



S.V. University 4-Year Honours Degree Programme
BSc (Physics) Honours Degree Syllabus (W.E.F. AY-2025-26)

**Model Syllabus for 4-Year UG Honours in B.Sc. (Physics) as Major in
consonance with Curriculum framework w.e.f. AY 2025-26**

COURSE STRUCTURE

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
I	I	1	Introduction to Mathematical Physics	3	3
			Introduction to Mathematical Physics-Practical	2	1
		2	Mechanics and Properties of Matter	3	3
			Mechanics and Properties of Matter-Practical	2	1

SEMESTER-I

COURSE 2: MECHANICS AND PROPERTIES OF MATTER

Theory

Credits: 3

3 hrs/week

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

To provide students with a foundational understanding of classical mechanics and the physical properties of matter, including particle dynamics, central forces, elasticity, fluid behavior, and the basic principles of special relativity.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: After successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Apply Newton's laws to variable mass systems and analyze particle collisions using conservation laws and scattering theory.
2. Describe motion under central forces and derive orbital dynamics including Kepler's laws and satellite motion.
3. Explain elastic behavior of materials using stress-strain relations, and analyze the bending of beams and torsional motion.
4. Interpret fluid dynamics concepts such as streamline flow, Bernoulli's principle, and viscosity with practical applications.
5. Understand the key postulates of special relativity and apply Lorentz transformations to problems involving time dilation, length contraction, and mass-energy equivalence.

UNIT-I MECHANICS OF PARTICLES

(9 hrs.)

Newton's Laws of motion, motion of variable mass system, Equation of motion of a rocket. Conservation of energy and momentum, collisions in two and three dimensions, concept of impact parameter, scattering cross-section, Rutherford scattering-derivation

UNIT-II CENTRAL FORCES

(9 hrs.)

Central forces, definition and examples, characteristics of central forces, conservative nature of central forces, conservative force as a negative gradient of potential energy, equations of motion under a central force, derivation of Kepler's laws, motion of satellites, Geo-stationary satellites

UNIT III: ELASTICITY AND BENDING OF BEAMS

(9 hrs)

Stress and strain, Hooke's Law, Elastic moduli – Young's, bulk, and shear modulus, Poisson's ratio – Physical meaning, Bending of beams – Types, point and distributed load, Cantilever and uniform bending – Qualitative treatment, Torsional pendulum – working principle and uses.

UNIT IV: FLUID MECHANICS

(9 hrs)

Fluids – Properties and classification, Streamline vs turbulent flow, Reynolds number, Bernoulli's theorem – Statement, simple derivation and applications (Venturimeter, airplane lift), Equation of continuity – Concept, Viscosity – Poiseuille's law (statement and qualitative explanation), Surface tension – Examples and qualitative ideas

UNIT V: SPECIAL THEORY OF RELATIVITY

(9 hrs.)

Galilean relativity, absolute frames, Michelson-Morley experiment, negative result, postulates of special theory of relativity, Lorentz transformation, time dilation, length contraction, addition of velocities, mass-energy relation

REFERENCE BOOKS:

1. BSc Physics -Telugu Akademy, Hyderabad
2. Mechanics - D.S. Mathur, Sulthan Chand & Co, New Delhi
3. Mechanics - J.C. Upadhyaya, Ramprasad & Co., Agra
4. Properties of Matter - D.S. Mathur, S. Chand & Co, New Delhi ,11th Edn., 2000
5. Physics Vol. I - Resnick-Halliday-Krane ,Wiley, 2001
6. Properties of Matter – Brijlal & Subrmanyam, S. Chand & Co. 1982
7. Mechanics-EM Purcell, Mc Graw Hill
8. University Physics-FW Sears, MW Zemansky & HD Young, Narosa Publications, Delhi
9. College Physics-I. T. Bhima sankaram and G. Prasad. Himalaya Publishing House.
10. Mechanics, S. G. Venkata chalapathy, Margham Publication, 2003.
11. Fluid Mechanics – Frank M. White, McGraw Hill.
12. Textbook of Fluid Dynamics – M. D. Raisinghania, S. Chand & Co.

SEMESTER-I

COURSE 2: MECHANICS AND PROPERTIES OF MATTER

Practical

Credits: 1

2 hrs/week

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

To develop practical skills in the use of laboratory equipment and experimental techniques for measuring properties of matter and analyzing mechanical systems.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. **Demonstrate a practical understanding of classical mechanics** by performing experiments on momentum, collisions, and motion under force.
2. **Analyze physical systems involving elasticity, fluid flow, and torsion** through hands-on measurements and data interpretation.
3. **Apply fundamental physics principles** to explain satellite motion, scattering phenomena, and beam bending using experiments and simulations.
4. **Use scientific simulations and digital tools** to visualize and investigate abstract concepts such as rocket motion, central forces, and relativity.
5. **Develop experimental, observational, and analytical skills** including data recording, graph plotting, and error estimation in real and virtual environments.

Minimum of 6 experiments to be conducted and recorded

1. Young's modulus by uniform bending
2. Young's modulus by non-uniform bending
3. Rigidity modulus using torsional pendulum
4. Surface tension by capillary rise method
5. Flywheel – Determination of moment of inertia
6. Bifilar suspension – moment of inertia of a rectangular body
7. Radius of capillary tube by Hg thread method
8. Simulation of rocket motion using water rocket or computer simulation.
9. Verification of Kepler's third law using orbit simulation.
10. Simulation-based study of Rutherford scattering.
11. Determination of modulus of rigidity using Maxwell's needle.
12. Measurement of Poisson's ratio of a rubber tube.
13. Verification of Bernoulli's theorem using a horizontal tube setup.
14. Demonstration of lift on an airfoil using airflow setup.
15. Simulation of Michelson-Morley experiment.
16. Visualization of time dilation and length contraction using simulation.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Unit I: Mechanics of Particles

Activity: Collision Experiments

Students can set up simple collision experiments using marbles, carts, or other objects. They can measure the initial and final velocities, masses, and analyze the momentum conservation. By varying the conditions (e.g., masses, initial velocities), they can observe the effects on the collision outcomes.

Unit II: Central Forces

Activity: Pendulum Motion Students can investigate the motion of a simple pendulum by varying its length and measuring the time period. They can analyze the relationship between the period and the length, and discuss the concept of centripetal force and its role in circular motion.

Unit III: Elasticity and Bending of Beams

Activity: Beam Bending Experiment

Use rulers or meter sticks on supports to apply loads and measure deflection. This hands-on demo helps visualize how elasticity and loading affect real-world structures.

Unit IV: Fluid Mechanics

Activity: Conduct a quiz or group discussion analyzing everyday scenarios, asking students to guess and justify the likely flow type in household or natural settings

Unit V: Special Theory of Relativity

Activity: Time Measurement Students can perform a time measurement experiment using simple devices like water clocks or sand timers. They can compare the measured time between two events at different relative speeds and discuss the concept of time

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4- Year UG Honours, Major
Syllabus
(2025-26)
Semester-I

Model Question Paper

Time : 3hrs

Marks:75

Part-A

Answer any Five Questions. Each Question carries 3 Marks.

5x3=15

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Answer the following questions. Each question carries 12 Marks

5x12=60

11. a) Unit-I
(Or)
b) Unit-I

12. a) Unit-II
(Or)
b) Unit-II

13. a) Unit-III
(Or)
b) Unit-III

14. a) Unit-IV
(Or)
b) Unit-IV

15. a) Unit-V
(Or)
b) Unit-V