

# PHYS 0001 FOUNDATION PHYSICS 1 (WSTC PREP)

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 700144

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**Description** This unit replaces 700026 - Physics (UWSCFS) from Term 1 2014. This unit provides a brief introduction to the essentials of Physics. This unit is focused on skills and knowledge that students from a variety of science, construction and engineering courses need in their first year of study. Students cover introductory topics in Mechanics, Energy and Power, Electricity and waves.

**School** Western Sydney The College

**Discipline** Physics

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

**Equivalent Subjects** PHYS 0002 - Foundation Physics 1 (UWSC)

**Incompatible Subjects** PHYS 0006 - Physics (UWSCFS) PHYS 0005 - Physics (UWSC)

**Restrictions** Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College.

**Assumed Knowledge**

Year 10 Mathematics and Science or equivalent.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Use graphical and computer methods to analyse data
2. Identify the characteristics of uniform motion and calculate variables of motion in one dimension
3. Identify the characteristics of uniformly accelerated motion and predict variables of motion based on past or current conditions in one dimension
4. Use Newtonian dynamics to quantitatively analyse objects in equilibrium and acceleration
5. Use the concepts of work and conservation of energy to explain the behaviour of different systems
6. Demonstrate an ability to describe and apply quantitative relationship between charge, current, resistance and electrical power in the combined circuits
7. Quantitatively analyse reflection and refraction of waves
8. Perform experiments to demonstrate and measure physics principles and concepts

## Subject Content

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## 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.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Numerical Problem Solving	2 x 1 hr	30	N	Individual
Log/Workbook	5 x 2 hr/~100 words	30	N	Individual
Report	<1000 words	30	N	Individual
Quiz	6 x 15 min	10	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

## Term 1

### Penrith (Kingswood)

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## Term 2

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## Term 3

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