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Baton Rouge Community College

*Academic Affairs Master Syllabus*

Date Approved: 2 February 2023

Term and Year of Implementation: Spring 2023

**Course Title:** Physical Science I

**BRCC Course Rubric:** PHSC 1023

**Previous Course Rubric**: PHSC 101

**Lecture Hours per week-Lab Hours per week-Credit Hours**: 3-0-3

**Per semester: Lecture Hours-Lab Hours-Instructional Contact Hours**: 45-0-45

**Louisiana Common Course Number:** CPHY 1023

**CIP Code:** 30.0101

**Course Description:** Surveys the wonders of the physical universe through a study of kinematics, Newton’s laws of motion, rotational motion, fluids, thermodynamics, waves, the solar system and other key topics in astronomy. Not intended for science and engineering majors.

**Prerequisites:**  None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Suggested Enrollment Cap:** 30

**Learning Outcomes.** *Upon successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:*

1. Demonstrate a fundamental knowledge of the basic laws and principles governing the nature of matter, motion, work and energy forms, fluids, waves, and special topics in astronomy.

2. Use simple mathematical skills to solve problems that pertain to the physical environment.

3. Use the scientific method in concert with the basic laws of physics to model, analyze, and interpret natural phenomena.

**General Education Learning Outcome(s):** This course supports the development of competency in the following area(s). Students will:

Apply scientific concepts to explain the natural world. (General Education Competency: Scientific Reasoning)

**Assessment Measures.** Assessment of all learning outcomes will be measured using the following methods:

1. Administration of unit exams during the semester and a comprehensive final exam at the end of the semester.

2. Instructor-designed assignments including, but not limited to, written and oral assignments, projects, homework, and quizzes. All assignments will be graded using an instructor-designed rubric.

**Information to be included on the Instructor’s Course Syllabi:**

* ***Disability Statement*:** Baton Rouge Community College seeks to meet the needs of its students in many ways. See the Office of Disability Services to receive suggestions for disability statements that should be included in each syllabus.
* ***Grading:*** The College grading policy should be included in the course syllabus. Any special practices should also go here. This should include the instructor’s and/or the department’s policy for make-up work. For example in a speech course, “Speeches not given on due date will receive no grade higher than a sixty” or “Make-up work will not be accepted after the last day of class”.
* ***Attendance Policy*:** Include the overall attendance policy of the college. Instructors may want to add additional information in individual syllabi to meet the needs of their courses.
* ***General Policies*:** Instructors’ policy on the use of things such as beepers and cell phones and/or hand held programmable calculators should be covered in this section.
* ***Cheating and Plagiarism*:** This must be included in all syllabi and should include the penalties for incidents in a given class. Students should have a clear idea of what constitutes cheating in a given course.
* ***Safety Concerns:*** In some courses, this may be a major issue. For example, “No student will be allowed in the lab without safety glasses”. General statements such as, “Items that may be harmful to one’s self or others should not be brought to class”.
* ***Library/ Learning Resources:*** Since the development of the total person is part of our mission, assignments in the library and/or the Learning Resources Center should be included to assist students in enhancing skills and in using resources. Students should be encouraged to use the library for reading enjoyment as part of lifelong learning.

**Expanded Course Outline:**

I. Scientific Method and Measurement

A. Nature of curiosity, observation and order

B. Data analysis

II. Kinematics

A. Graphical analysis of motion

B. Newton’s Laws

C. Application of Newton’s Law

D. Problems solving in force and motion

III. Conservation and Momentum

A. Momentum

B. Universal Law of Gravitation

IV. Energy Work and Power

V. States of Matter

VI. Heat and temperature

A. Thermal energy

B. Heat transfer and Thermodynamics

VII. Planetary Motion