



**Conceptual Physics III: Physics in the Modern**

**Course** **World**  
SCI 5333

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**Meetings** M,W 1-4 pm in FN 2.306.  
Some course work will be online.

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**Other Information**

### General Course Information

**Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions** SCI 5331 and SCI 5332 unless waived by instructor permission. Prior physics experience is not required. Course assumes students have an interest, and preferable experience, in pre-college teaching.

**Course Description** **Designed to enhance both the physics content and pedagogical content knowledge of students the topics covered in this course will parallel those of part of a first year introductory college physics course, but with several important differences. Much of the class will be done workshop style, with hands-on materials available in local districts or demonstrations and experiments that can be done with inexpensive or common materials. Students will also be expected to think critically about both the science content and how topics discussed in the course can relate to instruction in pre-college classrooms. This final course in the Conceptual Physics sequence will focus on physical science concepts involving the states of matter, the atom, physical chemistry, light, electricity and magnetism. Instruction will building upon classical mechanics concepts (motion, force, energy, and momentum) and concepts related to the behavior of systems of particle explored in the two previous semesters.**

**Learning Outcomes** At the completion of this course, the successful student will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the physical science *concepts* related to physics of the everyday world including states of matter, chemical bonding and reactions, the atom, light, and electricity and magnetism to an 80% level through written responses on quizzes and post-instructional journals.
- Show an ability to utilize and critically evaluate hands-on activities that can be used with pre-college students (some of which will use instructional equipment available in local school districts including probeware and CPO) through instructor-observed performance in small group work and

class discussions, written activity reports, and written journals to an 80% level.

- Evaluate the impact of common student misconceptions related to course topics and demonstrate teaching performances for addressing these misconceptions in an instructional context through discussions and peer teaching a lesson with no content errors and attention to common pre-existing mental models.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the application of course content to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) through matching appropriate all appropriate physical science TEKS to assignments dealing with instruction at a specific grade level and through vertical alignment exercises.
- Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of physics in the everyday world through discussions and through completion of small projects to within 80% of possible points in the rubric.
- Create a teaching tool kit from both resources used in the course and those available from other sources including the Internet as demonstrated through a course portfolio achieving at least 80% of possible points in the portfolio rubric.
- You will not be required to use a specific textbook
- A scientific calculator will be useful in most, if not all, class meetings. Please bring yours to each class session.
- Access to a computer and the Internet outside of class.

#### **Required Texts & Materials**

Two texts are recommended depending upon your own comfort level with mathematics and the subjected material. Limited copies are available for checkout from your professor.

#### **Suggested Texts, Readings, & Materials**

1. *Conceptual Physics* (Paul Hewitt) is a high school conceptually-based physics text. Several Teacher Editions are available for checkout.
2. *Physics* (James Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) is an excellent algebra-based physics text book. ISBN: 0-13-101416-1

### **Assignments & Academic Calendar**

*[Topics, Reading Assignments, Due Dates, Exam Dates]*

<b>June 9</b>	1. Introduction and Review Bonding and Physical Changes
<b>June 11</b>	2. Endothermic and Exothermic Reactions
<b>June 16</b>	3. The Atom and Period Table
<b>June 18</b>	4. More on Chemical Reactions
<b>June 23</b>	5. More on Reactions, Acids and Bases
<b>June 25</b>	6. Light and Matter
<b>June 30</b>	7. Reflection and Refraction
<b>July 2</b>	8. Light and Energy
<b>July 7</b>	9. Light and Human Perception
<b>July 9</b>	10. Light as Electromagnetic Radiation

- July 14** 11. Electrostatics  
**July 16** 12. Harnessing the Electron: Circuits  
**July 21** 13. Magnetism and Motion  
**July 23** 14. Matter, magnetism, and more.  
**July 28** 15. Bring it All Together: Final Thoughts on a Year in Physics  
 Exams: Postjournals and Quizzes will serve in place of standard exams.

