

## SPH4U COURSE EVALUATION

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<p><b>UNIT TESTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ There will be a major test at the end of each unit that covers ALL the concepts discussed in that unit!</li> <li>▶ The date for a unit test will be announced in class at least five (5) days beforehand. You are therefore expected to be present the day of any and all unit tests. Examination procedures will be followed for all tests and quizzes.</li> <li>▶ If you miss a test and do not submit an acceptable excuse (parent/guardian phone call, note) to me by the NEXT DAY you will be considered truant from class. This will result in a mark of zero (0) .</li> <li>▶ If you miss a test unexpectedly because of an illness, death in family, etc., a note from your parent/guardian outlining the reason(s) and their acknowledgement that a test was missed MUST be submitted to me on the day you return. You will be expected to write the test during class or after school on the day you return unless you have come to me BEFORE 8:30 am with your note and made other arrangements. The second and subsequent absences will ALSO require the written approval of the principal before the test may be written.</li> <li>▶ If you know you are going to miss a test because of an appointment, sports activity, etc., arrangements to write the test at another time MUST be made with me at least ONE DAY prior to the absence, otherwise a mark of zero (0) will be assigned.</li> <li>▶ A teacher prepared formula sheet will be available for use during tests.</li> </ul>	30%
<p><b>ASSIGNMENTS &amp; QUIZZES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Various assignments will be given in the semester.</li> <li>▶ Assignments are due at the start of class on the date assigned.</li> <li>▶ Late assignments will be penalized 10% of their total value per day late INCLUDING weekends and holidays. A late report will be assigned a mark of zero (0) until it is marked at my convenience.</li> <li>▶ If you are ill and cannot attend school on the day an assignment is due, it is YOUR responsibility to have your parent/guardian contact me directly and inform me of this absence and his/her knowledge that the assignment is due and is completed. I will then accept the assignment BEFORE 8:30 am on the day you return.</li> <li>▶ Quizzes MUST be written on the date they are scheduled, otherwise a mark of zero (0) will be assigned. However, you may write a quiz ahead of time with ONE DAY prior notification.</li> <li>▶ If you miss a quiz and do not submit an acceptable excuse to me (parent/guardian phone call/note) by the NEXT DAY you will be considered truant from class. This will result in a mark of zero (0) and a lunch hour detention. This mark of zero (0) cannot be dropped.</li> </ul>	15%
<p><b>LABORATORY ACTIVITIES &amp; REPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Various laboratory activities will be performed and group reports submitted. The reports will be treated according to the same rules as assignments.</li> </ul>	10%
<p><b>INDEPENDENT STUDY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Three independent study projects will be assigned.</li> </ul>	15%
<p><b>EXAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ There will be an exam at the end of the semester that will test ALL the material covered in the course. Failure to write the exam will result in an "incomplete" being granted and you will have to repeat the course.</li> <li>▶ A teacher prepared formula sheet will be available for use during the exam.</li> </ul>	30%

## COURSE CONTENT

This course consists of the following units of study and approximate time-lines:

UNIT 1 Kinematics - Chapter 1 (19 hours) Dynamics - Chapters 2 & 3 (19 hours = March 11)

UNIT 2 Momentum & Energy - Chapters 4 to 6 (16 hours = April 13)

UNIT 3 Electric and Magnetic Fields - Chapters 7 & 8 (12 hours = April 30)

UNIT 4 Waves And Light - Chapters 9 & 10 (16 hours = May 26)

UNIT 5 Matter -Energy Interface - Chapters 11 & 12 ( 18 hours = June 16)

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

For this course a scientific calculator of your own is mandatory. The sharing of calculators, particularly on tests and quizzes, will NOT be allowed. You will also require a 3-ring binder, lined/graph paper, pen/pencil(s), textbook, and a ruler/straight edge.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken very seriously in this course. You are expected to be in class on time every day. You must come prepared to ask questions and discuss concepts. The pace of this course is such that missed classes will jeopardize your understanding. If you are going to miss a class it is strongly recommended that you see the teacher in advance of your absence so that you can do the required reading and work while you are away.

## ABSENCES

It is YOUR responsibility to provide me with a note from your parent/guardian explaining your absence(s) - otherwise TRUANT is assumed. YOU are responsible for getting caught up on what you missed. This includes tests, assignments, quizzes and homework. Longer absences may require more time and may require you to come in for extra help.

## LATES & TRUANCIES

Lates and truancies will not be tolerated. "Just after the bell" lates will result in lunch hour detentions. Other lates will result in longer detentions.

## EXTRA HELP

Help is available with prior arrangements. Do not hesitate to ask/arrange for help when it is required.

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

The school's code of conduct will be followed by all members of this course at all times. Particularly, attend class, be on time, come prepared, respect the teacher's right to teach, and respect the rights of others to learn. It is highly recommended that you pre-read the relevant sections of the textbook before coming to class so that you may ask informed questions.

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