

LFSAB1201

Physics 1

2015-2016

6.0 credits 30.0 h + 30.0 h 1q

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Language :	Français				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Inline resources:	> http://moodleucl.uclouvain.be/course/view.php?id=7				
Main themes :	The course is structured in two parts. The first (3 ECTS) addresses point mass mechanics, and the second (3 ECTS) electrostatic. The second part concludes with some elements introductory to the theory of electrical circuits. Both components of the cours share a common conceptual framework, in which basic physics concepts are introduced in a unified approach (forces, potential an mechanical energies, conservation equations). The first part introduces the concepts of geometry and vector spaces necessar to express the notions of forces and torques, and in particular the conditions of static equilibrium. Next, the concepts and too of kinematics are developed, leading to Newton's principles, their physical meaning and consequences. Finally, based on these principles, the conservation laws of linear momentum and energy are established, by also discussing their physical significance. The second part introduces the main quantities and laws relevant to electrostatics in vacuum, exploiting the physics concepts the first part of the course. The generalisation of these laws to dielectric media is developed. Conducting materials are considered leading to the concept of electrical resistance. Then follows an introduction to the basics of the theory of electrical circuits (Ohm and Kirchhoff's laws, electrical capacitance and inductance).				
Aims:	Contribution of the course to the program objectives: Regarding the learning outcomes of the program of Bachelor in Engineering, this course contributes to the development and the acquisition of the following learning outcomes: LO 1.1 LO 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7 LO 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 LO 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 Specific learning outcomes of the course: More precisely, at the end of the course the students will be able to				
	Apply Newton's principles in order to either express the differential equations of a system dynamics, or determine unknown forces acting on it; implement the time evolution equations of global quantities relevant to a system of point masses subjected to an ensemble of external and internal forces (kinetic, potential and mechanical energy, momentum); - Evaluate the electric field associated to an electric charge distribution, and use Gauss' law to determine electric field distributions within simple devices in vacuum and materials; - By relying on Ohm's and Kirchhoff's laws, compute and measure the continuous electrical characteristics of simple passive and dynamical circuits. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".				
Evaluation methods :	Written individual exam covering both parts of the course. Solution of small problems similar to those studied during the learnin phase and questions related to the basic theoretical concepts. In addition, during the semester, the students have their compulsory MasteringPhysics homeworks evaluated automatically. Th main difficulties encountered by the students are discussed a posteriori during the formal lectures. Finally, two tests are organize (mid and end of term) to help the student evaluate his/her progress.				
Teaching methods :	The two parts (mechanics and electricity) share a common formalism and the concepts introduced in each part are treated in a unified manner (forces, potential functions, energy, conservation laws,'). In addition to formal lectures, tutored sessions are organized on a weekly basis (APE and APP), during which the students work in groups of 6 with a problem-based learning approach. Every week, each student must complete a series of exercices within the MasteringPhysics learning environment.				
Content :	Part 1: Point mass mechanics - geometry and vector spaces - forces - torques - static equilibrium - kinematics - Newton's principles - conservation laws ' collisions ' periodic motion Part 2: Electrostatics, basics of circuit theory - Electrostatics in vacuum - Electrostatics in matter - Ohm's and Kirchhoff's laws - Basics of electrical circuits				
Bibliography:	Compulsory reference textbook: University Physics, Young and Freedman, Pearson (13th edition); Gives access to the MasteringPhysics learning environment.				

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Programmes / formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE)							
Intitulé du programme	Sigle	Credits	Prerequis	Acquis d'apprentissage			
Bachelor in Engineering : Architecture	ARCH1BA	6		Q			
Bachelor in Engineering	FSA1BA	6	-	٩			