

PHYS 3006 CLASSICAL PHYSICS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 301262

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Description This subject covers the key components of classical physics to the advanced level expected of a physics major. Newtonian mechanics will focus on realistic problems, in three dimensions and in the presence of friction and drag. Electromagnetism introduces Maxwell's equations, and applies them in the presence of matter. Thermodynamics is presented rigorously, focusing on the most general forms of the first and second laws. We will also introduce the basic elements of statistical physics. Fluids and waves will introduce the basic equations of fluids, and in particular the full (PDE) wave equation and its solution.

School Science

Discipline Physics And Astronomy

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) PHYS 1006

Incompatible Subjects CHEM 2003 Classical Physics and Applied Technologies

Restrictions

Successful completion of 120 credit points

Assumed Knowledge

Introductory mechanics: Newton's laws, work, conservation of energy and momentum. Introductory Electrostatics: Electric forces and Coulomb's law. Introduction to Magnetic fields: production by magnets & currents, magnetic forces on currents & charges; Induced EMF and Faraday's law. Basic thermodynamic principles of heat, energy and temperature. Mathematics: integral and differential calculus, vectors.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	60 minutes	25	N	Individual	N
Practical	500 words each	25	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	2 hours	50	Y	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Campbelltown

On-site

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