

**Physics 1401-A4 and A9  
College Physics I  
Blinn College – Bryan Campus  
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**Course Information Sheet**

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(Other times by appointment or when my door is open)

**Course Web site:** <http://www.blinn.edu/brazos/natscience/kbyboth/>

**Classroom Locations and Meeting Times:**

Lecture	Lab
A4 Room 214 MW 2:50 pm – 4:05 pm	Room 231 MW 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
A9 Room 231 TH 10:35 am – 11:50 am	Room 231 TH 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

**Course Description:**

A course designed primarily for students preparing for careers in architecture, biology, medicine, pharmacy and other fields requiring two semesters of physics. Topics covered include fundamentals of classical mechanics, heat and sound. *Prerequisites:* Two years of high school algebra with grade of “C” or better or Math 1314. Knowledge of basic trigonometry is also useful.

**Core Curriculum Course:**

This is a course in the 42-hour Core Curriculum of Blinn College. Students will develop proficiency in appropriate intellectual competencies, exemplary educational objectives and general perspectives. The URL of the Blinn College core curriculum web site is [www.blinn.edu/corecurriculum.htm](http://www.blinn.edu/corecurriculum.htm).

**Course Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing this course, students should be able to accomplish the following goals using algebra and basic trigonometry. Lecture and laboratory work will focus on these learning outcomes.

- Apply the equations of kinematics for objects moving with constant acceleration in one and two dimensions.
- Use vectors in solving physics problems.
- Apply Newton's laws of motion to one- and two-dimensional linear dynamics problems.
- Utilize the definition of work, the work-energy theorem and the principle of conservation of energy in solving physics problems.
- Apply the principle of conservation of linear momentum.
- Apply the equations of rotational kinematics for objects rotating with constant angular acceleration.
- Apply the equations of rotational dynamics, including the principle of conservation of angular momentum.
- Utilize principles such as Newton's law of universal gravitation, conservation of energy or Kepler's laws to solve problems in gravitation.
- Describe selected properties of oscillations and waves.
- Distinguish between the concepts of heat and temperature. Use the concept of specific heat in solving problems in calorimetry.
- Apply the concept of latent heat to problems involving phase changes. Describe various properties of ideal gases.
- Recognize, explain and apply the laws of thermodynamics.

Overall objectives for the course include the following:

- The student will maintain grade of **D** (60%) for completion of the course. This grade will include both lecture and laboratory components.
- The student will develop improved problem-solving skills.
- The student will develop an enhanced appreciation for the integration of physics and math and improved skill in interpreting the physical meaning of mathematical equations which occur naturally in the course.

Laboratory work will be chosen to reinforce the above lecture topics. The student will demonstrate in the laboratory an understanding of the experiment through writing a report that analyzes the data and interprets the results.

**Textbooks and other materials:**

- Required Textbook: James S. Walker, *Physics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Vol. I)
- Required Homework System: Students *must* purchase an access key to [MasteringPhysics](#), the textbook publisher's online homework system. This is bundled with the textbook at the Blinn bookstore. Alternatively, the access key can be purchased online at [www.masteringphysics.com](http://www.masteringphysics.com); be sure to select the Walker text above to pair with *MasteringPhysics*. The *MasteringPhysics* Course ID for section A4 is **BLINN1401A4FA09**. The *MasteringPhysics* Course ID for section A9 is **BLINN1401A9FA09** \*\*\***Make sure to enter it exactly as is given here or I will not be able to retrieve your grades.**\*\*\*
- Required Laboratory Manual: *Physics 1401 Laboratory Manual*. Available for a nominal fee at the copy center on the first floor of the Bookstore Building on the Blinn campus.

A scientific calculator

- Calculator memories **must** be cleared before entering the room before every exam. Violations will be considered as academic dishonesty.

**ADA Statement:**

Students with physical or learning disabilities must contact the [Office of Disability Services](#) (Room 165, Science Bldg.) to receive accommodation on exams and assignments. The Office of Disability Services will provide the student with an accommodation letter specifying the accommodations that are to be provided to the student. The student must present this letter to the instructor in order to receive accommodation. Accommodation is not retroactive.

**Class Policies**

**Attendance**

The College District believes that class attendance is essential for student success; therefore, students are required to promptly and regularly attend all their classes. Each class meeting builds the foundation for subsequent class meetings. Without full participation and regular class attendance, students shall find themselves at a severe disadvantage for achieving success in college. Class participation shall constitute at least ten percent of the final course grade. It is the responsibility of each faculty member, in consultation with the division chair, to determine how participation is achieved in his or her class. Faculty will require students to attend class regularly and will keep a record of attendance from the first day of class or the first day the student's name appears on the roster through final examinations. If a student accumulates one week's worth of unexcused absences during the semester, he or she will be sent an e-mail by the College requiring the student to contact his or her instructor and schedule a conference immediately to discuss his or her attendance issues. Should the student accumulate two weeks' worth of unexcused absences he or she will be administratively withdrawn from class.

