

13. Pre-Requisites

Passed Algebra II with a B, or better and concurrent enrollment in PreCalculus or Calculus AB

14. Co-Requisites

Calculus AB or BC

15. Brief Description of the Course

The AP Physics C is a national calculus-based course in physics. This course is equivalent to the pre-engineering introductory physics course for the university students. The emphasis is on understanding of the concepts and skills and using the concepts and formulae to solve problems. Laboratory work is an integral part of this course. Physics C: Mechanics should provide instruction in each of the following six content areas: kinematics; Newton's laws of motion; work, energy and power; systems of particles and linear momentum; circular motion and rotation; and oscillations and gravitation. The course includes a laboratory component comparable to a semester-long, college-level physics laboratory. Students spend a minimum of 20% of instructional time engaged in laboratory work.

B. COURSE CONTENT**16. Course Purpose:**

What is the purpose of this course? Please provide a brief description of the goals and expected outcomes. Note: More specificity than a simple recitation of the State Standards is needed.

Students will be exposed to

1. Read, understand, and interpret physical information — verbal, mathematical, and graphical
2. Describe and explain the sequence of steps in the analysis of a particular physical phenomenon or problem; that is,
 - a. describe the idealized model to be used in the analysis, including simplifying assumptions where necessary;
 - b. state the concepts or definitions that are applicable;
 - c. specify relevant limitations on applications of these principles;
 - d. carry out and describe the steps of the analysis, verbally, or mathematically; and
 - e. interpret the results or conclusions, including discussion of particular cases of special interest
3. Use basic mathematical reasoning — arithmetic, algebraic, geometric, trigonometric, or calculus, where appropriate — in a physical situation or problem
4. Perform experiments and interpret the results of observations, including making an assessment of experimental uncertainties
5. The AP Physics Exams are designed to test student achievement in the AP Physics courses described in this book . These courses are intended to be representative of courses commonly offered in colleges and universities, but they do not necessarily correspond precisely to courses at any particular institution . The secondary school course in physics should be to develop the students' abilities to do the following

6. Laboratory experience must be part of the education of AP Physics students and should be included in all AP Physics courses, just as it is in introductory college physics courses. In textbooks and problems, most attention is paid to idealized situations: friction is often assumed to be constant or absent; meters read true values; heat insulators are perfect; gases follow the ideal gas equation. It is in the laboratory that the validity of these assumptions can be questioned, because there the student meets nature as it is rather than in idealized form. Consequently, AP students should be able to:

- design experiments;
- observe and measure real phenomena;
- organize, display and critically analyze data;
- analyze sources of error and determine uncertainties in measurement;
- draw inferences from observations and data; and
- communicate results, including suggested ways to improve experiments and proposed questions

17. Course Outline

Detailed description of topics covered. All historical knowledge is expected to be empirically based, give examples. Show examples of how the text is incorporated into the topics covered.

Physics Concepts

Physics as a Science

Units and Measurements

Powers of Ten

Significant Figures

Accuracy and Precision

Graphing

Unit Analysis

Order of Magnitude Problems

Kinematics

Motion in 1-D

Motion Equations

Motion Graphs

Derivatives and Slopes

Relative Motion

Scalars, Vectors and Trigonometry

Motion in 2-D - Projectiles

Dynamics / Newton's Laws of Motion

Force and Mass

Tension and Normal Reaction

Freebody Diagrams

Static Equilibrium

Uniform Circular Motion

Friction

Drag Force

Work, Energy, and Power

Work

Energy

Conservation of Energy

Work done by Conservative / Nonconservative Forces

Work Done by Variable Forces

Kinetic and Potential Energies

Conservation of Mechanical Energy

Power

Linear Momentum

Impulse and Linear Momentum
 Law of Conservation of Linear Momentum
 Two-Body Collisions in 1-D and 2-D
 Systems of Particles

Rotational Kinematics / Dynamics

Constant Angular Speed
 Constant Angular Acceleration
 Relationships between Linear and Angular Variables
 Translational - Rotational - Rolling Motion
 Rigid Bodies
 Moment of Inertia and Torque
 Rotational Variables and Newton's Second Law
 Angular Momentum
 Conservation of Angular Momentum
 Rotational Equilibrium
 Mechanical Equilibrium

Gravitation

Newton's Law of Gravitation
 Gravitational Potential Energy
 Motion of Planets and Satellites
 Kepler's Laws
 Critical and Escape Velocities

Simple Harmonic Motion

Kinematics
 Dynamics
 Simple Pendulum
 Spring Mass System
 Physical Pendulum

18. Writing Assignments

Give examples of the writing assignments and the use of critical analysis within the writing assignments.

