

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Course Number: PHYS 130 Department: Physics

Course Title: College Physics 1 Semester: Spring Year: 1997

**Objectives/Competencies**

<b>Course Objective</b>	<b>Competencies</b>
<p>1. Process Objectives. The process objective of this course is to have students be able to use the mathematics of physics to solve hypothetical problems presented in text form, and to model phenomena measured in laboratory. The topics and competencies required to meet this objective are listed on the right under “Competencies.” These topics are described in detail in standard physics texts. First course in series of two courses, followed by MP 230, College Physics 2.</p>	<p>1. Physics Process Competencies. At the end of this course, students will be able to use the mathematics of physics to solve hypothetical problems presented in text form, and to model phenomena measured in laboratory. Mathematical models of the physical world are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Equations describing motion with constant acceleration</li><li>b. Conditions of static equilibrium</li><li>c. Vectors to describe force and motion</li><li>d. Projectile motion</li><li>e. Circular motion; centripetal acceleration</li><li>f. Newton’s laws of motion</li><li>g. Definition of work</li><li>h. Power</li><li>i. Kinetic energy and gravitational potential energy</li><li>j. Work – Energy theorem</li><li>k. Conservation of energy</li></ul>

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<p>2. Computational Tools for meeting Objectives. Physics students usually need some skill using computational tools like calculators and computers. This course assumes that students can use computational tools effectively when they ENTER the course so they can meet the physics course objectives outlined here.</p> <p>3. Mathematics. Physics courses often teach similar subject matter at different levels of sophistication. These levels are most clearly identified by the levels of mathematics used in particular courses. There are two important considerations concerning mathematics; the level of mathematical competency upon entering a physics course, and the mathematical competency added during the course.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>l. Newton's law of gravitation</li> <li>m. Linear momentum</li> <li>n. Angular momentum</li> <li>o. The conservation of momentum</li> <li>p. Equations describing rotational motion</li> <li>q. Torque</li> <li>r. Strength of materials</li> <li>s. Temperature, heat, and heat transfer</li> <li>t. Fluids at rest and in motion</li> <li>u. Simple harmonic motion; harmonic oscillator</li> <li>v. Fundamentals of wave motion</li> <li>w. Sound</li> </ul> <p>1. Computational Tools. This course assumes that students can use the following tools effectively when they ENTER this physics course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Scientific Calculator, trigonometric functions</li> </ul> <p>1. Mathematics Competencies on Entry. In this physics course, students are presumed to be fluent in mathematics at the level of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Can use scientific calculator</li> <li>b. Algebra; equations, linear graphing</li> <li>c. Trigonometry; sine, cosine and tangent</li> </ul>

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<p>Mathematics Objectives. An objective of this course is to have students be able to apply several standard mathematical techniques in the solution of physics problems. These competencies are listed on the right under "Competencies."</p> <p>4. Laboratory Objectives. The objective of the laboratory is to give students hands-on experience with laws of nature and conventions of physics. The laboratory experience emphasizes measurement and mathematical modeling. The topics in physics covered in the laboratory generally support topics emphasized in class.</p>	<p>Mathematics Competencies. At the end of this course students will be able to use several standard mathematical techniques. These topics are described in detail in standard mathematics texts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Evaluate an equation by replacing the variables with numbers.</li> <li>b. Solve equations in one unknown by applying the rules of algebra.</li> <li>c. Use the equation for a straight line.</li> <li>d. Solve quadratic equations.</li> <li>e. Solve simultaneous equations.</li> <li>f. Use the trigonometry of right triangles appropriately.</li> </ol> <p>1. Laboratory Competencies. At the end of the laboratory portion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Follow instructions for laboratory procedures.</li> <li>b. Make measurements and collect data.</li> <li>c. Organize and present data as tables and graphs.</li> <li>d. Interpret graphs and statistical data.</li> <li>e. Plot data on linear graph paper.</li> <li>f. Mark error bars on graphs of measured data.</li> <li>g. Relate experimental data to mathematical models.</li> <li>h. Work in teams.</li> <li>i. Prepare a Lab Report.</li> <li>j. Meet deadlines.</li> </ol>