There are three forms of excused absence officially designated by Blinn College: (1) observance of religious holy days: The student should notify his or her instructor not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the semester concerning the specific date(s) that the student will be absent for any religious holy day(s); (2) representing Blinn College at an official institutional function and (3) official involvement in a high school activity for "dual credit" students. Other excuses will be considered and may be considered excused at the instructor's discretion, with documentation.

**\*\* Any student wishing for an absence to be excused must email me before noon on the day following the absences explaining why the absence should be excused. In cases where it is not possible to email a phone call before noon is required.**

**\*\* Missing any part of lecture or lab counts as one absence. If a student misses both the lecture and lab periods for a given day, this counts as only one absence.**

### ***Dropping***

If a student chooses to drop the course, it is that student's responsibility to complete a drop order at the Office of Enrollment Services. Failure to do so could result in a grade of F in the course.

### ***Make-up work***

Students will not be permitted to make up any work including tests except in extremely rare circumstances. Before any make-ups are permitted, students must provide the instructor with appropriate documentation for an excused absence. Permission to make up work will be granted solely at the discretion of the instructor.

### ***Laboratory Work***

When you are working through the experiments, you should focus on making sure you have made all the required measurements and have recorded all the required data. Only after this is completed should you spend class time working through calculations called for in the experiment. If you do not complete the calculations in class, I expect you complete them outside of class. Most of the calculations and questions will be completed outside of class.

### ***Eating and Drinking***

Eating and drinking are not allowed in classrooms or laboratories.

### ***Classroom Civility***

Members of the Blinn College community, which includes faculty, staff and students, are expected to act honestly and responsibly in all aspects of campus life. Blinn College holds all members accountable for their actions and words. Therefore, all members should commit themselves to behave in a manner that recognizes personal respect and demonstrates concern for the personal dignity, rights, and freedoms of every member of the College community, including respect for College property and physical and intellectual property of others.

If a student is asked to leave the classroom because of uncivil behavior, the student may not return to that class until the issue is resolved. A written resolution report is sent to the Dean for Academic Affairs.

### ***Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices***

*All the functions of all personal electronic devices designed for communication and/or entertainment (cell phones, pagers, beepers, iPods and similar devices) must be turned off and kept out of sight in all Blinn College classrooms and associated laboratories. Any non-compliance with this policy will be addressed in accordance with the Blinn College civility policy (Administrative Policy). Additionally, any communication understood by the instructor to be in the nature of cheating will have consequences in accordance with this Blinn college policy section regarding academic dishonesty [FLB (Local)]. Students exempted from this policy section include, active members of firefighting organizations, emergency medical services organizations, commissioned police officers, on-call employees of any political subdivision of the state of Texas, or agencies of the federal government. Exempted students are expected to set the emergency-use devices on silent or vibrate mode only.*

**The civility policy calls for the student to be asked to leave the classroom. The student then must schedule a meeting and meet with the instructor before her or she will be allowed to return to class. Note that since the student would then have missed part of the class they would be counted absent for that day.**

**\*\*\*\*E-mail Communication**

All Blinn students have been assigned a Blinn email address in the form

[Fristname.LastnameLast2digitsBlinnID@buc.blinn.edu](mailto:Fristname.LastnameLast2digitsBlinnID@buc.blinn.edu)

Your initial password is your student id number.

This e-mail account is accessed at <http://mail.live.com>

It is the student's responsibility to regularly check this e-mail account. Any e-mail communication sent by the instructor or the college to this account is assumed to be received and is an official method of communication.

**Scholastic Dishonesty**

Blinn College does not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or other acts of dishonesty. Definitions of these acts and procedures for dealing with them are described in "Scholastic Dishonesty" in the [Blinn College Student Handbook](#), copies of which are available at the information desk in the Administration Building. On group quizzes, consultation with the members of your lab group is expected and, in fact, encouraged. You may also wish to consult with your lab partners in preparing your laboratory report. However, **each student is expected to hand in his or her own lab report**. Also, in your lab reports, you are expected to be **absolutely honest** when presenting your data and answering questions about your results. This means that you **do not ever falsify, erase, white out, or otherwise alter** your experimental results, nor do you ignore or exclude some data points when drawing conclusions about your experimental results without presenting a convincing argument stating *why* those data points should be ignored or excluded. Furthermore, cheating on exams will not be tolerated. Any violation of these rules may result, at the very least, in your receiving a zero for any work affected by the violation.

**Calculators**

Calculator memories **must** be cleared before every exam. Violations will be considered to be academic dishonesty.

