

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

First course in physics 114 (PHY 114)

| Qualification | Undergraduate |
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| Faculty | Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences |
| Module credits | 16.00 |
| NQF Level | 05 |
| Programmes | BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching) |
| | BSc (Computer Science) |
| | BSc (Applied Mathematics) |
| | BSc (Chemistry) |
| | BSc (Engineering and Environmental Geology) |
| | BSc (Geography) Geography and Environmental Science |
| | BSc (Geology) |
| | BSc (Mathematics) |
| | BSc (Meteorology) |
| | BSc (Physics) |
| Service modules | Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology |
| | Faculty of Education |
| Prerequisites | A candidate must have passed Mathematics and Physical Science with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination |
| Contact time | 1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Physics |
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Module content

Period of presentation Semester 1

SI-units. Significant figures. Waves: intensity, superposition, interference, standing waves, resonance, beats, Doppler. Geometrical optics: Reflection, refraction, mirrors, thin lenses, instruments. Physical optics: Young-interference, coherence, diffraction, polarisation. Hydrostatics and dynamics: density, pressure, Archimedes' principle, continuity, Bernoulli. Heat: temperature, specific heat, expansion, heat transfer. Vectors. Kinematics of a point: Relative, projectile, and circular motion. Dynamics: Newton's laws, friction. Work: point masses, gasses (ideal gas law), gravitation, spring, power. Kinetic energy: Conservative forces, gravitation, spring. Conservation of energy. Conservation of momentum. Impulse and collisions. System of particles: Centre of mass, Newton's laws. Rotation: torque, conservation of angular momentum, equilibrium, centre of gravity.



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