

## **SPH4U – Physics, Grade 12**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Department: Science

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Course Title: Physics, Grade 12

Grade: 12

Course Type: University Preparation

Course Code: SPH4U

Credit Value: 1

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Prerequisite: SPH3U

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course enables students to deepen their understanding of physics concepts and theories. Students will continue their exploration of energy transformations and the forces that affect motion, and will investigate electrical, gravitational, and magnetic fields and electromagnetic radiation. Students will also explore the wave nature of light, quantum mechanics, and special relativity. They will further develop their scientific investigation skills, learning, for example, how to analyse, qualitatively and quantitatively, data related to a variety of physics concepts and principles. Students will also consider the impact of technological applications of physics on society and the environment.

## **OVERALL EXPECTATIONS**

### **A. SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION SKILLS AND CAREER EXPLORATION**

**Throughout this course, students will:**

- A1. demonstrate scientific investigation skills (related to both inquiry and research) in the four areas of skills (initiating and planning, performing and recording, analysing and interpreting, and communicating);
- A2. identify and describe careers related to the fields of science under study, and describe the contributions of scientists, including Canadians, to those fields.

### **B. DYNAMICS**

**By the end of this course, students will:**

- B1. analyse technological devices that apply the principles of the dynamics of motion, and assess the technologies' social and environmental impact;
- B2. investigate, in qualitative and quantitative terms, forces involved in uniform circular motion and motion in a plane, and solve related problems;
- B3. demonstrate an understanding of the forces involved in uniform circular motion and motion in a plane.

### **C. ENERGY AND MOMENTUM**

**By the end of this course, students will:**

- C1. analyse, and propose ways to improve, technologies or procedures that apply principles related to energy and momentum, and assess the social and environmental impact of these technologies or procedures;
- C2. investigate, in qualitative and quantitative terms, through laboratory inquiry or computer simulation, the relationship between the laws of conservation of energy and conservation of momentum, and solve related problems;
- C3. demonstrate an understanding of work, energy, momentum, and the laws of conservation of energy and conservation of momentum, in one and two dimensions.

**D. GRAVITATIONAL, ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS****By the end of this course, students will:**

- D1. analyse the operation of technologies that use gravitational, electric, or magnetic fields, and assess the technologies' social and environmental impact;
- D2. investigate, in qualitative and quantitative terms, gravitational, electric, and magnetic fields, and solve related problems;
- D3. demonstrate an understanding of the concepts, properties, principles, and laws related to gravitational, electric, and magnetic fields and their interactions with matter.

**E. THE WAVE NATURE OF LIGHT****By the end of this course, students will:**

- E1. analyse technologies that use the wave nature of light, and assess their impact on society and the environment;
- E2. investigate, in qualitative and quantitative terms, the properties of waves and light, and solve related problems;
- E3. demonstrate an understanding of the properties of waves and light in relation to diffraction, refraction, interference, and polarization.

**F. REVOLUTIONS IN MODERN PHYSICS**

- F1. Analyse, with reference to quantum mechanics and relativity, how the introduction of new conceptual models and theories can influence and/or change scientific thought and lead to the development of new technologies;
- F2. Investigate special relativity and quantum mechanics, and solve related problems;
- F3. Demonstrate an understanding of the evidence that supports the basic concepts of quantum mechanics and Einstein's theory of special relativity.

**OUTLINE OF COURSE CONTENT**

	Name of Unit	Time Allocated in Hours
<b>Unit 1</b>	Dynamics	23
<b>Unit 2</b>	Energy & Momentum	25
Midterm report cards		
<b>Unit 3</b>	Gravitational, Electric & Magnetic Fields	20
<b>Unit 4</b>	The Wave Nature of Light	24
<b>Unit 5</b>	Revolutions in Modern Physics	18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>110 hours</b>

## TEACHING / LEARNING STRATEGIES

A variety of teaching and learning strategies are used in this course to meet the needs of a diverse range of learners.

- Demonstrations
- Simulations
- Laboratory Activities
- Problem Solving
- Work Sheets
- Problem-Based Learning
- Interactive modules
- Inquiry Based Learning
- Experiments
- Audio Presentations
- Video Presentations
- Interactive Online Activities
- Guided Internet Searches
- Case Studies
- Graphic Organizers
- Brainstorming/Mind Mapping
- Research Projects
- Articulate Activities

## STRATEGIES FOR ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Assessment as Learning	Assessment for Learning	Assessment of Learning
<b>Student Product</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Logs</li> <li>• Peer Assessment</li> <li>• Discussion Forum Posts</li> <li>• Surveys</li> </ul>	<b>Student Product</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignments</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Practice Problem Work Sheets</li> <li>• Simulator Investigations</li> <li>• Lab Investigations</li> <li>• Forum Posts</li> <li>• Audio presentations</li> <li>• Video Presentations</li> </ul>	<b>Student Product</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignments</li> <li>• Tests</li> <li>• Exams</li> <li>• Lab Reports</li> <li>• Audio Presentations</li> <li>• Video Presentations</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Research Projects</li> </ul>
<b>Observation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class discussions</li> <li>• Discussion Forums</li> <li>• Quiz results</li> </ul>	<b>Observation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class discussions</li> <li>• Performance tasks</li> </ul>	<b>Observation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Performance tasks</li> </ul>
<b>Conversation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole class discussions</li> <li>• Student-Teacher discussions (skype, chat)</li> <li>• Student-Student discussions</li> <li>• Debate (Forums)</li> </ul>	<b>Conversation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student teacher conferences</li> <li>• Small group discussions</li> <li>• Whole class discussions</li> <li>• Pair work</li> <li>• Peer-feedback</li> <li>• Forums</li> </ul>	<b>Conversation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral Presentations</li> <li>• Oral test questions</li> <li>• Student-Teacher discussions</li> <li>• Forums</li> </ul>

## FINAL GRADE

The percentage grade represents the quality of the students' overall achievement of the expectations for the course and reflects the corresponding achievement as described in the achievement chart for science.

