME AND PLACE:

Course Section	Meeting Time	Location
130-01	MWF 9:00-9:50 AM	Merion 112
130-02	MWF 8:00-8:50 AM	Merion 112

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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OFFICE HOURS:

My scheduled office hours as of the first day of class are listed below. I reserve the right to adjust this schedule to reflect unforeseen circumstances.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
10:00 – 11:00 AM, 3:30 – 4:30 PM	1:00 – 3:00 PM	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Office hours are available by appointment for students with an ongoing schedule conflict with my scheduled hours.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:

- *Physics* by Cutnell and Johnson, 9th ed. Wiley **including** WileyPlus access code for *Physics* 9th ed.
(registration link: <http://edugen.wileyplus.com/edugen/class/cls433955/>)
- *West Chester Department of Physics 130 Spring 2015 Laboratory Manual* by Mathew M Waite and Shawn H. Pfeil
- Laboratory Notebook (BookFactory)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Physics 130 (General Physics 1) is the first semester of an introductory, algebra based, physics sequence. Topics covered include kinematics, dynamics, the mechanics of solids and fluids, wave motion, heat and temperature, and kinetic theory. In less technical language, we will cover the mathematical description and modeling of motion (kinematics), how forces give rise to changes in motion (dynamics), and a number of applications on the macroscopic and microscopic scale. *Physics 130 is primarily a service course for students in biological and health science fields, so we will emphasize applications to these fields, and to a lesser extent geophysics.*

A laboratory portion of this course will provide hands-on experience with these phenomena and give a glimpse into how scientists discovered the physical laws covered in the lecture.

Prerequisite: A good working knowledge of algebra and trigonometry are pre-requisites for this course. Mathematical language provides the precision required to state physical laws and the tools to manipulate them. We will be using algebra and trigonometry on a daily basis. *If you feel you have any deficiencies in your mathematical preparation please see me.*

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course (PHY130) is an approved general education course in the Sciences (see pg. 39 of the undergraduate catalog) and as such meets the following general education goals:

General Education Goal #2: Ability to employ quantitative concepts and mathematical methods. (Secondary Goal of Science General Education Courses)

- Students will apply quantitative and mathematical methods to solve problems from introductory mechanics and thermodynamics.

Virtually every topic discussed in the class will have a quantitative aspect that will require algebraic reasoning. These methods will be employed during class examples, midterm exams, and laboratory sessions.

General Education Goal #3: Ability to think critically and analytically. (Primary Goal of Science General Education Courses)

- Students will analyze physical situations and identify what aspects are fundamental to physical modeling.

Mechanics and thermodynamics, the primary subject matter of this course, involve the complex interplay of such concepts as force, momentum, and potential energy. Critical and analytical thinking are essential for applying these concepts to efficiently solve homework and exam problems. One of the many examples might be making assumptions and inferences necessary to analyze the collision of a projectile with a hanging block.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Ability to mathematically model physical situations using the concepts of introductory physics.

- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the crucial elements of open ended problems (on homework, in class, and on exams) and identify the appropriate physical concepts to solve them.

2. Ability to solve physics problems arising from modeling.

- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify forces and break them into components.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to apply the concepts of Work, Energy, and Conservation of Energy.
- Student will demonstrate the ability to apply the concepts of Momentum and Angular Momentum.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to apply the concept of torque.

3. Ability to combine multiple concepts to solve “two-step” problems.

- Students will demonstrate the ability to use two or more concepts or methods in series to solve more complicated problems. For example, students will demonstrate the ability to calculate the force on an object, the work that force does, and using the Work-Energy theorem the change in velocity of the object.

ASSESSMENT:

I will be using the D2L grade-book feature to post course grades. Please check it periodically.

- **Laboratory** (15%): Please see laboratory syllabus for details.
- **Homework** (15%):
Weekly homework assignments are typically due at **11:00pm on Monday**. All assignments have a clearly labeled due date on WileyPlus. It is your responsibility to check WileyPlus periodically for assignments. Solutions to all homework problems are available on WileyPlus immediately after the assignment is due. **Because solutions are available immediately, late homework will not be considered.**
- **Regular Exams** (3×15% = 45%): Four regular exams will be given during the semester. I will keep your highest three scores.

If you miss a regular exam : If you miss an exam for a **University Sanctioned Event** you must notify me in advance so that we can arrange for you to take the exam in a manner consistent with its integrity. You must also provide some form of documentation (performing arts program, competition schedule etc.) In all other cases a missed exam will be treated as your dropped exam.

If you have an OSD letter pertaining to exams: You are responsible for making the appropriate arrangements at least one week prior to the exam date and time.