1. Students will be writing up 12 formal Labs. Each lab will require students to state a purpose, discuss the procedure, analyze the data and provide a conclusion that will incorporate error analysis and possible future experiments that can provide better data. Each of these components requires that the student use academic language to explain their answers.
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2. Students will be required to choose a topic and write a research paper on this topic. This research paper will require students to explain their research using their newly acquired physics academic language.
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19 (A) Textbook :

Title: Physics: Principles with Applications

Edition: 4th Publication Date: 2007

Publisher: Prentice-Hall (ISBN-10: 0132273586 | ISBN-13: 978-0132273589)

Author(s): Giancoli, D.

Usage: **X** Primary Text Read in entirety or near entirety

19 (B) Supplemental Instructional Materials (please describe)

Students will supply an AP Physics C prep book.
2013 Barron's AP Physics C, 3rd Edition [Paperback]

20. Key Assignments

- Problem Solving
- Formal Lab Write-ups
- Physics Notebooks (Chapter notes, Classic Problem Summaries, Worksheets, etc.)
- Physics Demo Project
- Test Prep Summaries
- Quizzes and Tests

21. Instructional Methods and/or Strategies

A number of active learning strategies would be used including but not limited to:

- Problem-based learning
- Applying Physical concepts to real-world situations
- Hands on activities
- Technology based activities
- Visual learning strategies - Animated Problem solving presentations
- Direct instruction
- Formal Labs and Lab write-ups

22. Assessment Methods and/or Tools

This course would be assessed using a number of tools that include (but are not limited to):

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Projects
- Classwork and homework
- Lab write-ups
- Notebook/journal work

23. Course Pacing Guide and Objectives:				
Days	Key Topics	Standards	Chapters	Key Activities
10 days	Physics as a Science Units and Measurements Powers of Ten Significant Figures Accuracy and Precision Graphing Unit Analysis Order of Magnitude Problems	I & E all	1	1. Measurement Lab 2. Spreadsheets Exercises
20 days	Kinematics Motion in 1-D Motion Equations Motion Graphs Derivatives and Slopes Relative Motion Scalars, Vectors and Trigonometry Motion in 2-D - Projectiles	1A	2	3. Demonstrations of principles. Mousetrap Cars Vector/Coordinate Exercises Projectile Motion
20 days	Dynamics / Newton's Laws of Motion Force and Mass Tension and Normal Reaction Freebody Diagrams Static Equilibrium Uniform Circular Motion Friction Drag Force	1I, 1J, & I&E 1E	3	8. Atwood's machine—Verification of Newton's First Law 9. Relationships between F_c and r for uniform circular motion
15 days	Work, Energy, and Power Work Energy Conservation of Energy Work done by Conservative and Nonconservative Forces Work Done by Variable Forces Kinetic and Potential Energies Conservation of Mechanical Energy Power	1B-1D, & 1K	4	
15 days	Linear Momentum Impulse and Linear Momentum Law of Conservation of Linear Momentum Two-Body Collisions in 1-D and 2-D Systems of Particles	2A, 2B, 2C, 2H, & 5O	5	12. Conservation of linear momentum—The three kinds of collisions—air track
~80 Days- End of Semester 1				

20 days	Rotational Kinematics / Dynamics Constant Angular Speed Constant Angular Acceleration Relationships between Linear and Angular Variables Translational - Rotational -Rolling Motion Rigid Bodies Moment of Inertia and Torque	4A – 4F	6	10. Rotational Dynamics— Relationships among rotational variables
10 Days	Rotational Variables and Newton’s Second Law Angular Momentum Conservation of Angular Momentum Rotational Equilibrium Mechanical Equilibrium	5E, 5J – 5M, 1M	7	
10 Days	Gravitation Newton’s Law of Gravitation Gravitational Potential Energy Motion of Planets and Satellites Kepler’s Laws Critical and Escape Velocities	5A, 5D	8	
10 Days	Simple Harmonic Motion Kinematics Dynamics Simple Pendulum Spring Mass System Physical Pendulum	5F - 5H, 5I, 5J, 5N	9	6. Hooke’s Law: Finding the spring constant of different springs. 7. Elastic force in rubber bands— Nonlinear spring 13. Simple pendulum—Photogate and spring-mass system—Force sensor

C. HONORS COURSES ONLY

24. Indicate how this honors course is different from the standard course.

D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

25. Context for Course (optional)

26. History of Course Development (optional)