

**MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Math Science and Health Professions**

University Physics I  
PHY 115

Fall 2017

**Course Description**

This course is the first semester of a three-semester, calculus-based physics sequence, and is a study of mechanics (motion, forces, and the conservation laws). It covers kinematics, dynamics, statics, energy, momentum, oscillations, gravity, and the properties of solid and fluids. The laws of physics are investigated and applied to problem solving. Lec 3hrs/lab 3hrs.

**Prerequisites/Co-requisites**

Prerequisite: MAT 146 with grade C or better AND one semester of high school or college physics.  
Co-requisite: MAT 151.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will be able to gain knowledge of a broad introduction to physics at the beginning college level and develop physical intuition and problem-solving skills.
2. Students will learn to handle a variety of instruments and development critical thinking skills through hands-on laboratory experience.
3. Students learn to design and carry out simple experiments applying theory learnt in the class.

**Course Materials: PLEASE BRING TEXTBOOKS AND CALCULATOR TO FIRST CLASS!**

1. Required textbook: Halliday & Resnick: Fundamentals of Physics Extended, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition  
Publisher: John Wiley & Sons  
A special binder Version with Wiley PLUS online textbook and study materials is made available at MCCC bookstore.
2. Required Laboratory Manual: Huang: Physics 115 Laboratory  
Publisher: MCCC
3. A note book and three pens are needed.
4. A scientific calculator is required for lecture, laboratory and tests. No cell phone, 89, 92, Voyage, or Nspire can be used in a test.

**Evaluation & Requirements of Students**

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| Tests  | 60%     |
| Lecture classroom participation                        | -5% +5% |
| Lab report   | 20%     |
| Lab tests  | 10%     |
| Laboratory participation                               | -5% +5% |
| There is NO make-up test; the lowest grade is dropped. |         |

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**Class Attendance Policy**

Students are required to attend all classes on time and should sign attendance sheet each day. In case of transportation, medical or other emergencies, relevant documentation is required to be submitted to instructor. Such documents include car repair invoice, doctor's note, court note, etc. Undocumented tardiness and absence will cause the course grade to be lowered.

**Student Dress Policy**

Students are required to dress appropriately. Please keep in mind that the class will share limited space and you'll need to sit, stand, stretch, bend over, and crawl sometimes. Should your shirt/pants have shrunk, we suggest that you put on a large shirt over them.

**Supporting Services**

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Our faculty provides office hours to help students with questions. The best way to take advantage of the time is to go prepared with specific questions to ask. Record the instructor's information here:

| Name | Email or Phone | Office Hours |
|------|----------------|--------------|
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Course website includes course information. <http://www.mccc.edu/~huangj/>

Mercer email is used to enhance the communication for the course. Please set up the email and check it or have it forwarded to an email that is checked regularly. Our library holds the text book for in-library use. Our tutoring center provides tutors for Physics. It is located behind the bookstore. Please check out the schedule. There is an open computer lab MS 211.

**Campus Security**

Emergency number for campus security is (609) 570-2222. The non-emergency number for campus security is (609) 570-3503. You may call security to have a classroom unlocked prior to a class. Please store these numbers in your cell phone.

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*Schedule of Lecture and Experiments*

