GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSES (GE)

Course Code: GE 1

Course Title: MECHANICS

Total Credits: 04 (Credits: Theory: 03, Practical: 01)

Total Hours: Theory: 45, Practical: 30

Course Objectives: This course reviews the concepts of mechanics learnt at school in a more advanced perspective and goes on to build new concepts. It begins with dynamics of a system of particles and ends with the special theory of relativity. Students will appreciate the concept of rotational motion, gravitation and oscillations. The students will be able to apply the concepts learnt to several real world problems. A brief recapitulation of vector algebra and differential equations is also done to familiarize students with basic mathematical concepts which are necessary for a course on mechanics.

Course Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, students are expected to understand the following concepts.

- Laws of motion and their application to various dynamical situations. And their applications to conservation of momentum, angular momentum and energy.
- Motion of a simple and compound pendulum
- Application of Kepler's laws to describe the motion of satellites in circular orbit.
- The concept of geosynchronous orbits
- Concept of stress and strain and relation between elastic constants
- Postulates of Special Theory of Relativity, Lorentz transformation, relativistic effects on the mass and energy of a moving body.

In the laboratory course, after acquiring knowledge of how to handle measuring instruments (like vernier calliper, screw gauge and travelling microscope) student shall embark on verifying various principles and associated measurable quantities.

THEORY (Credit: 03; 45 Hours)

Unit 1: Recapitulation of Vectors and Ordinary Differential Equation Hours: 8

Vector algebra, scalar and vector product, gradient of a scalar field, divergence and curl of vectors field

Ordinary Differential Equations: First order homogeneous differential equations, second order homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients

Unit 2: Fundamentals of Dynamics **Hours: 10**

Review of Newton's laws of motion, dynamics of a system of particles, centre of mass, determination of centre of mass for discrete and continuous systems having spherical symmetry, Conservation of momentum and energy, Conservative and non-Conservative forces, work – energy theorem for conservative forces, force as a gradient of potential energy.

Unit 3: Rotational Dynamics and Oscillatory Motion **Hours: 14**

Angular velocity, angular momentum, torque, conservation of angular momentum, Moment of inertia, Theorem of parallel and perpendicular axes, Calculation of moment of inertia of discrete and continuous objects (1-D and 2-D).

Idea of simple harmonic motion, Differential equation of simple harmonic motion and its solution, Motion of a simple pendulum and compound pendulum

Unit 4: Gravitation **Hours: 5**

Newton's Law of Gravitation, Motion of a particle in a central force field, Kepler's Laws (statements only), Satellite in circular orbit and applications, geosynchronous orbits

Unit 5: Elasticity **Hours: 3**

Concept of stress and strain, Hooke's law, elastic moduli, twisting torque on a wire, tensile strength, relation between elastic constants, Poisson's ratio, rigidity modulus

Unit 6: Special Theory of Relativity **Hours: 5**

Postulates of Special Theory of Relativity, Lorentz transformation, length contraction, time dilation, relativistic transformation of velocity, relativistic variation of mass, mass-energy equivalence

References:

Essential Readings:

1) Vector Analysis – Schaum's Outline, M.R. Spiegel, S. Lipschutz, D. Spellman, 2nd Edn., 2009, McGraw- Hill Education.
2) An Introduction to Mechanics (2/e), Daniel Kleppner and Robert Kolenkow, 2014, Cambridge University Press.
3) Mechanics Berkeley Physics Course, Vol. 1, 2/e: Charles Kittel, et. al., 2017, McGraw Hill Education
4) Mechanics, D. S. Mathur, P. S. Hemne, 2012, S. Chand.
5) Fundamentals of Physics, Resnick, Halliday and Walker 10/e, 2013, Wiley.

Additional Readings:

1) Feynman Lectures, Vol. 1, R. P. Feynman, R. B. Leighton, M. Sands, 2008, Pearson Education.
2) University Physics, Ronald Lane Reese, 2003, Thomson Brooks/Cole.

3) University Physics, H. D. Young, R. A. Freedman, 14/e, 2015, Pearson Education.
4) Engineering Mechanics, Basudeb Bhattacharya, 2/e, 2015, Oxford University Press.
5) Physics for Scientists and Engineers, Randall D Knight, 3/e, 2016, Pearson Education.

PRACTICAL (Credit: 01; 30 Hours)

The teacher is expected to give basic idea and working of various apparatus and instruments related to different experiments. Students should also be given knowledge of recording and analyzing experimental data.

Every student should perform at least 06 experiments from the following list.

