

B.Sc. PHYSICS SYLLABUS UNDER CBCS
For Mathematics Combinations [2022-23 Batch onwards]
I Year B.Sc.-Physics: I Semester
Course I: MECHANICS, WAVES AND OSCILLATIONS

UNIT-I:

1. Mechanics of Particles (5 hrs): Review of Newton's Laws of Motion, Motion of variable mass system, Motion of a rocket, Multistage rocket, Concept of impact parameter, scattering cross-section, Rutherford scattering-Derivation.

2. Mechanics of Rigid bodies (7 hrs): Rigid body, rotational kinematic relations, Equation of motion for a rotating body, Angular momentum and Moment of inertia tensor, Euler equations, Precession of a spinning top, Gyroscope, Precession of atom and nucleus in magnetic field, Precession of the equinoxes

Unit-II:

3. Motion in a Central Force Field (12hrs): Central forces, definition and examples, characteristics of central forces, conservative nature of central forces, Equation of motion under a central force, Kepler's laws of planetary motion- Proofs, Motion of satellites, Basic idea of Global Positioning System (GPS), weightlessness, Physiological effects of astronauts

UNIT-III:

4. Relativistic Mechanics (12hrs): Introduction to relativity, Frames of reference, Galilean transformations, absolute frames, Michelson-Morley experiment, negative result, Postulates of Special theory of relativity, Lorentz transformation, time dilation, length contraction, variation of mass with velocity, Einstein's mass-energy relation

Unit-IV:

5. Undamped, Damped and Forced oscillations: (07 hrs): Simple harmonic oscillator and solution of the differential equation, Damped harmonic oscillator, Forced harmonic oscillator – Their differential equations and solutions, Resonance, Logarithmic decrement, Relaxation time and Quality factor.

6. Coupled oscillations: (05 hrs): Coupled oscillators-Introduction, Two coupled oscillators, Normal coordinates and Normal modes- N-coupled oscillators and wave equation

Unit-V:

7. Vibrating Strings: (07 hrs): Transverse wave propagation along a stretched string, General solution of wave equation and its significance, Modes of vibration of stretched string clamped at ends, Overtones and Harmonics, Melde's strings.

8. Ultrasonics: (05 hrs): Ultrasonics, General Properties of ultrasonic waves, Production of ultrasonics by piezoelectric and magnetostriction methods, Detection of ultrasonics, Applications of ultrasonic waves, SONAR

Practical Course 1: Mechanics, Waves and Oscillations

Minimum of 6 experiments to be done and recorded:

1. Young's modulus of the material of a bar (scale) by uniform bending
2. Young's modulus of the material a bar (scale) by non- uniform bending
3. Surface tension of a liquid by capillary rise method
4. Viscosity of liquid by the flow method (Poiseuille's method)
5. Bifilar suspension –Moment of inertia of a regular rectangular body.
6. Fly-wheel -Determination of moment of inertia
7. Rigidity modulus of material of a wire-Dynamic method (Torsional pendulum)
8. Volume resonator experiment
9. Determination of 'g' by compound/bar pendulum
10. Simple pendulum- normal distribution of errors-estimation of time period and the error of the mean by statistical analysis
11. Determination of the force constant of a spring by static and dynamic method.
12. Coupled oscillators
13. Verification of laws of vibrations of stretched string –Sonometer
14. Determination of frequency of a bar –Melde's experiment.
15. Study of a damped oscillation using the torsional pendulum immersed in liquid-decay constant and damping correction of the amplitude.