**Description of Course Content and Tentative Class Schedule:**

The course will cover Chapters 1-18 in the text. A tentative schedule for lectures and labs is available below. The material covered on the exams and tentative dates for the exams are as follows:

Exam	Material Covered	Date (tentative)
1	Chapters 1-4	Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup>
2	Chapters 5-8	Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup>
3	Chapters 9-12	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup>
4	Chapters 13-15	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup>
Final Exam and Post-test	Chapters 1-18 emphasis on 16-18	Sect. A4 Mon. Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> 3:15- 5:15 in lab room Sect. A9 Tues. Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> 10:15-12:15 in lecture room

**Criteria for Grading:** Grades will be based on labs, quizzes and exams.

- **Exams:** All exams will be closed-book and closed-note work out exams with some multiple choice possible. All work must be presented in clear logical order to receive partial or full credit. Correct answers with little, no, or incorrect justification will be given no credit. There will be four exams and a comprehensive final. The lowest of the semester exams (not including the final) will be dropped.
- **Labs:** There will be eight lab exercises. Students' lowest lab grade will be dropped.
- **Recitation Exercises** In addition to labs much of the lab time will be dedicated to problem solving practice.

- **Online Homework:** We will use the textbook publisher's online homework system, [MasteringPhysics](#). Each assignment will have a due date.
- **Grading summary:** Exams 1-4 (45% from the best 3 of 4), Final (20%), Labs (10%), Online homework (15%), Recitation exercises (10%)

The grading system of Blinn College is as follows\*:

A = 90 – 100 Superior  
 B = 80 – 89 Above Average  
 C = 70 – 79 Average  
 D = 60 – 69 Passing  
 F = < 60 Failing

\*from Board Policy Manual EGA(LOCAL), issued 05/24/2004

**Other Important dates to remember:**

Last day to register or add classes	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Last day to drop course with a grade of "W"	Friday November 20 <sup>th</sup>
Holidays	Nov. 25 – 27

**Idealistic schedule**

MONTH	DATE	LESSON
August / September	M 31 <sup>st</sup> / T 1 <sup>st</sup>	Intro & Chapter 1
	W 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Th 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter 2
	M 7 <sup>th</sup> / T 8 <sup>th</sup>	More Chapter 2 & Chapter 3
	W 9 <sup>th</sup> / Th 10 <sup>th</sup>	More Chapter 3 & Chapter 4
	M 14 <sup>th</sup> / T 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 4
	W 16 <sup>th</sup> / Th 17 <sup>th</sup>	Exam 1
	M 21 <sup>st</sup> / T 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chapter 5 part 1
	W 23 <sup>rd</sup> / Th 24 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 5 part 2
September / October	M 28 <sup>th</sup> / T 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 6
	W 30 <sup>th</sup> / Th 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter 7
	M 5 <sup>th</sup> / T 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 8
	W 7 <sup>th</sup> / Th 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 8 cont
	M 12 <sup>th</sup> / T 13 <sup>th</sup>	Exam 2
	W 14 <sup>th</sup> / Th 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 9
	M 19 <sup>th</sup> / T 20 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 9 cont
	W 21 <sup>st</sup> / Th 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chapter 10
November	M 26 <sup>th</sup> / T 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 11
	W 28 <sup>th</sup> / Th 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 11 cont
	M 2 <sup>nd</sup> / T 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter 12
	W 4 <sup>th</sup> / Th 5 <sup>th</sup>	Exam 3
	M 9 <sup>th</sup> / T 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 13
	W 11 <sup>th</sup> / Th 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 14
	M 16 <sup>th</sup> / T 17 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 14

	W 18 <sup>th</sup> / Th 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 15
	M 23 <sup>rd</sup> / T 24 <sup>th</sup>	Exam 4
November / December	M 30 <sup>th</sup> / T 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter 16
	W 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Th 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter 17
	M 7 <sup>th</sup> / T 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 18
	W 9 <sup>th</sup> / Th 10 <sup>th</sup>	Closure (i.e. finishing chapter 18)
	Section A4: M 14 <sup>th</sup> (during final for lab time 3:15-5:15) Section A9: T 15 <sup>th</sup> (10:15-12:15)	COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM

\*\* This is a tentative outline of the class. Dates may change. \*\*

The following are suggested supplemental problems from each chapter. They will not be graded but working through these in detail is highly suggested.

Chapter	Problems
1	13,15,16,17
2	3,15,17,21,29,31,49,51,55,77,99
3	1,15,21,33,60
4	9,13,27,33,37,55b,59a
5	7,22,25,41,49, 63
6	7,9,23,37,40,47,51,55,61,67,73,90
7	3,15,17,31
8	21,26,31,40,61,65,69,81, 85
9	3,5,13,17,25,28,31,33,41,43,57
10	1,17,23,27,33,51,58,81,85
11	5,9,17,23,27,43,47,51,63,85,95
12	5,7,8,17,25,39,41,51
13	3,9,25,35,49,51,53
14	3,11,23,27,35,41,45,51,53,63,67
15	9,15,27,29,39
16	3,13,17,31,41,45
17	1,9,27,49,59
18	1-94 ☺