1. Term work will be 70% of the overall grade for the course;
2. The final written exam will be worth 30% of the grade.

### Achievement Categories

Knowledge & Understanding	21%	Thinking & Investigation	27%
Communication	22%	Application	30%

### Achievement Chart

*A Summary Description of Achievement in Each Percentage Grade Range And Corresponding Level of Achievement*

Percentage Grade Range	Achievement Level	Summary Description
80–100%	Level 4	A very high to outstanding level of achievement. Achievement is above the provincial standard.
70–79%	Level 3	A high level of achievement. Achievement is at the provincial standard.
60–69%	Level 2	Moderate level of achievement. Achievement is below, but approaching the provincial standard.
50–59%	Level 1	A passable level of achievement. Achievement is below the provincial standard
Below 50%	Level R	Insufficient achievement of curriculum expectations. A credit will not be granted

## RESOURCES REQUIRED BY THE STUDENT

SPH4U Online Course of Study  
Scientific Calculator

## PROGRAM PLANNING CONSIDERATION

### Role of Technology in the Curriculum

Rosedale Academy courses leverage the power of information and communication technologies to provide rich, dynamic learning experiences. Students explore, evaluate and create concepts and works using a wide array of digital tools. They demonstrate their learning through text, video, voice and visual assignments that teach multi-literacy and media skills. Students also enhance their computer and technology skills in ways that are useful for their future academic and personal pursuits.

Teachers at Rosedale Academy get to know their learners, provide rich, descriptive feedback and assess student contributions and products AS, FOR and OF learning through digital technologies. They enable rapid feedback and communication at any time without borders in our global community.

Tool	Use	Benefit
<b>Discussion forums</b>	Whole class discussion (written)	Creates a record of each student's contributions.
<b>Group activities</b>	Small group collaboration and discussions.	Encourages student participation.
<b>Live Skype sessions</b>	Teacher leads the lesson with students as a class. Teacher holds reviews sessions with whole class or individuals.	Observations of whole class and individual students. Assessment for learning.
<b>Computer Simulations</b>	Individual or class exploration and visualization of concepts relating to the curriculum.	Allows hands-on exploration and investigation as an alternative learning strategy.
<b>Online Lab Investigations</b>	Application of concepts relating to the curriculum.	Allows students to experience laboratory environment in an online setting and apply proper laboratory techniques.
<b>Learning Modules</b>	Students explore content in an interactive manner with built-in assessments as they progress.	Students can navigate content at their own pace and assess their own learning along the way.
<b>Articulate Storyline Presentations</b>	Content is presented in an interactive manner with multimedia elements and assessments built-in.	Varied presentation style caters to different types of learners. Students can assess their own learning as they progress.
<b>Glossary</b>	Vocabulary reference and recording.	Allows students to reference key course vocabulary.

### English as a Second Language

Rosedale Academy provides students with comprehensive ESL support to enhance their proficiency with the English language.

- All Rosedale Academy instructional materials and resources are designed with English Language Learners in mind. Online and face-to-face instructional resources make use of differentiated learning methods and carefully structured language. These resources support English language development as students are taking credit courses in all academic fields.
- Teachers at Rosedale Academy provide a variety of accommodations for English Language Learners. These accommodations include: extended time for tests and exams; chunking of assignments and tests; a safe space for asking questions; formative feedback; mini-lessons in spelling, sentence structure and grammar; and access to ESL resources and expert discussion.
- The self-paced delivery method of this course allows students to take the time that they require to engage in meaningful participation while still enjoying the enriching experience of working in an online global classroom.
- All teachers at Rosedale Academy are responsible for helping students to develop their ability to use English in academic courses.

### **Career Education**

This course promotes skills effective for a variety of careers and informs students of some of the career opportunities where oral and written communication is considerable assets. Students will learn how to use English to inform audiences about ideas, persuade audiences to change their opinion or buy a product, and to formulate ideas. Students will also understand the importance of social media in their search for future education and career opportunities. Finally, this course also helps to prepare students for university application by providing a unit that helps them write a persuasive application essay. Beyond the immediate needs of the student, this also course focuses on demonstrating the value of English in jobs like business where clear communication is highly valued.

### **Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain high standards of honesty and academic integrity throughout their participation in all courses. This includes avoiding any instance of fraud, plagiarism and cheating. Rosedale Academy takes the following steps to ensure academic integrity:

- Students provide photo identification
- Course assignments include audio and video components
- Teachers Skype weekly with their classes
- Students are encouraged and supported to develop original work
- Exams are proctored by adults in trusted positions

When a teacher has reasonable grounds to believe that a student has violated these standards, the school principal will review the incident and, if needed, enforce disciplinary procedures. More information about *Academic Honesty* may be found in section 5.3 of the school calendar.

### **Late and Missed Assignment**

Independent students have up to 12 months to complete a course. There are no set deadlines for course assignments. Students can proceed through each course at their own pace, but all course requirements must be completed prior to writing their final exam.

Cohort students follow a schedule in each course. This schedule specifies the due dates for all assignments. Students may request an extension if they are unable to meet a specific due date. Rosedale Academy reserves the right to deny any request. Late or missed assignments are not accepted without a valid reason.