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COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY !  
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**MASTER SYLLABUS**

**COURSE NUMBER – COURSE NAME  
PHYS 115 – BASIC PHYSICS**

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**Semester/Year: Fall/2018**

- A. **TITLE:** Basic Physics
- B. **COURSE NUMBER:** PHYS 115
- C. **CREDIT HOURS:** (Hours of Lecture, Laboratory, Recitation, Tutorial, Activity)

# Credit Hours: 4 !  
# Lecture Hours: 4 per week !  
# Lab Hours:        per week !  
  Other:            per week

Course Length: 15 Weeks

- D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** Yes  No

- E. **GER CATEGORY:** None:  Yes: GER 2 Natural Sciences !  
*If course satisfies more than one: GER !*

- F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall  Spring  Fall & Spring

- G. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Topical coverage includes systems of units, scientific method, scientific mathematics ! (including basic trigonometric functions), vectors, friction, forces and translational equilibrium, torques and rotational equilibrium, uniformly accelerated motion, Newton's Laws, work, energy, and power. Emphasis is on development of laboratory and problem-solving skills including description, organization, analysis, summarization, and criticism in accordance with the scientific ! method. !

- H. **PRE-REQUISITES:** None  Yes  If yes, list below:

MATH 100 (Beginning Algebra) or permission of instructor

**CO-REQUISITES:** None  Yes  If yes, list below:

**I. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: (see key below)**

By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

<u>Course Student Learning Outcome</u> <i>[SLO]</i>	<u>Program Student Learning Outcome</u> <i>[PSLO]</i>	<u>GER</u> <i>[If Applicable]</i>	<u>ISLO &amp; SUBSETS</u>	
a. Understand the methods scientists use to explore natural phenomena, including observation, hypothesis development, measurement, and data collection, experimentation, evaluation of evidence, and employment of mathematical analysis	N/A	Understanding of the methods scientists use to explore natural phenomena, including observation, hypothesis development, measurement and data collection, experimentation, evaluation of evidence, and employment of mathematical analysis	2-Crit Think ISLO ISLO	CA Subsets Subsets Subsets
b. Apply scientific data, concepts, and models in physics	N/A	Application of scientific data, concepts, and models in one of the natural sciences	ISLO 2-Crit Think ISLO	Subsets PS Subsets Subsets
c. Solve problem in the physical sciences in a logical, defensible manner	N/A	Application of scientific data, concepts, and models in one of the natural sciences	2-Crit Think ISLO ISLO	PS Subsets Subsets Subsets
d. Demonstrate how the various topics of physics are related to everyday life	N/A	Application of scientific data, concepts, and models in one of the natural sciences	1-Comm Skills 2-Crit Think ISLO	W PS Subsets Subsets
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KEY	<b>Institutional Student Learning Outcomes [ISLO 1 – 5]</b>
ISLO #	ISLO & Subsets
1	<b>Communication Skills</b> Oral [O], Written [W]
2	<b>Critical Thinking</b> <i>Critical Analysis [CA] , Inquiry &amp; Analysis [IA] , Problem Solving [PS]</i>
3	<b>Foundational Skills</b> <i>Information Management [IM], Quantitative Lit./Reasoning [QTR]</i>
4	<b>Social Responsibility</b> <i>Ethical Reasoning [ER], Global Learning [GL], Intercultural Knowledge [IK], Teamwork [T]</i>
5	<b>Industry, Professional, Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills</b>

\*Include program objectives if applicable. Please consult with Program Coordinator !

J. **APPLIED LEARNING COMPONENT:** Yes  No

If YES, select one or more of the following categories:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom/Lab | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Engagement              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internship               | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Works/Senior Project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Placement       | <input type="checkbox"/> Research                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum                | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Learning         | (program, class, project)                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service        |  |

K. **TEXTS:**

Douglas C. Giancoli. Physics curriculum: Physics Principles with Applications.  
Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.

L. **REFERENCES:**

None

M. **EQUIPMENT:** None  **Needed:** A twelve inch (12 “) clear, flexible, plastic ruler with a centimeter/millimeter scale. A protractor. A simple inexpensive scientific calculator with trigonometric and inverse trigonometric functions. A solar powered calculator is recommended.

N. **GRADING METHOD:** A-F

O. **SUGGESTED MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:**

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Homework
- Projects

P. **DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:**

I. Introduction

- A. Definition of physics
- B. Motivation for studying physics

II. Mathematics for physics

- A. Algebra
- B. Scientific notation
- C. Graphs
- D. Plane geometry
- E. Right triangle trigonometry

III. Measurements in physics

- A. Fundamental quantities and units
- B. Prefixes
- C. Significant figures and uncertainty
- D. Unit conversion

**IV. Vectors**

- A. Scalar and vector quantities**
- B. Graphical methods of vector addition**
- C. Vector components**
- D. Vector resultants**
- E. Analytic vector addition**
- F. Subtraction of vectors**

**V. One Dimensional Motion**

- A. Speed versus velocity**
- B. Acceleration**
- C. Uniform acceleration**
- D. One-dimensional uniformly accelerated motion problems and solution methods**
- E. Falling bodies**

**VI. Two-Dimensional Motion**

- A. Horizontal and vertical components of projectile motion**
- B. Range, maximum height, and time of flight**

**VII. Translational Equilibrium**

- A. Newton's laws**
- B. Translational equilibrium**
- C. Free-body diagrams**
- D. Translational equilibrium problems and methods of solution**
- E. Friction**

**VIII. Newton's Second Law**

- A. Force, mass, and acceleration: mathematical relationships**
- B. Mass, weight, and the acceleration of gravity, free-body diagrams for constant acceleration**

**X. Work and Energy**

- A. Work**
- B. Kinetic Energy, Potential Energy and the Work-Energy Theorem**

**XI: Electricity**

- A. Resistance**
- B. Current**
- C. Ohm's Law**
- D. Electric Power**

**XII: Light**

- A. Law of Reflection**
- B. Law of Refraction**
- C. Image Formation**

**Q. LABORATORY OUTLINE: None  Yes**