PHYSICS II

2014-2015

Course Description:

Physics II is a second level physics course (non-calculus based) intended for students who are considering pursuit of a science-oriented program in college.

Course Content:

- I. In Depth Review
 - Motion in one dimenstion
 - Vectors and two dimensional motion
- II. Circular Motion
 - Rotational kinematics
 - Rotational dynamics
 - Rotational equilibrium
- III. Simple Harmonic Motion
 - Wave properties
 - Springs, pendula, simple harmonic oscillators
- IV. Static Electricity
 - Electric forces
 - Electric fields
 - Potential difference (voltage)
- V. Electrical Energy
 - Capacitance
 - Electrical potential and current
- VI. Electrical Circuits (Direct Current)
 - Resistance, current, voltage
 - Series circuits
 - Parallel circuits
 - Compound circuits
- VII. Magnetism
 - Magnetic fields
 - Induced current, induced voltage
 - Inductance

VIII. Alternating Current (AC) Circuits

- Inductors
- Capacitors
 - Resistors (RLC) Circuits
 - Resonance
 - Transformers

IX. Wave Optics

- Wave properties
- Diffraction
- Single slit, double slit, diffraction gratings
- Spectroscopic analysis

X. Relativity

- Einstein's postulates and theory of relativity
- Time dilation
- Length contraction

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

College Physics by Serway and Vuille. Brooks/Cole, 2012. This textbook is used as a supplemental source for additional examples and problems.

Course Requirements:

PHYSICS I with a minimum grade of B or HONORS PHYSICS with a minimum grade of B-.

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be weighted based on a category percentage. Sapphire will automatically give a student's grade total as a weighted percentage based on the following category percentage breakdown:

Test/Quizzes: 50% Labs/Projects: 30%

Homework/Class participation: 20%

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The final is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

 Quarter 1
 20%

 Quarter 2
 20%

 Quarter 3
 20%

 Quarter 4
 20%

 Final
 20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There are no summer reading assignments.