- **Final Exam** (25%): The final is cumulative and will require synthesis of concepts from different parts of the course.
The dates and times of the final exams for this course (as set by the registrar) are listed below. **You should plan to be available for the entire finals week.** We have in past semesters had to reschedule finals due to weather related events.

Course Number	Date and Location of Final	Time of Final
130-01	Tuesday 05/04, Merion 112	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
130-02	Thursday 05/07, Merion 112	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

I will be using the official WCU scale for grades, see p.48 in the undergraduate catalog. However, I reserve the right to adjust the weights of individual components, or the scale to account for unforeseen circumstances.

In terms of the WCU standard and the courses point system grades are as follows.

Letter	Grade Points	Percentage	
A	4.000	93 - 100	Excellent
A-	3.670	90 - 92	
B+	3.330	87 - 89	Superior
B	3.000	83 - 86	
B-	2.670	80 - 82	
C+	2.330	77 - 79	Average
C	2.000	73 - 76	
C-	1.670	70 - 72	
D+	1.330	67 - 69	Below Average
D	1.000	63 - 66	
D-	0.670	60 - 62	
F	0.000	59 or lower	Failure

TIME COMMITMENT AND WORK FLOW:

The life of a college student is not easy. A full time student can expect to spend about 50 hrs per week on coursework, or about 12.5 hrs per week per course. Here is how I recommend you spend your 12.5 hours for Physics 130. (Please note some students may need more than 12.5 hrs/week to master the material.)

Activity	Time Commitment
Reading Prior to Class	1.5 hrs/week
Class	2.5 hrs/week
Post Lecture Study	1.5 hrs/week
Homework After Lecture	3.75 hrs/week
Reading Prior to Lab	0.25 hrs/ week
In Lab Time	2 hrs/week
Post Lab Write-Up	1 hrs/week
Total Time Spent	12.5 hrs/week

COURSE SCHEDULE: A tentative schedule for the course follows on the next page. Although I will endeavor to stick closely to the schedule as posted below, I reserve the right to modify it as needed over the course of the semester. Please note that if the University is closed (due to snow etc.) for a regularly scheduled lab session we will use one of the weeks marked “No Lab*” to make up the canceled lab sections.

Date	Lecture	Reading	Laboratory
W Jan. 21	Introduction, Units, and Trigonometry	1.2, 1.4	NO LAB
F Jan. 23	Scalars & Vectors; Vector Addition and Subtraction	1.5, 1.6	
M Jan. 26	Components of a Vector	1.7, 1.8	
W Jan. 28	Motion in 1-D: Displacement, Speed & Velocity	2.1 – 2.2	Measurement
F Jan. 30	Motion in 1-D: Acceleration, Equations of Kinematics	2.3 – 2.4	
M Feb 2	Equations of Kinematics in 1D & 2D	2.5, 3.1 – 3.2	Kinematics
W Feb 4	Force and Mass, Newton’s Laws of Motion	4.1 – 4.5	
F Feb 6	Gravitational Force, Free fall	4.6 – 4.7, 2.6	
M Feb 9	Free fall cont’d, Projectile Motion	2.6, 3.3	Free Fall
W Feb 11	Projectile Motion cont’d	3.3	
F Feb 13	The Normal Force, Static Friction	4.8 – 4.9	
M Feb 16	Kinetic Friction, Tension	4.9 – 4.10	Projectile Motion
W Feb 18	Equilibrium applications of Newton’s Laws	4.11	
F Feb 20	EXAM 1: Chapters 1 - 3		
M Feb 23	Non-equilibrium Applications of Newton’s Laws	4.12	Comparison
W Feb 25	Equilibrium and non-equilibrium problems	4.11 – 4.12	
F Feb 27	Work and Kinetic Energy	6.1 – 6.2	
M Mar 2	Gravitational Potential Energy, Conservative Forces	6.3 – 6.4	NO LAB*
W Mar 4	Conservation of Energy	6.5	
F Mar 6	Non-Conservative Forces, Power	6.6 – 6.7	
M Mar 16	Impulse and Momentum	7.1 – 7.2	Mechanical Energy
W Mar 18	Collisions in 1 – Dimension	7.3	
F Mar 20	EXAM 2: Chapter 4, 6		
M Mar 23	Collisions in 1 – Dimension & Center of Mass	7.3, 7.5	Collisions
W Mar 25	Rotational Motion	8.1 – 8.3	
F Mar 27	Centripetal Acceleration, Uniform Circular Motion	5.1 – 5.3	
M Mar 30	Tangential Acceleration, Rolling Motion	8.4 – 8.6	Collisions-II
W Apr 1	Torque and Equilibrium	9.1 – 9.2	
F Apr 3	Center of Gravity and Newton’s III law for rotation	9.3 – 9.4	
M Apr 6	Rotational Kinetic Energy and Angular Momentum	9.5 – 9.6	Biomechanics
W Apr 8	Elasticity, Energy Stored in a Spring	10.1, 10.3, 10.7	
F Apr 10	EXAM 3: Chapters 5, 7 - 8		
M Apr 13	Simple Harmonic Motion	10.2 – 10.6	Elasticity
W Apr 15	Waves and Sound: Waves on a String	16.1 – 16.3	
F Apr 17	Sound: Speed of Sound, Intensity, and the Doppler Effect	16.5 – 16.9	
M Apr 20	Superposition, Standing Waves and Resonance	17.1, 17.5, 17.6	Archimedes’ Principle
W Apr 22	Fluids: Pressure and Pascal’s Principle	11.1 – 11.5	
F Apr 24	Fluids: Archimedes’ Principle and Continuity	11.6 – 11.8	
M Apr 27	Fluids: Bernoulli’s Principle and Viscosity	11.9 – 11.11	Turn in Lab Report
W Apr 29	Temperature and Heat	12.1 – 12.2, 12.4 – 12.7	
F May 1	EXAM 4: Chapters 9, 10, 16, 17		
M May 4	Kinetic Theory, The laws of Thermodynamics	14.1 – 14, 15.1 – 15.3, 15.7 – 15.9	NO LAB

