

# PHYS R101L: COLLEGE PHYSICS 1 LABORATORY

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**Originator**

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**College**

Oxnard College

**Discipline (CB01A)**

PHYS - Physics

**Course Number (CB01B)**

R101L

**Course Title (CB02)**

College Physics 1 Laboratory

**Banner/Short Title**

College Physics 1 Laboratory

**Credit Type**

Credit

**Start Term**

Fall 2021

**Catalog Course Description**

This course is the laboratory that complements PHYS R101, which may be taken either previously or concurrently. It provides students with opportunities to learn and apply the scientific method through investigations of the phenomena discussed in that course. It also introduces students to methods of computer-assisted data analysis.

**Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) Code (CB03)**

1902.00 - Physics, General

**Course Credit Status (CB04)**

D (Credit - Degree Applicable)

**Course Transfer Status (CB05) (select one only)**

A (Transferable to both UC and CSU)

**Course Basic Skills Status (CB08)**

N - The Course is Not a Basic Skills Course

**SAM Priority Code (CB09)**

E - Non-Occupational

**Course Cooperative Work Experience Education Status (CB10)**

N - Is Not Part of a Cooperative Work Experience Education Program

**Course Classification Status (CB11)**

Y - Credit Course

**Educational Assistance Class Instruction (Approved Special Class) (CB13)**

N - The Course is Not an Approved Special Class

**Course Prior to Transfer Level (CB21)**

Y - Not Applicable

**Course Noncredit Category (CB22)**

Y - Credit Course

**Funding Agency Category (CB23)**

Y - Not Applicable (Funding Not Used)

**Course Program Status (CB24)**

1 - Program Applicable

**General Education Status (CB25)**

Y - Not Applicable

**Support Course Status (CB26)**

N - Course is not a support course

**Field trips**

Will not be required

**Grading method**

Letter Graded

**Does this course require an instructional materials fee?**

No

**Repeatable for Credit**

No

**Is this course part of a family?**

No

**Units and Hours**

**Carnegie Unit Override**

No

**In-Class**

Lecture

Activity

Laboratory

**Minimum Contact/In-Class Laboratory Hours**

52.5

**Maximum Contact/In-Class Laboratory Hours**

52.5

**Total in-Class**

**Total in-Class**

**Total Minimum Contact/In-Class Hours**

52.5

**Total Maximum Contact/In-Class Hours**

52.5

**Outside-of-Class**

Internship/Cooperative Work Experience

**Paid****Unpaid****Total Outside-of-Class****Total Outside-of-Class****Total Student Learning****Total Student Learning****Total Minimum Student Learning Hours**

52.5

**Total Maximum Student Learning Hours**

52.5

**Minimum Units (CB07)**

1

**Maximum Units (CB06)**

1

**Prerequisites**

PHYS R101 or concurrent enrollment

**Entrance Skills****Entrance Skills**

The students are expected to have prior knowledge of the theory regarding the material for a given laboratory experiment.

**Prerequisite Course Objectives**

PHYS R101-Draw a diagram or cartoon that clearly and usefully depicts the salient features and characteristics of a mechanical or thermodynamic system, and is labeled or annotated so that known and unknown quantities can readily be determined by examination of the diagram and other written information that accompanies it.

PHYS R101-Analyze a simple mechanical or thermodynamic system to identify applicable principles (e.g., conservation laws) that may be used to predict the future behavior or evolution of the system.

PHYS R101-Solve conceptual and numerical problems related to the behavior or evolution of a mechanical or thermodynamic system by applying those principles identified above.

PHYS R101-Employ appropriate mathematical tools to solve a variety of equations encountered in the study of physics, including geometric/graphical approaches, approximation techniques, and/or numerical methods.

PHYS R101-Argue for or against a scientific hypothesis, supporting their conclusions by describing how various physical principles might apply to a novel situation.

**Requisite Justification****Requisite Type**

Concurrent

**Requisite**

PHYS R101

**Requisite Description**

Course in a sequence

**Level of Scrutiny/Justification**

Closely related lecture/laboratory course

**Requisite Type**

Prerequisite

**Requisite**

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**Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)****Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:**

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| 1 | Determine the centripetal force exerted on a mass rotating about a fixed axis.   |
| 2 | Construct a graph of average velocities with respect to their corresponding time intervals and use the graph to determine the constant gravitational acceleration undergone by a mass in freefall. |

**Course Objectives****Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:**

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| 1 | Design, construct, execute, record, analyze, and interpret the results of a simple scientific experiment intended to measure the value of a fundamental physical quantity or to verify a basic physical principle. |
| 2 | Detect, classify, analyze, quantify, and report sources or causes of random and systematic errors.   |
| 3 | Prepare well-designed tables, charts, graphs, or other visual aids to clarify the presentation of experimental results.  |
| 4 | Record, tabulate, and graph experimental data using a computer in conjunction with special-purpose laboratory or mathematical software as well as general-purpose programs such as electronic spreadsheets.        |

**Course Content****Lecture/Course Content**

1. Experimental uncertainty (error) and data analysis, including least-squares linear regression and computation of mean and standard deviation
2. Computer analysis of data
3. Measuring the height of a flagpole
4. The scientific method: The simple pendulum
5. Uniformly accelerated motion
6. The addition and resolution of vectors
7. Newton's second law: The Atwood machine
8. Conservation of linear momentum
9. Projectile motion: The ballistic pendulum
10. Centripetal force
11. Friction
12. Simple machines: Mechanical advantage and efficiency
13. Torques, equilibrium, and center of gravity
14. Hooke's law and simple harmonic motion
15. Archimedes' principle: Buoyancy and density
16. Air column resonance: The speed of sound in air
17. The thermal coefficient of linear expansion

