

Department of Physics and Engineering
PHY1044/1044L General Physics I and Lab
3 +1 Units

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PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Department Mission

The Physics and Engineering Department at PLNU provides strong programs of study in the fields of Physics and Engineering. Our students are well prepared for graduate studies and careers in scientific and engineering fields. We emphasize a collaborative learning environment which allows students to thrive academically, build personal confidence, and develop interpersonal skills. We provide a Christian environment for students to learn values and judgment, and pursue integration of modern scientific knowledge and Christian faith.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A general introduction to physics including mechanics, thermodynamics, waves and sound. The course is taught primarily at the algebra/trigonometry level but does require limited use of calculus. Meets the professional requirements of life and medical science majors. Lecture and laboratory. Not repeatable. Letter grading.

FOUNDATIONAL EXPLORATION

PLNU provides a foundational course of study in the liberal arts informed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Wesleyan tradition, the curriculum equips students with a broad range of knowledge and skills within and across disciplines to enrich major study, lifelong learning, and vocational service as Christ-like participants in the world's diverse societies and cultures.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. students will be able to translate the description of physics problems into the mathematical equations required to

solve them using relevant physical principles.

2. students will be able to calculate solutions to physics problems once appropriate equations or techniques are identified.
3. students will be able to predict reasonable answers in appropriate problems, and assess the reasonableness of calculated answers
4. students will be able to explain the physical meaning of the parameters in introductory physics equations
5. students will be able to create and interpret graphical representations of physical quantities (motion graphs, vectors, standing waves, etc.)
6. students will be able to gather and interpret data in a lab setting

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

1. Physics by Douglas Giancoli, 7th edition
2. Access to ExpertTA
3. a calculator

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 4 unit class delivered over sixteen weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirement can be provided upon request. (Based on 37.5 hours of student engagement per credit hour.)

Category	Time Expectation in Hours
Labs	42
Reading/Online Video Assignments	39
Homework Assignments	54
Other Assignments & Learning Activities	11
Exams	4
Total Hours	150

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Graded Components

- **Lab:** Provides hands on applications of the physics we are learning in class. There is a focus on conceptual understanding as well as data collection and analysis. Each week you will be submitting an electronic

worksheet to the canvas site. The labs this semester are designed with flexibility to collect data and explore simulations individually and then collectively compile data, discuss and fix trouble spots in small groups.

- **Homework:** Practicing working physics problems is critical to your success in the class. Each week there will be homework set due through Expert TA.
- **Notes and Videos:** Each section will have videos to watch and corresponding questions that you answer.
- **Examinations and the Final Examination.** Examinations and the final examination will include problems and questions over material assigned in the text, videos, homework, and material presented in class. No examination shall be missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control. A score of zero will be assigned for an examination that is missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control.
- **Late work will not be accepted** without prior consent or a well-documented emergency. Up to a maximum of one homework assignment will be accepted up to 3 days late provided that consent is received from the professor before it is due. Homework assignments that are submitted late without prior consent will be recorded with a score of zero. If more than half of the homework assignments are submitted on time, then the lowest homework score will be dropped from the calculations of the homework grade.
- The examination schedule is included in the schedule and will be followed.

Grading Distribution	Percent
Exams	30
Final Exam	20
Labs	25
Homework	20
Video Questions	5
Total	100

Grading Scale

.Approximate minimal percentages required to obtain a given grade are:

Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages

	A	B	C	D	F
+		87.5- 90	77.5-80	67.5-70	
	92.5 -100	82.5-87.5	72.5-77.5	62.5 -67.5	0-60
-	90-92.5	80-82.5	70-72.5	60-62.5	

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. At Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), these students are requested to register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in the Bond Academic Center. (DRC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). The DRC's policies and procedures for assisting such students in the development of an appropriate academic adjustment plan (AP) allows PLNU to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 504 (a) prohibits discrimination against students with special needs and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities. After the student files the required documentation, the DRC, in conjunction with the student, will develop an AP to meet that student's specific learning needs. The DRC will thereafter email the student's AP to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester. The AP must be implemented in all such courses.

If students do not wish to avail themselves of some or all of the elements of their AP in a particular course, it is the responsibility of those students to notify their professor in that course. PLNU highly recommends that DRC students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester about the applicability of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not desire to take advantage of some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Attendance is expected at each class session. In the event of an absence you are responsible for the material covered in class and the assignments given that day.

Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See [Academic Policies](#) for further information about class attendance.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the [Office of Spiritual Development](#)

Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Mon Aug 17, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:30am to 8:30am
Page Week 1: Course Orientation	to do: 11:59am	
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Page Syllabus	to do: 11:59pm	
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Page Meet Your Instructor	to do: 11:59pm	
Tue Aug 18, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Wed Aug 19, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Thu Aug 20, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-Thursday Lab (Lab 3 folks)	3pm to 5pm

Fri Aug 21, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	2:30pm to 3:30pm
Mon Aug 24, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
	Page Week 2: Overview	to do: 11:59pm
Tue Aug 25, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm
	Assignment VQ 1	due by 11:59pm
Wed Aug 26, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
	Assignment Week 1: Homework	due by 11:59pm
Fri Aug 28, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
	Assignment Lab 1	due by 11:59pm
Mon Aug 31, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
	Page Week 3: Overview	to do: 11:59pm
	Assignment Lab 2	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 1, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm
Wed Sep 2, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
	Assignment VQ 2	due by 11:59pm
	Assignment Week 2: Homework	due by 11:59pm
Fri Sep 4, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am

Assignment Lab 3	due by 11:59pm	
Assignment VQ 3	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Sep 7, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 4: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 3: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Sep 8, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 4	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Sep 9, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Sep 11, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 4	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Sep 14, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 5: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Exam 1	due by 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 4: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Sep 15, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 5	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Sep 16, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Sep 18, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 5	due by 11:59pm	

Mon Sep 21, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 6: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 5: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Sep 22, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 6	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Sep 23, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Sep 25, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 6	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Sep 28, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 7: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 6: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Sep 29, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 7	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Sep 30, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Oct 2, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 7	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Oct 5, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Assignment Week 7: Homework	due by 11:59pm	

Tue Oct 6, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 8	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Oct 7, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Oct 9, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 8	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Oct 12, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 9: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Exam 2	due by 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 8: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Oct 13, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 9	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Oct 14, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Oct 16, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 9	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Oct 19, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 10: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 9: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Oct 20, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am

Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 10	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Oct 21, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Oct 23, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 10	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Oct 26, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 11: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 10: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Oct 27, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 11	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Oct 28, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Oct 30, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 11	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Nov 2, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 12: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 11: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Nov 3, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 12	due by 11:59pm	

Wed Nov 4, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Nov 6, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 12	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Nov 9, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 13: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Exam 3	due by 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 12: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Nov 10, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 13	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Nov 11, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Fri Nov 13, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 13	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Nov 16, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 14: Overview	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 13: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Tue Nov 17, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 9:25am
Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	10am to 12pm	
Assignment VQ 14	due by 11:59pm	
Wed Nov 18, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am

Fri Nov 20, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I	7:25am to 8:25am
Assignment Lab 14	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Nov 23, 2020	Calendar Event PHY1044-1 FA20 - General Physics I Homework Discussion	7am to 8:30am
Page Week 15: Overview - Finals and Thanksgiving	to do: 11:59pm	
Assignment Week 14: Homework	due by 11:59pm	
Mon Nov 30, 2020	Assignment Final Exam at 7:30	due by 11:59pm
Page Week 16: Overview - Wrap Up Week	to do: 11:59pm	