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY:

The pace of the course is such that your undivided attention will be required for the entire lecture and lab period. Please set all electronics to silent or “vibrate mode” and put them away, so that both you and your neighbors will be able to concentrate on the material at hand. No texting or making phone calls is allowed in the classroom.

D2L/WILEYPLUS:

We will be using two online platforms for this course WileyPlus, the publisher’s homework system, and D2L. Homework assignments are to be performed on WileyPlus. To allow for *structured note taking* I will post my lecture slides prior to class. These slides intentionally leave some information, such as example solutions out, and provide space to fill that material in during lecture. **It is your responsibility to check these resources periodically for any updates and announcements.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance is not taken for this course. Attending lecture, however, is highly correlated with success in this course, and I strongly recommend it. This is your chance to ask questions, see examples and get help in solving problems, which will significantly improve your grade. The lab component of this course, however, has a different attendance policy.

DISABILITY STATEMENT:

If you have a disability that requires accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please present your letter of accommodations and meet with me as soon as possible so that I can support your success in an informed manner. Accommodations cannot be granted retroactively. If you would like to know more about West Chester University’s Services for Students with Disabilities(OSSD), please contact the OSSD which is located at 223 Lawrence Center. The OSSD hours of Operation are Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Their phone number is 610-436-2564, their fax number is 610-436-2600, their email address is osss@wcupa.edu, and their website is at www.wcupa.edu/ussss/osssd.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT:

It is expected that faculty, staff, and students activate and maintain regular access to University provided e-mail accounts. Official university communications, including those from your instructor, will be sent through your university e-mail account. You are responsible for accessing that mail to be sure to obtain official University communications. Failure to access will not exempt individuals from the responsibilities associated with this course.

The subject of your emails to me should contain **“PHY130” (no space)**. I created a folder particularly for this course. Any email that does not have the correct headline format will not go into this folder, and may not get my reply in time.

UNIVERSITY SANCTIONED EVENTS:

If you will be participating in a University sanctioned event during class or an exam **you must notify me in advance**. Please see the discussion of University Sanctioned Events in the general catalog.

PHYSICS TUTORING:

Physics tutoring is available through LARC (610) 436-2535. In the past peer tutoring has also been available from SPS (the Society of Physics Students). If SPS tutoring becomes available this semester I will make an announcement. **These should be considered in addition to my office hours, which are the first place you should stop for additional help.**

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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & CONDUCT

I have a zero tolerance policy for breaches of academic integrity. Breaches of academic integrity will be investigated and sanctions imposed to the full extent available under University policy. For questions regarding the university Academic Dishonesty, the No-Grade Policy, Sexual Harassment, or the Student Code of Conduct, students are encouraged to refer to their major department's handbook, the Undergraduate Course Catalogue, the Rams Eye View, or the University Web Site. Please understand that improper conduct in any of these areas will not be tolerated and may result in immediate ejection from the class.

ALL OTHER ACADEMIC POLICIES

For any university wide academic policy not explicitly covered in this document, such as No Grade policies. Please consult your major advising handbook, the Undergraduate Catalog, the Ram's Eye View, or the University Website.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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