

# **Study Guide for Physics, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, 2012**

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## **Topics**

What is Physical Science?

Scientific Method (5 Steps)

Scientific law, theory, hypothesis, observation

Details about Experiments (tests of hypotheses, using control groups, dependent/independent variables)

SI Units; reasons for SI system; meaningful measurements; SI prefixes

How to measure with balances, meter sticks, graduated cylinders, thermometers

Unit conversions and knowledge of conversion factors (1 km/1000 m, etc.)

Significant Figures and Rounding

Read and construct data tables and graphs (including time-distance graphs)

Calculate volume and density

Define, calculate and compare motion, velocity, acceleration, and force

Newton's 3 laws of motion and applications illustrating them

Forces, including friction, balanced, unbalanced, and net

Determine applications of gravity

Describe projectile and circular motion

Calculate momentum and describe the law of the conservation of momentum

Define, calculate, and compare work and power

Define and give examples of the 6 types of simple machines

Calculate efficiency and power of machines

Apply and calculate the mechanical advantage of different machines

Energy, Potential Energy, Kinetic Energy, Mechanical Energy

Law of Conservation of Energy, pendulums

Waves -transverse, compression, frequency and pitch; light, reflection, refraction, diffraction

Electricity -static electricity, circuits, resistance, power and energy, Ohm's law

### Equations

$$v = \frac{d}{t} \quad a = \frac{\Delta v}{t} \quad F = m \cdot a \quad P = \frac{W}{t} \quad p = m \cdot v \quad W = F \cdot d$$

$$\Delta v = v_f - v_i \quad MA = \frac{F_r}{F_e} \quad MA = \frac{d_e}{d_r} \quad MA = \frac{L_e}{L_r} \quad MA = \frac{r_w}{r_a}$$

$$\Delta T = T_f - T_i \quad MA = \frac{l}{h} \quad Efficiency = \frac{W_{out}}{W_{in}} \cdot 100\%$$

$$weight \ N = m \cdot g \quad W_{in} = W_{out} \quad F_e \cdot d_e = W_{in} \quad F_r \cdot d_r = W_{out}$$

$$ME = PE + KE \quad KE = \frac{1}{2} m \cdot v^2 \quad PE = m \cdot g \cdot h \quad Q = m \cdot \Delta T \cdot C_p$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} \quad P = I \cdot V \quad E = P \cdot t \quad v = \lambda \cdot f$$

### SI Units for the following:

length	velocity	mass	acceleration
temperature	force	time	momentum
volume	work	density	power
energy	frequency	specific heat	resistance
voltage	current		

### Vocabulary

scientific law

theory

hypothesis

observation

independent variable

dependent variable

control

precision

accuracy

prefixes of units:

nano-  
micro-  
milli-  
centi-  
kilo-  
mega-

density

mass

volume

displacement

motion

velocity

acceleration

inertia

friction

momentum

force

terminal velocity

freefall

air resistance

weight

projectile

centripetal acceleration

gravity

simple machine

ideal machine

compound machine

mechanical advantage

actual mechanical advantage

ideal mechanical advantage

effort force

effort arm (distance)

resistance force

resistance arm (distance)

fulcrum

lever

pulley

wheel and axle  
inclined plane  
screw  
wedge  
efficiency  
work  
power  
energy  
potential energy  
kinetic energy  
elastic potential energy  
chemical potential energy  
gravitational potential energy  
wave  
transverse wave  
longitudinal (compression) wave  
normal  
frequency  
wavelength  
amplitude  
compression  
rarefaction  
Doppler effect  
pitch  
opaque  
translucent  
transparent  
reflection  
refraction  
interference  
diffraction  
current  
voltage  
resistance  
amperes  
potential difference  
series circuit  
parallel circuit  
static electricity