



**ATILIM UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
PHYSICS GROUP**

PHYS 101 - General Physics I (Mechanics)

COURSE DESCRIPTION & SYLLABUS

2025-2026 Fall Semester

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Laboratory Assistants: Cansu Emir, Onur Durhan

Course Language: English

Course hours: 3-hours lecture + 2-hours laboratory practice

Course ECTS: 6 (3,2,0)

Course objective: The goal of this course is to establish the first bridge between physics and engineering and to apply physics in defining, modelling, and solving engineering problems for the first time in the engineering student's career. To this end, the student is provided with the calculus-based concepts of mechanics.

General learning outcomes of the course:

1. Understand and apply the methods of solving elementary mechanics problems that lead to the first insights into the fundamentals of related fields in engineering sciences.
2. Understand conceptually the topics of mechanics and apply them to basic engineering problems.
3. Apply and integrate the concepts of physics and the principles of engineering sciences into a working practical knowledge.
4. Enhance the student's ability and motivation to solve seemingly difficult problems in various fields.
5. Provide the student with a fruitful and friendly introduction to the subject by giving them the opportunity to establish conceptual relations between mechanics and a wide range of topics in engineering disciplines.

A student must attend at least 70% of the lectures according to the university regulations*. Those who fail to comply will be graded NA.

*Üniversitemiz mevzuatı kapsamında yer alan:

“MADDE 18 – (1) (Değişik: RG-27/10/2024-32705) Öğrenciler derslere, uygulamalara, sınavlara ve öğretim elemanının gerekli gördüğü diğer akademik çalışmalara katılmak zorundadır. Öğrencilerin derslere en az %70, uygulamalara ise en az %80 oranında devamı zorunludur” ifadesi

Unofficial translation: Statement within the scope of our university legislation: Students must attend classes, practices, exams and other academic studies deemed necessary by the instructor. Students are required to attend classes at least 70% of the time and at least 80% of the practices.

Sources:

1. Course Book:

Physics for Scientists & Engineers with Modern Physics by Giancoli (5th Edition), Pearson – (2024)

2. Supplementary Books:

- *Principles of Physics* by Halliday, Resnick, and Walker (10th Edition), John Wiley (2014)
- *Physics for Scientists and Engineers* by Jewett and Serway (8th Edition), Brooks / Cole Cengage Learning (2010)
- *University Physics* by Bauer and Westfall, McGraw – Hill (2011)
- *Sears and Zemansky's University Physics* by Young and Freedman (12th Edition), Pearson – Addison Wesley (2008)

Contents of the course:

Chapter 1. Introduction, Measurement, Estimating

Chapter 2. Kinematics in One Dimension

Chapter 3. Kinematics in Two or Three Dimensions; Vectors

Chapter 4. Newton's Laws of Motion

Chapter 5. Using Newton's Laws: Friction, Circular Motion

Chapter 7. Work and Energy

Chapter 8. Conservation of Energy

Chapter 9. Linear Momentum

Chapter 10. Rotational Motion

Chapter 11. Angular Momentum; General Rotation

Evaluation:

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| • First Midterm: 20% | • Laboratory work: 20% |
| • Second Midterm: 20% | • Homework*: 15 % |
| • Final Exam: 25% | |

*Students presenting an official medical report for a given period will be excused from assignments scheduled on the dates specified in the report.

Laboratory regulations:

- A student must attend **ALL** the laboratory sessions.
- A student who does not attend the laboratory is graded zero.
- A medical report (approved by the head of the department) is mandatory in order to have a make-up laboratory session.
- You are not allowed to attend a laboratory session if you happen to be late more than 15 minutes.
- **Only those who obtain at least 12 points, out of 20, are considered successful. The others will fail in both the laboratory work and the course.**
- You cannot eat, drink, or smoke during any laboratory session.
- **You must bring your own laboratory manual and a scientific calculator. You cannot use your mobile phone as a calculator.**
- Try not to use your mobile phone in any laboratory session. It is best to close it, except an emergency happens to befall you.
- All grades are periodically announced. Keep on checking regularly all your grades from Moodle page. Objections are to be considered only at office hours.
- If you have any questions about the laboratory, you can send e-mails to the following addresses:
 - cansu.emir@atilim.edu.tr
 - onur.durhan@atilim.edu.tr

Laboratory evaluation:

- 15 points for reports
- 5 points Quizzes