Syllabus

Course Title: PHSC 102 A  
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Exams and Grading:

Exam I ________ 25 %  
Exam II ________ 25 %  
Exam III ________ 25 %  
Final Exam ________ 25 %  
Total ________ 100 %

Tentative Exam Schedule:

Exam I  Friday  September 29, 2006  
Exam II  Friday  October 27, 2006  
Exam III  Friday  December 1, 2006  
Final Exam  Monday  December 11, 2006  10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

The final exam is comprehensive and mandatory for all students. Exams will be multiple choice. Students should purchase scantron forms for use on exams.

Grading Scale:

A  \geq 90.00  
B  75.00 – 90.00  
C  65.00 – 74.99  
D  55.00 – 64.99  
F  < 55.00

Make-Up Policy: If a student misses an examination, it is his/her responsibility to present an excuse to the course instructor within three days of his/her return to class and to arrange a date and place for the examination.

Academic Integrity: It is expected that all students will uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Plagiarism, cheating, and academic fraud will be dealt with according to MSU policies and may result in failure of the either the assignment or the course. More information on McNeese State University’s academic integrity policy can be found at www.mcneese.edu/integrity.

Attendance Policy: Regular class attendance is essential to success in this course. It is expected that you have made a commitment to attend a one hour lecture three times a week in addition to the lab. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. If tardiness becomes a problem, the door to the classroom will be locked at the beginning of class and no one will be admitted after the start of the lecture. You will receive no further warning on this subject. For students missing more than 25 % of the class meetings, the instructor reserves the right to drop a student for non-attendance or assign a grade of F, at his discretion. Students should not assume they will receive a drop for non-attendance.

Classroom Behavior: It is expected that all students will act in a manner to promote the best learning environment for all students. As such, offensive or demeaning comments (including racial, religious, ethnic, or sexist slurs) and disruptive behavior will not be permitted. Offending students will be asked to leave the class until such time as they can conform to this behavior policy.
Cell phones and beepers should be turned off before the beginning of class. Exceptions may be made by request to the instructor for special circumstances. In these special cases, these devices should be set into vibrate mode and any conversations should be taken outside the classroom discretely so as to avoid unnecessary disruption to the class.

**Office Hours:** (subject to change) MWF 9 – 10 AM, MF 11 AM – 12 PM, T-Th 9:25 – 10:40 AM and 12:15 – 1:30 PM; and by appointment.

**TEXTBOOK:** Astronomy Today, 5th Edition

**STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**
1. To develop the student's conceptual understanding of topics in conceptual physical science including forces, motion, energy, thermodynamics and electrodynamics.

**Diversity and Sexual Harassment Policy:** Students should visit the MSU webpage at [www.mcneese.edu/policy/diversity/htm](http://www.mcneese.edu/policy/diversity/htm) for information about diversity and sexual harassment policies and procedures.

**Students with Disabilities:**
“Any student with a disability is encouraged to contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities in Kaufman Hall, Room 119, (337) 475-5916. It is each student’s responsibility to register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities when requesting a reasonable accommodation.”