



Chesapeake Bay Governor's School  
For Marine and Environmental Science  
Warsaw Campuses

### **Physics 201/202**

PHY 201 (Fall 2015) and PHY 202 (Spring 2016)

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**Office Hours:** I am generally available weekdays from 11 am to 3:00 pm at RCC Warsaw Room 208 and by appointment.

**Course Description:** This is a 2 semester college level laboratory Physics course taken senior year covering fundamental Physics principles and their qualitative/quantitative applications. The semesters are split between Mechanics first and Electricity and Magnetism second. Topics covered include: mechanics; harmonic and wave motion; sound; optics; electromagnetism; thermodynamics; nature of matter; nuclear and quantum physics and relativity. Additional topics may be pursued depending upon time and interest.

In addition to qualitative and quantitative understanding of topics, students will be required to use them for problem solving in laboratory applications. Strong mathematical skills are essential, particularly in Algebra and Trigonometry. In addition to strong math skills, you must handle independent reading and study to be successful in the course. Pre-Calculus is a prerequisite for this course. Calculus is a core-corequisite, taken during this year and may help with quantitative conceptualization.

**Course Credit:** RCC PHYS 201/202 4 credits/semester (total 8 credits)

**Text:** *COLLEGE PHYSICS, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (Wilson and Buffa) Prentice Hall, 2003.*  
*Please cover this text and keep it covered throughout the year*

**Course Expectations:**

1. Be Prepared and On Time
2. Be Courteous and Respectful
3. Follow All School Rules (RCC, CBGS, and Base School)
4. Follow Safety Measures in the Class
5. Be in Class and Participate Every Day

**Required Materials:** 3-ring binder, pencil, notebook, and scientific calculator

**Grading:** Grades are determined using a weighted system on a 10 point scale.

**Quarter Grades:** Unit Tests 40%, Labs 30%, Weekly Quizzes 10%  
Homework 10%, Participation 10%

A = 90 -100 B = 80 - 89 C = 70 - 79 D = 60 - 69 F < 60 (with incomplete work)

**Semester Grades:** Quarter 1 40%, Quarter 2 40%, Final 20%<sup>1</sup>

**Attendance:**

Class attendance is required. Be reminded of the CBGS policy you signed at orientation! Absences and tardies will be reported daily to your home school and will result in parent notification and conferences where necessary. Check my link on the CBGS website for weekly work if you miss a day. You may also text or email me.

**Make-up/Late Work Policy**

- If you miss a class, you are responsible to get all notes and missed assignments.
- You are allotted one day per repetitive excused absence to makeup work.
- Unexcused make-up work will be completed asap to the return to class.
- A missed test/quiz will be taken at the testing center **on your own time**.
- Lab makeup will be scheduled at earliest convenience or a substitute will be given.
- A deduction of one letter grade per day (10 pts) will be assigned to all late work.

**Honor Code:** Students are expected to follow the rules and procedures as outlined in the Student Honor Code. Refer to the Student Handbook if you need guidelines. Failure to do so may result in zero credit for assignments. Extreme cases may result in a dismissal from the program. All quizzes, tests, lab write-ups and written assignments are pledged.

**Emergency Evacuation Plan:** In each classroom, laboratory or other places where students are assembled for the purpose of instruction, a fire evacuation plan is posted. This indicates the direction of travel from the room in the event it becomes necessary to evacuate the building as a result of fire or other emergency. This plan will be posted in a conspicuous place near the exit from the room.

Whenever the fire alarm sounds, the building will be evacuated. The instructor will ensure the fire door is closed upon leaving the area (doors with automatic closures on them). Instructors are also responsible for assisting disabled students.

If a classroom does not have an evacuation plan posted, the student or instructor should notify the academic dean.

**CBGS Statement on Safety**

What to know and do to be prepared for emergencies at CBGS/RCC:

Sign up to receive RCC text messaging alerts. Keep your information up-to-date  
(<https://alert.rappahannock.edu/index.php?CCheck=1>)

Know the safe evacuation route from each of your classrooms. Emergency evacuation routes are posted in campus classrooms. Listen for and follow instructions from

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<sup>1</sup> It is important to note that your semester grade may be higher or lower than your average quarter grade!

CBGS/RCC or other designated authorities. Know where to go for additional emergency information. Report suspicious activities and objects

### **Statement on Americans with Disabilities Act**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 require Schools to provide an 'academic adjustment' and/or a 'reasonable accommodation' to any qualified individual with a physical or mental disability who self-identifies as having such. Students should contact and inform CBGS faculty for appropriate academic adjustments or accommodations.

