

Syllabus

Course : Physical Science 1422 Science Building Room 3.138
Instructor :
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Office Hours :
Text : Hand outs (<http://www.utpa.edu/dept/phyci>)

Course Description and Objectives

PSCI 1422 is the second course in a two-course sequence, PSCI 1421 and PSCI 1422, designed to introduce non-science and elementary school pre-service teacher majors to the concepts and principles of physical science by surveying topics from physics, chemistry and geology. The PSCI 1422 laboratory class, is designed with hands-on experiments to reinforce many of the concepts presented in the PSCI 1422 lectures. Through this PSCI 1422 laboratory class, the student is expected to:

1. become familiar with standard science laboratory procedures such as metric measurements, graph plotting, data acquisition, and data analysis;
2. gain knowledge and understanding of the introductory level science concepts of Electromagnetic waves, electricity, magnetism, chemistry and geology through hands-on activities and improve cooperation and teaming skills through designed group laboratory and discussion activities.

Student Learning Outcomes for Natural Science Core Curriculum Courses

By the end of this course, the student will:

1. demonstrate understanding of concepts, principles, and interrelationships of electricity and magnetism, waves, optics, atomic and nuclear physics, chemistry, and geology.
2. develop logical thinking in problem solving that is essential in science.
3. identify and recognize the differences among competing scientific theories.
4. demonstrate knowledge of the major issues and problems facing modern science, including ethics, values, and public policies.
5. develop a capacity to use knowledge of how technology and science affect their lives.

Students With Disabilities

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Disability Services office for a confidential discussion of their individual needs for academic accommodation. It is the policy of The University of Texas-Pan American to provide flexible and individualized accommodation to students with documented disabilities that may affect their ability to fully participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. To receive accommodation services, students must be registered with the Disability Services office (DS), University Center #322, 665-7005 or disabilityservices@utpa.edu.

Out Line

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. Unless otherwise approved by the laboratory instructor and Laboratory Supervisor/Coordinator, upon a 3rd absence (whether excused or unexcused), the student will receive an "F" for the entire course not just the laboratory portion. You may not receive laboratory credit by attending or transferring to another laboratory section without the approval of both the laboratory instructor and the Laboratory Supervisor/Coordinator which are handled only on a case by case basis. A student who knows that they will miss a laboratory should make arrangements with the laboratory instructor prior to missing the laboratory; otherwise, a student who has missed a laboratory should contact their laboratory instructor immediately. There are no make-up quizzes. A student, by making appropriate arrangement through the laboratory instructor and Laboratory Supervisor/Coordinator, may make-up a laboratory but only by

attending one of the other lab sections during the same week in which the laboratory was missed. The student must have the make-up laboratory work assignment signed by the laboratory instructor of the make-up laboratory and the student must turn-in that assignment to their original laboratory instructor by the beginning of their following (next) regularly scheduled laboratory period.

Drop: Dropping this course is discouraged. Do not drop the course unless you have talked to a Counselor first. To drop this course the student may make the request **in person** to the lecture instructor before the drop deadline.

Materials to bring: Laboratory handouts from website, Pre-lab report (on due dates), Calculator, Scantron form # 30423 for quizzes

Grade:	Lab-Report (11)	40%
	Weekly Quizzes (9)	35%
	Final Exam	25%
	Core Course Assessment Pretest	5%
	Core Course Assessment Post-test	1.25%

The Laboratory Report is the last section of the laboratory handout where observations are to be recorded and the given questions are to be answered in writing. At the end of the semester only one laboratory report grade may be dropped. Quizzes will usually consist of 10 multiple choice or true/false questions and will cover materials from the previous laboratory. At the end of the semester only one quiz grade may be dropped. The departmental final exam will contain both questions on theory and a practical laboratory in which the individual student will utilize a piece of laboratory equipment or items supplied from a laboratory experiment to answer questions.

Completion of the laboratory class is required to pass the PSCI1422 course. If you fail the laboratory (grade of less than 65 of 100), you will receive a failing grade for the entire course regardless of your lecture grade.

Student Questions/Concerns: May be directed to the Laboratory Coordinator: Hector Leal, Office: SCIE 3.140, Office Tel.: (956) 665-2185; Email address: lealh@utpa.edu

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Tentative LAB – Experiment Schedule

Date	Physical Science 1422
Jan 17 to Jan 23	Syllabus & Pretest
Jan 24 to Jan 30	Static & Current Electricity
Jan 31 to Feb 6	Magnetism
Feb 7 to Feb 13	Standing Waves & Velocity of Sound
Feb 14 to Feb 20	Ray Tracing
Feb 21 to Feb 27	Half-Life
Feb 28 to March 5	The Elements and The Periodic Table
March 6 to March 19	Percent of Composition
March 12 to March 18	No Labs (Spring Break)
March 20 to March 26	Types of Chem. Reactions
March 27 to Apr 2	Minerals & Rocks
Apr 3 to Apr 8	No Labs (Easter)
Apr 9 to Apr 15	Contour Lines & Profiles

Apr 16 to Apr 22	Locating an Earthquake
Apr 23 to April 29	Lab Finals

Note: Lab Final Exam will be on week of April 23 to April 29 during lab time in lab room.