



Alabama Community College System

PHY 115 Technical Physics

I. PHY 115 Technical Physics—4 Credit Hours

II. Course Description

Technical physics is a one-semester survey of physics using college algebra. Major topics include Newton's laws of motion, work and energy, thermodynamics, waves and sound, and basic electricity. This course is for non-science majors pursuing a degree in a technical program. Laboratory is required.

III. Prerequisite

MTH 100 (Intermediate College Algebra) or higher

IV. Textbook

Due to the varied selection of quality college-level textbooks, each college will select the textbook needed to meet the requirements of this course.

V. Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will demonstrate the following outcomes:

1. Apply the concepts of motion, forces, work and energy, heat, waves and sound, and electricity to solve relevant problems.
2. Depict data and concepts from physics using tables, equations, graphs, pictures, and words.
3. Demonstrate proper lab techniques and safety in the performance of common experiments in physics.

VI. Course Outline of Topics

1. Measurement and mathematics
2. Motion and Motion Diagrams
3. Laws of Motion and Equilibrium
4. Rotational Motion
5. Work and Energy
6. Temperature and Heat

- 7. Waves and Sound
- 8. Basic Electricity

VII. Evaluation and Assessment

Grades will be given based upon A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%, and F = below 60%.

VIII. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student's ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

IX. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment

It is the official policy of the Alabama Community College System and entities under its control, including all Colleges, that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of any impermissible criterion or characteristic, including, without limitation, race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, disability, sex, age, or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law. (ACCS Policies 601.02 and 800.00)

X. Americans with Disabilities

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the *Americans with Disabilities Act* of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College.