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Physics 154 (PHY 154)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	8.00
Programmes	BSc Extended programme - Biological and Agricultural Sciences
Service modules	Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	PHY 143
Contact time	4 lectures per week, Foundation Course, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Physics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The main topic in this module is Electricity, Sound, Optics, and Modern Physics.

Static Electricity: Electric charge and force, electric field, the electric energy, electric potential, conservation of electrical energy.

Flow of charge: Capacitors, application of charge flow to nerves.

Sound: Vibrations, waves in unconfined and confined media, applications to human hearing.

Optics: Reflection, refraction, applications to optometry and ophthalmology.

Atomic physics: Atomic models, x-rays.

Nuclear physics: The stable atomic nucleus, radioactivity, nuclear spin and applications to medical diagnostics.

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