

Vidyasagar University

Curriculum for B.Sc (General) in Physics [Choice Based Credit System]

Semester-I

Course	Course Code	Name of the Subjects	Course Type/ Nature	Teaching Scheme in hour per week			Credit	Marks
				L	T	P		
CC1 [DSC-1A]		C1T: Mechanics	Core Course-1	4	0	0	6	75
		C1P: Mechanics		0	0	4		
CC2 [DSC-2A]	TBD	DSC-2A (other Discipline)	Core Course-2				6	75
CC3 [DSC-3A]	TBD	DSC-3A (other Discipline)	Core Course-3				6	75
AECC		English	AECC (Elective)	1	1	0	2	50
Semester Total							20	275

L=Lecture, **T**=Tutorial, **P**=Practical, **CC** = Core Course, **TBD** = To be decided, **AECC**= Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

DSC-1 = Discipline Specific Core of Subject-1, **DSC-2** = Discipline Specific Core of Subject-2, **DSC-3** = Discipline Specific Core of Subject-3.

Semester-I Core Course (CC)

CC-1: Mechanics

Credits 06

C1T: Mechanics

Credits 04

Vectors: Vector algebra. Scalar and vector products. Derivatives of a vector with respect to a parameter.

Ordinary Differential Equations: 1st order homogeneous differential equations. 2nd order homogeneous differential equations with constant coefficients.

Laws of Motion: Frames of reference. Newton's Laws of motion. Dynamics of a system of particles. Centre of Mass.

Momentum and Energy: Conservation of momentum. Work and energy. Conservation of energy. Motion of rockets.

Rotational Motion: Angular velocity and angular momentum. Torque. Conservation of angular momentum.

Gravitation: Newton's Law of Gravitation. Motion of a particle in a central force field (motion is in a plane, angular momentum is conserved, areal velocity is constant). Kepler's Laws (statement only). Satellite in circular orbit and applications. Geosynchronous orbits. Weightlessness. Basic idea of global positioning system (GPS).

Oscillations: Simple harmonic motion. Differential equation of SHM and its solutions. Kinetic and Potential Energy, Total Energy and their time averages. Damped oscillations.

Elasticity: Hooke's law - Stress-strain diagram - Elastic moduli-Relation between elastic constants - Poisson's Ratio-Expression for Poisson's ratio in terms of elastic constants - Work done in stretching and work done in twisting a wire - Twisting couple on a cylinder - Determination of Rigidity modulus by static torsion – Torsional pendulum-Determination of Rigidity modulus and moment of inertia - q , η and σ by Searles method

Special Theory of Relativity: Constancy of speed of light. Postulates of Special Theory of Relativity. Length contraction. Time dilation. Relativistic addition of velocities.

C1P: Mechanics (Practical)

Credits 02

1. Measurements of length (or diameter) using vernier caliper, screw gauge and travelling microscope.
2. To determine the Height of a Building using a Sextant.
3. To determine the Moment of Inertia of a Flywheel.
4. To determine the Young's Modulus of a Wire by Optical Lever Method.
5. To determine the Modulus of Rigidity of a Wire by Maxwell's needle.
6. To determine the Elastic Constants of a Wire by Searle's method.
7. To determine g by Bar Pendulum.

8. To determine g by Kater's Pendulum.
9. To determine g and velocity for a freely falling body using Digital Timing Technique
10. To study the Motion of a Spring and calculate (a) Spring Constant (b) Value of g

Suggested Readings:

1. University Physics. FW Sears, MW Zemansky and HD Young 13/e., Addison- Wesley
2. Mechanics Berkeley Physics course, v.1: Charles Kittel, et. Al., Tata McGraw- Hill.
3. Physics – Resnick, Halliday & Walker 9/e, , Wiley
4. Engineering Mechanics, Basudeb Bhattacharya, 2nd edn., , Oxford University Press
5. University Physics, Ronald Lane Reese, , Thomson Brooks/Cole.
6. Advanced Practical Physics for students, B.L.Flint and H.T.Worsnop, Asia Publishing House.
7. Advanced level Physics Practicals, Michael Nelson and Jon M. Ogborn, 4th Edition, reprinted , Heinemann Educational Publishers.
8. Engineering Practical Physics, S.Panigrahi & B.Mallick, Cengage Learning India Pvt. Ltd.
9. A Text Book of Practical Physics, Indu Prakash and Ramakrishna, 11th Edition, Kitab Mahal, New Delhi.