| Week | Dates                  | Experiment   | Lecture  | Homework Assignments   |
|------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1    | 8/28-31                | Math Overview                                      | 1.1-1.4<br>Unit & Conversion<br>Coordinate System<br>Trigonometry<br>Vector and Components | Chap. 1<br>3, 12, 22, 37, 43, 54   |
|      |                        | Measurements                                       | 1.5-1.7<br>Length, Mass, & Time  |  |
| 2    | 9/4 No class<br>9/5-12 | Velocity   | 2.1-2.6<br>Displacement<br>Velocity<br>Acceleration  | Chap. 2<br>3, 4, 7, 11, 17, 20, 25,<br>28, 46, 54, 62                    |
|      |                        | Acceleration                                       |  |  |
| 3    | 9/13-14                | Free Fall  | 2.7 – 2.10<br>Free Fall  |  |
|      |                        | Review   | 3.1-3.8<br>Vector Addition &<br>Multiplication   | Chap. 3<br>4, 6, 12, 24, 39, 41, 49,<br>58, 62, 64                       |
| 4    | 9/18-21                | Street Crossing                                    | Test 1<br>Chap 1-3   |  |
|      |                        | Projectile Motion                                  | 4.1-4.6<br>Projectile Motion   | Chap. 4<br>8, 20, 21, 22, 35, 42, 44                                     |
| 5    | 9/25-28                | Atwood Machine                                     | 5.3 – 5.5<br>Newton's 1 <sup>st</sup> Law  | Chap. 5<br>Q: 3, 5, 6, 11<br>P: 1, 15, 19, 26, 29, 37,<br>51, 61, 80, 85 |
|      |                        |  | 5.6-5.9<br>Newton's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Law<br>Newton's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Law                    |  |
| 6    | 10/2-5                 | Friction   | 6.1-6.3<br>Friction  | Chap. 6<br>1, 4, 6, 7, 18, 30, 33, 41,<br>42                             |
|      |                        | Review   | 6.4, 6.5<br>Uniform Circular Motion  |  |
| 7    | 10/9-12                | Sustainable Energy<br>Research and<br>Presentation | Test 2<br>Chap. 4-6  | Chap. 7<br>2, 5, 8, 19, 55, 66   |
|      |                        |  | 7.1-7.6, 7.7<br>Kinetic Energy &<br>Work   |  |
| 8    | 10/16-19               | Conservation of Energy                             | 8.1-8.4<br>Potential Energy<br>8.5<br>Conservation of Energy                               | Chap. 8<br>2, 22, 23, 27, 49   |

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| 9    | 10/23-26        | Impact and Moemntum                         | 9.1-9.6<br>Collision                                     | Chap. 9<br>12, 18, 20, 26, 29,<br>39, 46, 50, 91, 102   |
|      |                 |   | 9.7 – 9.12<br>Conservation of<br>Momentum                |   |
| 10   | 10/30 –<br>11/2 | Rotational Motion                           | 10.1-10.5<br>Angular Motion                              | Chap. 10<br>1, 2, 12, 16, 34, 48,<br>50, 77, 88, 89, 90 |
|      |                 | Review                                      | 10.6-10.10<br>Rotational Kinetics<br>Rotational Dynamics |   |
| 11   | 11/6-9          | Sustainable Energy Research                 | Test 3,<br>Chap 7-10                                     | Chap. 12<br>6, 8, 9, 17, 37                             |
|      |                 | Rotational Equilibrium                      | 12.1-12.2  |   |
| 12   | 11/13-16        | Rotational Equilibrium                      | 12.3-12.5  | Chap. 13<br>3, 7, 9, 17, 19                             |
|      |                 | Sustainable Energy<br>Presentation          | 13.1-13.4<br>Gravitation                                 |   |
| 13   | 11/20-21        | Archimedes Principle                        | 14.2, 14.3, 14.4   | Chap. 14<br>2, 5, 6, 11, 17, 35, 37,<br>41              |
|      |                 |   | 14.5, 14.6, 14.7   |   |
| 14   | 11/27-30        | Simple Harmonic Motion<br>Spring & Pendulum | 15.1, 15.2   | Chap. 15<br>1, 3, 7, 8, 14, 29, 40                      |
|      |                 |   | 15.3, 15.6<br>Simple Harmonic<br>Motion<br>Pendulum      |   |
| 15   | 12/4-7          | Air Column                                  | 16.4, 16.5, 16.6, 16.13                                  | Chap. 16<br>5, 12, 16, 44, 47<br>29, 35, 49, 55, 56     |
|      |                 | Standing Waves<br>String                    | Review   |   |
| 16   | 12/11-12        | Student Survey                              | Test 4<br>Chap 12-15                                     | Chap. 17<br>29, 35, 55, 56                              |
|      | 12/13           | Review for Final Exam                       |  |   |
| 17   | 12/14-19        | Final Exam<br>Cumulative                    |  |   |

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