1) Measurement of length (or diameter) using vernier calliper, screw gauge and travelling microscope.
2) Study the random error in observations.
3) Determination of height of a building using a sextant.
4) Study of motion of the spring and calculate (a) spring constant and, (b) acceleration due to gravity (g)
5) Determination of moment of inertia of a flywheel.
6) Determination of g and velocity for a freely falling body using digital timing technique.
7) Determination of modulus of rigidity of a wire using Maxwell's needle.
8) Determination of elastic constants of a wire by Searle's method.
9) Determination of value of g using bar pendulum.
10) Determination of value of g using Kater's pendulum.

References (for Laboratory Work):

1) Advanced practical physics for students, B. L. Flint and H. T. Worsnop, 1971, Asia Publishing House.
2) Engineering practical physics, S. Panigrahi and B. Mallick, 2015, Cengage Learning India Pvt. Ltd.
3) Practical physics, G. L. Squires, 2015, 4/e, Cambridge University Press.
4) A text book of practical physics, I. Prakash and Ramakrishna, 11/e, 2011, Kitab Mahal.
5) B. Sc. practical physics, Geeta Sanon, R. Chand and Co., 2016.

Course Code: GE 2

Course Title: MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS

Total Credits: 04 (Credits: Theory: 03, Tutorial: 01)

Total Hours: Theory: 45, Tutorial: 15

Course Objectives: The emphasis of course is to equip students with the mathematical tools required in solving problem of interest to physicists. The course will expose students to fundamental computational physics skills and hence enable them to solve a wide range of physics problems.

Course Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course, the students will be able to,

- Understand functions of several variables.
- Represent a periodic function by a sum of harmonics using Fourier series and their applications in physical problems such as vibrating strings etc.
- Obtain power series solution of differential equation of second order with variable coefficient using Frobenius method.
- Understand properties and applications of special functions like Legendre polynomials, Bessel functions and their differential equations and apply these to various physical problems such as in quantum mechanics.
- Learn about gamma and beta functions and their applications.
- Solve linear partial differential equations of second order with separation of variable method.
- Understand the basic concepts of complex analysis and integration.
- During the tutorial classes, students' skill will be developed to solve more problems related to the concerned topics.

Unit 1: **Hours: 6**

Fourier series: Periodic functions. Orthogonality of sine and cosine functions, Convergence of Fourier series and Dirichlet Conditions (Statement only). Expansion of periodic functions in a series of sine and cosine functions and determination of Fourier coefficients. Even and odd functions and their Fourier expansions (Fourier Cosine Series and Fourier Sine Series).

Unit 2: **Hours: 10**

Frobenius Method and Special Functions: Singular Points of Second Order Linear Differential Equations and their importance. Frobenius method and its applications to

differential equations. Legendre and Bessel Differential Equations.

Unit 3: **Hours: 14**

Some Special Integrals: Beta and Gamma Functions and Relation between them. Expression of integrals in terms of Gamma Functions.

(4 Hours)

Partial Differential Equations: Multivariable functions, Partial derivatives, Functions Solutions to partial differential equations, using separation of variables: Laplace's Equation in problems of rectangular geometry, Solution of 1D wave equation.

(10 Hours)

Unit 4: **Hours: 15**

Complex Analysis: Functions of complex variable, limit, continuity, Analytic function, Cauchy-Riemann equations, singular points, Cauchy Goursat Theorem, Cauchy's Integral Formula, Residues, Cauchy's Residue Theorem.

References:

Essential Readings:

1) Advanced Engineering Mathematics, Erwin Kreyszig, 2008, Wiley India.
2) Complex Variables and Applications, J. W. Brown and R. V. Churchill, 7th Ed. 2003, Tata McGraw-Hill.
3) Advanced Mathematics for Engineers and Scientists: Schaum Outline Series, M. R Spiegel, 2009, McGraw Hill Education.
4) Applied Mathematics for Engineers and Physicists, L.A. Pipes and L.R. Harvill, 2014, Dover Publications.
5) Mathematical Methods for Physics and Engineers, K.F Riley, M.P. Hobson and S. J. Bence, 3rd Ed., 2006, Cambridge University Press.

Additional Readings:

1) Mathematical Physics, A.K. Ghatak, I.C. Goyal and S.J. Chua, 2017, Laxmi Publications Private Limited.
2) Advanced Engineering Mathematics, D. G. Zill and W.S.Wright, 5 Ed., 2012, Jones and Bartlett Learning.
3) An introduction to ordinary differential equations, E.A.Coddington, 2009, PHI Learning.
4) Differential Equations, George F. Simmons, 2007, McGraw Hill.
5) Mathematical methods for Scientists and Engineers, D.A.Mc Quarrie, 2003, Viva Books.