**Laboratory or Activity Content**

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## Methods of Evaluation

Which of these methods will students use to demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter of this course? (Check all that apply):

Problem solving exercises  
Written expression

Methods of Evaluation may include, but are not limited to, the following typical classroom assessment techniques/required assignments (check as many as are deemed appropriate):

Essays  
Group projects  
Laboratory activities  
Laboratory reports  
Problem-Solving Assignments

## Instructional Methodology

Specify the methods of instruction that may be employed in this course

Distance Education  
Laboratory activities  
Small group activities

Describe specific examples of the methods the instructor will use:

1. Distance education: Laboratory activities, as noted below, will take place in a virtual setting. The experiments will be tailored to utilize computer simulations, prerecorded data acquisition, live online meetings, and message boards where questions can be asked and answered.
2. Laboratory activities: Each week the students will perform a laboratory experiment investigating certain aspects of a system that has been discussed in lecture. These experiments will direct the students such that the intricacies of a given system are explored and compared to theoretical expectations. For instance, in the projectile motion lab students will launch a projectile and make measurements of displacements and time intervals to determine the initial velocity of the system. Results are then compared to the theory covered in class regarding projectile motion.
3. Small group activities: The students will work in small groups while performing the experiments where applicable

## Representative Course Assignments

### Writing Assignments

1. Most lab reports require students to answer short essay-style pre-lab and post-lab questions that have them anticipate or reflect on conceptual or practical issues that arise during the course of experimentation, and/or to discuss sources and likely magnitudes of experimental error.

### Critical Thinking Assignments

1. Students will compile and analyze experimental data using tabular, graphical or computational methods; the results of this process are an integral part of the lab reports that students will submit each week.

### Reading Assignments

1. Before each experiment, students will read about the investigation to be performed, including the underlying theory (principles and likely sources of error) and the experimental procedure itself.

### Skills Demonstrations

None

**Other assignments (if applicable)**

None

**Outside Assignments**

**Articulation**

**C-ID Descriptor Number**

PHYS 105

**Status**

Approved

**Additional C-ID Descriptor(s)**

<b>C-ID Descriptor(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
PHYS 100S (PHYS R101/L + PHYS R102/L)	Approved

**Comparable Courses within the VCCCD**

PHYS M10AL - General Physics I Lab

PHYS V02AL - General Physics I Laboratory: Algebra/Trigonometry-Based

**District General Education**

**A. Natural Sciences**

**B. Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**C. Humanities**

**D. Language and Rationality**

**E. Health and Physical Education/Kinesiology**

**F. Ethnic Studies/Gender Studies**

**Course is CSU transferable**

Yes

**CSU Baccalaureate List effective term:**

Fall 2006

**CSU GE-Breadth**

**Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking**

**Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning**

**B3 Laboratory Activity**

Approved

**Area C: Arts and Humanities**

**Area D: Social Sciences**

**Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development**

**Area F: Ethnic Studies**

**CSU Graduation Requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals:**

**UC TCA**

UC TCA  
Approved

**IGETC**

**Area 1: English Communication**

**Area 2A: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning**

**Area 3: Arts and Humanities**

**Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences**

Area 5C: Laboratory Science  
Approved

**Area 6: Languages Other than English (LOTE)**

**Textbooks and Lab Manuals**

**Resource Type**  
Manual

**Description**  
Miller, J.W. (2020). *Physics Lab Experiments*. Oxnard, Justin Miller.

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**Resource Type**  
Other Resource Type

**Description**  
Supplemental handouts for selected experiments prepared by the instructor..

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**Distance Education Addendum**

**Definitions**

**Distance Education Modalities**  
Hybrid (51%–99% online)  
Hybrid (1%–50% online)  
100% online

## Faculty Certifications

Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will receive training in how to satisfy the Federal and state regulations governing regular effective/substantive contact for distance education. The training will include common elements in the district-supported learning management system (LMS), online teaching methods, regular effective/substantive contact, and best practices.

Yes

Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will meet with the EAC Alternate Media Specialist to ensure that the course content meets the required Federal and state accessibility standards for access by students with disabilities. Common areas for discussion include accessibility of PDF files, images, captioning of videos, Power Point presentations, math and scientific notation, and ensuring the use of style mark-up in Word documents.

Yes

## Regular Effective/Substantive Contact

### Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality:

Method of Instruction	Document typical activities or assignments for each method of instruction
Other DE (e.g., recorded lectures)	Recordings of data acquisition and/or simulation use regarding a given lab experiment may be used.
Asynchronous Dialog (e.g., discussion board)	Discussion boards will be used to allow students to discuss and ask questions pertaining to a given experiment.
Synchronous Dialog (e.g., online chat)	Online meetings will be held to go over the experiment at hand and discuss how to proceed with the given experiment. Recordings will be made of all class meetings. Students may also be put into groups to work on a given experiment/activity.
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### 100% online Modality:

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## Examinations

### Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality

Online  
On campus



**Hybrid (51%–99% online) Modality**

Online  
On campus

**Primary Minimum Qualification**

PHYSICS/ASTRONOMY

**Review and Approval Dates**

**Department Chair**

09/02/2020

**Dean**

09/02/2020

**Technical Review**

09/23/2020

**Curriculum Committee**

09/23/2020

**DTRW-I**

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**Curriculum Committee**

11/25/2020

**Board**

MM/DD/YYYY

**CCCCO**

MM/DD/YYYY

**Control Number**

CCC000418783

**DOE/accreditation approval date**

MM/DD/YYYY