### Course Policies

<p><b>Grading (credit) Criteria</b></p>	<p><b>Pre-Journals, Class Discussions, and Group Work (10%):</b> Much of the class will be done in the style of an educator workshop. You will be expected to be an active participant in all activities and in discussions and contribute to the learning environment for your classmates. The quality of your contributions and the evidence of deep thinking and development of understanding will be part of this grade.</p> <p><b>Group Activity Reports and Peer Teaching: (10 %)</b> You and your group members will evaluate the activities we use for usefulness, alignment with curricular requirements in different grade levels, and make suggestions for modifications. You will be expected to demonstrate leadership skills in your group work or through peer teaching a lesson related to course content during the semester. Please make sure you discuss with Dr. Urquhart your interest in peer teaching.</p> <p><b>Portfolio: (5%)</b> Throughout the course you will be creating a portfolio of resources that can be used in future teaching. Because this course is being offered over a short summer semester, your portfolio <b>will not</b> be required to include an original lesson plan using the 5 E model. However, you are encouraged to share lessons ideas with your classmates (see above), and to include these lessons in your portfolio.</p> <p><b>Post-Journals (30%):</b> Post-journals should be considered mini-exams and will be used to determine your understanding of content. They may be given in class or through WebCT.</p> <p><b>Small Projects (15 %):</b> A small project is generally an experiment you will conduct on your own. These projects are not meant intended to be extremely time consuming but to extend your learning beyond the classroom setting. Examples of small projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice sink or float</li> <li>• Sound investigations</li> <li>• Amusement park/playground physics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Quizzes (30%):</b> Every class meeting, one or more thought questions or simple problems will be asked of the class to probe each student's understanding of the topics discussed. Answers to the journal questions must be in your own words, and when mathematical, you must show your work. Questions may take home or given in class. All quizzes will be graded on a 10</p>
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	<p>point scale:</p> <p><i>Content:</i></p> <p><i>4 point:</i> Excellent. Complete, correct and clear. Little or no corrections are necessary.</p> <p><i>3 points:</i> Good. Minor problems with the answer in content, completeness, or clarity.</p> <p><i>2 points:</i> Fair. Requires at least one major correction or revision. Consider redoing the quiz.</p> <p><i>1 point:</i> Poor. Serious flaws in the answer. Turning in a redo of the quiz is strongly recommended.</p> <p><i>0 points:</i> Did not address the question asked. Please try again.</p> <p><i>Thoroughness (not length!):</i></p> <p><i>4 point:</i> Excellent. Answer is thorough and demonstrates the student has thought deeply about the question.</p> <p><i>3 points:</i> Good. Answer is acceptable and demonstrates a reasonable amount of thought about the question.</p> <p><i>2 points:</i> Fair Answer is not thorough.</p> <p><i>1 point:</i> Poor. Answer does not demonstrate sufficient thought or effort.</p> <p><i>0 points:</i> Did not address the question asked. Please try again.</p> <p><i>Other:</i></p> <p><i>1 point:</i> Readability: Answer is clear, legible understandable, and does not ramble.</p> <p><i>1 point:</i> References are given when necessary and are accurate.</p> <p><i>Note: these quizzes are generally given in place of exams. An initial grade of 50% or less on three or more quizzes may result in you being required to take a final exam.</i></p> <p><b>Revisions:</b> Whenever reasonable, you may redo take-home quizzes, post-journals, and small projects to <b>earn back up to half</b> of your missed points, unless otherwise stated by the professor. Such revisions must be submitted in a timely manner, and will be held to the same standards as the original assignment. We will discuss assignments, including quiz questions, in class. Revisions must demonstrate an individual understanding of the material rather than a summary of the class discussion. If a redo of your portfolio is necessary, it may result in a grade of incomplete in the course.</p>
<b>Make-up Exams</b>	<b>By arrangement with the professor</b>
<b>Extra Credit</b>	<b>NA</b>

<b>Late Work</b>	<b>Accepted only at the discretion of the professor</b>
<b>Special Assignments</b>	<b>If you need special arrangements, talk with the instructor as soon as possible.</b>
<b>Class Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance of all courses and field trips is required! You <i>must</i> get all absences excused by the professor, in advance if possible.</b>
<b>Classroom Citizenship</b>	<b>This is a graduate class and students are expected to behave accordingly. Your presence should enhance rather than detract from the learning of your classmates. Your classroom citizenship is part of your participation grade.</b>
<b>Field Trip Policies</b>	<b>Both field trips are day or evening trips, and will require you to arrange your own transportation.</b>
<b>Student Conduct and Discipline</b>	<p>The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UTD publication, <i>A to Z Guide</i>, which is provided to all registered students each academic year.</p> <p>The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the <i>Rules and Regulations, Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, Part 1, Chapter VI, Section 3</i>, and in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities of the university's <i>Handbook of Operating Procedures</i>. Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SU 1.602, 972/883-6391).</p> <p>A student at the university neither loses the rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents' Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating the standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.</p>
<b>Academic Integrity</b>	<p>The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.</p> <p>Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one's own work or material that is not one's own. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. Students suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings.</p> <p>Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university's policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details). This course will use the resources of turnitin.com, which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective.</p>
<b>Email Use</b>	The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email

	<p>correspondence be sent only to a student's U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at U.T. Dallas provides a method for students to have their U.T. Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts.</p>
<b>Withdrawal from Class</b>	<p>The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.</p>
<b>Student Grievance Procedures</b>	<p>Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university's <i>Handbook of Operating Procedures</i>.</p> <p>In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originates (hereafter called "the respondent"). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the respondent's School Dean. If the matter is not resolved by the written response provided by the respondent, the student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not resolved by the School Dean's decision, the student may make a written appeal to the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the dean will appoint and convene an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final. The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.</p> <p>Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations.</p>
<b>Incomplete Grades</b>	<p>As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of <b>F</b>.</p>
<b>Disability Services</b>	<p>The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union. Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is:  The University of Texas at Dallas, SU 22  PO Box 830688  Richardson, Texas 75083-0688  (972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)</p>

	<p>Essentially, the law requires that colleges and universities make those reasonable adjustments necessary to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. For example, it may be necessary to remove classroom prohibitions against tape recorders or animals (in the case of dog guides) for students who are blind. Occasionally an assignment requirement may be substituted (for example, a research paper versus an oral presentation for a student who is hearing impaired). Classes enrolled students with mobility impairments may have to be rescheduled in accessible facilities. The college or university may need to provide special services such as registration, note-taking, or mobility assistance.</p> <p>It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations. Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class or during office hours.</p>
<p><b>Religious Holy Days</b></p>	<p>The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required activities for the travel to and observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, Tax Code, Texas Code Annotated.</p> <p>The student is encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment. The student, so excused, will be allowed to take the exam or complete the assignment within a reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.</p> <p>If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the chief executive officer of the institution, or his or her designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of TEC 51.911(b), and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.</p>
<p><b>Off-Campus Instruction and Course Activities</b></p>	<p>Off-campus, out-of-state, and foreign instruction and activities are subject to state law and University policies and procedures regarding travel and risk-related activities. Information regarding these rules and regulations may be found at <a href="http://www.utdallas.edu/BusinessAffairs/Travel_Risk_Activities.htm">http://www.utdallas.edu/BusinessAffairs/Travel_Risk_Activities.htm</a>. Additional information is available from the office of the school dean.</p>

*These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.*