### **Final Note**

I am here to help you succeed and will work with you diligently to help! You all are seniors though, and in the effort to better prepare you for college or careers, you are expected to seek assistance on your own. I am very flexible, so always feel welcome to ask for help.

### **Course Topics / Sequence:**

#### **PHYS 201 (Mechanics)**

#### **First Quarter**

##### **Unit 1: Nature of Physics (Laboratory Skills)**

- Laboratory Skills, Safety, and Procedure
- S.I. System of Measurement and Scientific Notation
- Dimensional Analysis
- Data Analysis

##### **Unit 2: Kinematics and Dynamics**

- One-Dimensional Distance, Displacement, Speed, Velocity, and Acceleration
- Freefall and Gravitational Acceleration
- Two-dimensional Motion
- Vector Addition and Subtraction
- Projectile Motion
- Newton's Laws (inertia, force, action-reaction)
- Free-body Diagrams
- Friction

##### **Unit 3: Work, Energy, and Momentum**

- Work-Energy Theorem
- Kinetic and Potential Energy
- Conservation of Energy
- Power
- Momentum and Conservation of Momentum
- Elastic/Inelastic Collisions

## **Second Quarter**

### **Unit 4: Circular Motion**

- Angular Measurement and Polar Coordinates
- Angular Speed, Velocity, and Acceleration (with centripetal acceleration)
- Newton's Law of Gravity
- Kepler's Laws
- Torque, Equilibrium, and Stability (Center of Mass)
- Rotational Dynamics
- Angular Momentum

### **Unit 5: Solids and Fluids**

- Solids and their Moduli
- Fluid Pressure
- Buoyancy and Archimedes' Principle
- Fluid Dynamics and Bernoulli's Equation

### **Unit 6: Temperature, Heat, and Thermodynamics**

- Heat Transfer and the Difference between Temperature and Heat
- Temperature Scales (Fahrenheit, Celsius, Kelvin)
- Gas Laws and Kinetic Theory of Gases
- Units of Heat (Joule, Calorie)
- Specific Heat, Phase Changes and Latent Heat
- Thermodynamic Systems, States & Processes
- First Law of Thermodynamics (Conservation of Energy)

### **Unit 7: Vibrations and Waves<sup>2</sup>**

- Simple Harmonic Motion
- Equations of Motion
- Wave Motion and Properties
- Standing Waves and Resonance
- Sound Waves and their Speed
- Sound Intensity
- Sound Phenomena (Interference & Beats)
- Doppler Effect

## **PHYS 202 (Electricity and Magnetism)**

### **Third Quarter**

#### **Unit 8: Electricity**

- Electric Charge and Charging (Conductor, Insulator, Induced Charge)
- Electric Force (Coulomb's Law)
- Electric Field (Point Charges and Conductors)
- Electric Potential Energy and Potential Difference (Voltage)
- Capacitance (Series & Parallel, Dielectrics)
- Batteries (Series and Parallel)

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<sup>2</sup> This may get moved to unit 11 if time dictates.

**Unit 9: Circuits**

- Direct Current and Simple Circuit Diagrams
- Current and Drift Velocity
- Use of Ammeters and Voltmeters
- Ohm's Law
- Resistance (Series & Parallel & Combination, Reading Resistors)
- Superconductivity
- Multi-loop Circuits and Kirchhoff's Rules
- Electric Power
- Household Circuits and Household Electrical Safety

**Unit 10: Magnetism**

- Magnets, Magnetic Poles (Domains, Ferromagnetism)
- Magnetic Field & Earth's Magnetic Field
- Magnetic Force
- Electromagnetism
- Magnetic Force on Currents (Right Hand Rule)
- Applications of Magnetism (Motors, Generators, CRTs)

**Fourth Quarter****Unit 11: Electromagnetic Waves and Induction**

- Induced EMF, Faraday's Law, and Lenz's Law
- Power Distribution and Transformers
- Electromagnetic Waves & EM Spectrum (Line and Continuous Spectra)

**Unit 12: Geometric Optics**

- Light Rays and Wave Fronts
- Reflection (Plane and Spherical Mirrors)
- Refraction (Dispersion)
- Total Internal Refraction (Fiberoptics and Brewster's Angle)
- Lenses (Lensmaker's Equation, lens Aberrations)

**Unit 13: Relativity**

- Classical (Newtonian Relativity)
- Special Relativity (Length Contraction and Time Dilation)
- Relativistic Energy and Momentum
- Mass-Energy Equivalence (Radioactivity)
- General Theory of Relativity

**Unit 14: Modern Physics Concepts**

- Wave/Particle Duality
- Wave Properties of Matter
- Quantum Mechanics and Uncertainty
- Nuclear Physics (Solar Fusion, Fission)
- Solid State Physics