

Syllabus

Course Code: PHYS-108

Title: Physics in Life

Institute: STEM

Department: Physics

Course Description: This is a general education lab science course for non-science majors. There are no college-level pre-requisites. The goal of this course is a general understanding of the physical principles in everyday life with emphasis on how physicists approach the problem of describing nature in terms of experimental tests of physical theories. The course surveys motion and Newton's laws, the atomic structure of matter, heat and thermodynamics, sound and light waves, electricity and magnetism, and modern physics.

Prerequisites: MATH-021 or MATH-025, READ-092 or READ-095 and ENGL-095 or passing scores in algebra and reading and writing on Basic Skills test.

Credits: 4

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 2

Required Textbook/Materials: Textbook and Lab Manual:

WWW.BROOKDALECC.BKSTR.COM.

Calculator with trigonometric functions.

Additional Support/Labs:

See <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/>

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this general physics II (non-calculus) course, students will be able to:

- Communicate information and ideas about the basic concepts of experimental and theoretical physics in electromagnetism and optics clearly and effectively in the written and spoken form (**COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION LITERACY**).
- Apply the scientific method, fundamental principles of physics and mathematical techniques to solve problems in electromagnetism and optics (**MATHEMATICAL/SCIENTIFIC REASONING & CRITICAL THINKING**).
- Use instruments computers to gather and analyze data (**TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY**).

Course Content:

The course is comprised of the following twelve units:

Unit 1: Describing and Explaining Motion

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- Unit 3: Gravity
- Unit 4: Momentum
- Unit 5: Energy
- Unit 6: Rotation
- Unit 7: Relativity
- Unit 8: Structure and States of Matter
- Unit 9: Thermal Energy
- Unit 10: Waves, Sound and Music
- Unit 11: Light
- Unit 12: Electricity

Grading Standard:

1. Testing: There will be four tests as follows:

Test 1 – includes chapter 1 through chapter 3. (20 %)

Test 2 - includes chapter 4 through chapter 6. (20 %)

Test 3 - includes chapter 7 through chapter 9. (20 %)

Test 4 – Includes chapter 10 through chapter 12. (20%)

These tests may be given during class time or scheduled for the testing center. If you fail to take a test when scheduled, a grade of zero will be assigned. Tests cannot be made up.

2. Laboratory: (20%) You will be provided with a list of the laboratory experiments which must be performed to get credit for the course. You will write a laboratory report for each experiment according to the format provided in your lab manual.

Course Grade:

The final grade assigned will be:

92 - 100	A
89 - 91	A-
86 - 88	B+
82 - 85	B
79 - 81	B-
76 - 78	C+
70 - 75	C
65 - 69	D
0 - 64	F

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College Policies:

As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our college values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student's disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit www.brookdalecc.edu/support.

For information regarding:

- Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [student handbook](#) and [catalog](#).

Notification for Students with Disabilities:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodation and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Accessibility Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability and request specific accommodation or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

Mental Health:

24/7/365 Resources:

- Monmouth Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Services at **(732) 923-6999**
- 2nd Floor Youth Helpline – Available to talk with you about any problem, distress, or hardship you are experiencing. Call or text at **888-222-2228** or visit the website at <https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

Faculty Counselors:

- Students who need to make an appointment with a faculty counselor can do so by calling 732-224-1822 (non-emergency line) during business hours. Faculty counselors are licensed mental health professionals who can assist students and refer them to other mental health resources.

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Diversity Statement:

Brookdale Community College fosters an environment of inclusion and belonging. We promote a safe and open culture, encourage dialogue respecting diverse perspectives informed by credible sources, and uphold the virtues of civil discourse. We celebrate all identities with the understanding that ultimately, diversity, equity, and inclusion cultivate belonging and make us a stronger Brookdale community.

**The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arise.*