

Institute for Science and Mathematics

Physics 2025-26

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Syllabus

Fall 2023

1. Algebra review
2. Algebra applied
 - Mechanics
 - 1-D Motion
 - Forces and Energy
 - Statics
 - Kinematics
 - 2-D Motion
 - Newton's First Law
 - Newton's Second Law
 - Newton's Third Law
 - Momentum
 - Periodic motion

Spring 2024

1. More Algebra applied!
 - Periodic Motion
 - Vibrations and Waves
 - Sound
 - Light/Optics
 - Reflection, refraction, and diffraction
 - Light Quanta
 - Light Emission
 - Electric forces and fields
 - Electrical energy and current
 - Electrical circuits
 - Magnetism
 - Fluid dynamics
 - Thermodynamics

Grading*:

Homework.....50%

- Typed lecture notes
- Worksheets, problem sets and study questions
- Lab write-ups

Participation.....10%

- Class discussions
- Lab exercises

Tests40%

High School Physics, CK-12 Foundation. Available for download at:

www.scimathinstitute.org/texts/physics.pdf

Optional: Textbook (optional) Holt Physics by Holt Rinehart & Winston, Jerry S. Fauhgn, Harcourt College Publishers

Cost \$395/semester

* Policies regarding work.

- 1) Work is to be handed in at the beginning of the class period. Work turned in after this is considered late. Late-work will be accepted up to the beginning of the next class period for half credit. After that the work is considered a zero.
- 2) Extra credit will only be considered for those who hand in their regular work.
- 3) Makeup work must be completed within one week upon return from an absence.
- 4) Keep all notes and graded homework in a file for the complete school year.