Course Code: GE 3

Course Title: WAVES AND OPTICS

Total Credits: 04 (Credits: Theory: 03, Practical: 01)

Total Hours: Theory: 45, Practical: 30

Course Objectives: This coursework reviews the concept of waves and optics learnt at school level from a more advanced perspective and builds new concepts. This course is divided into two main parts. The first part deals with vibrations and waves. The second part pertains to optics and provides the details of interference, diffraction and polarization.

Course Learning Outcomes: After the completion of this course, the students will have learnt the following.

- Simple harmonic motion, superposition principle and its application to find the resultant of superposition of harmonic oscillations.
- Concepts of vibrations in strings.
- Interference as superposition of waves from coherent sources.
- Basic concepts of Diffraction: Fraunhoffer and Fresnel Diffraction.
- Elementary concepts of the polarization of light.

THEORY (Credit: 03; 45 Hours)

Unit 1: **Hours: 10**

Superposition of Harmonic Oscillations: Simple harmonic motion (SHM). Linearity and Superposition Principle. Superposition of two collinear harmonic oscillations having (1) equal frequencies and (2) different frequencies (Beats). Superposition of two perpendicular harmonic oscillations: Graphical and Analytical Methods. Lissajous Figures (1:1 and 1:2) and their uses.

Unit 2: **Hours: 5**

Waves Motion: Types of waves: Longitudinal and Transverse (General idea). Travelling waves in a string, wave equation. Energy density. Standing waves in a string - modes of vibration. Phase velocity.

Unit 3: **Hours: 12**

Interference of Light: Electromagnetic nature of light. Definition and properties of wave front. Huygens Principle. Interference: Division of amplitude and division of wave front. Young's Double Slit experiment. Fresnel's Biprism. Phase change on reflection: Stoke's

treatment. Interference in Thin Films: parallel and wedge-shaped films. Newton's Rings: measurement of wavelength and refractive index.

Unit 4: **Hours: 12**

Diffraction: Fraunhofer diffraction - Single slit, Double slit and Diffraction grating. Fresnel Diffraction - Half-period zones, Zone plate, Fresnel Diffraction pattern of a straight edge using half-period zone analysis.

Unit 5: **Hours: 6**

Polarization: Transverse nature of light waves. Plane polarized light. Production and detection of linearly polarized light. Malus's Law. Idea of circular and elliptical polarization.

References:

Essential Readings:

1) The Physics of Waves and Oscillations: N K Bajaj, Tata Mcgraw Hill
2) Optics: Ajoy Ghatak, Seventh edition, Mcgraw Hill
3) Principle of Optics: B. K. Mathur and T. P. Pandya, Gopal Printing Press
4) Optics: Brij Lal and N. Subramanyam, S. Chand
5) The Fundamentals of Optics: A. Kumar, H. R. Gulati and D. R. Khanna, R. Chand

Additional Readings:

1) Vibrations and Waves: A. P. French, CRC
2) The physics of Vibrations and Waves: H. J. Pain, Wiley
3) Fundamentals of Optics: Jenkins and White, McGraw Hill
4) Optics: E. Hecht and A R. Ganesan, Pearson, India
5) Introduction to Optics: F. Pedrotti, L. M. Pedrotti and L. S. Pedrotti, Pearson, India

PRACTICAL (Credit: 01; 30 Hours)

Every student must perform at least 05 experiments out of the list following experiments.

1) To determine the frequency of an electrically maintained tuning fork by Melde's experiment and to verify $\lambda^2 - T$ Law.
2) To study Lissajous Figures.
3) Familiarization with Schuster`s focusing and determination of the angle of prism.
4) To determine the refractive index of the material of a prism using sodium light.
5) To determine the dispersive power of a prism using mercury light.
6) To determine wavelength of sodium light using Newton's rings.
7) To determine wavelength of sodium light using a plane diffraction grating.
8) To verify Malus's Law.
9) To determine the wavelength of Laser light using single slit diffraction. (Due care should be taken not to see Laser light source directly as it may cause injury to eyes.)

References (for Laboratory Work):

1) Advanced Practical Physics for students, B. L. Flint and H. T. Worsnop, Asia Publishing House
2) A Text Book of Practical Physics, Indu Prakash and Ramakrishna, Kitab Mahal
3) An advanced course in practical physics, D. Chattopadhyay and P. C. Rakshit, New Central Book Agency