



IS 1315.03W, Integrated Science I

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2026

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Communication Response Time: I will do my best to respond to your e-mails as soon as possible, definitely within 24 hours.

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Recommended: Either of below (3rd or 2nd edition)

1. Conceptual Integrated Science, 3rd Edition, by Hewitt, Lyons, Suchocki, & Yeh.

ISBN: 13: 978- 0135197394

2. Conceptual Integrated Science, 2nd Edition, by Hewitt, Lyons, Suchocki, & Yeh.

ISBN: 13: 978- 0321818508

Software Required: None. Students must have access to a computer with internet connection.

Optional Texts and/or Materials: None

Course Description

This is a University Science course. The interdisciplinary application of scientific principles is emphasized. The scientific principles developed in this course primarily include physics, astronomy, and other topics typically covered in physical science. Connections and applications of these principles to the other sciences are examined.

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Science is an interesting and diverse topic; it is the instructor's intent to demonstrate that learning can be enjoyable as well as educational. Science is what allows mankind to function in a productive manner.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will gain a better understanding of concepts in Physics and Astronomy.
- Students will better understand scientific processes and test for further scientific knowledge.
- Students will understand the conceptual differences between facts, theories, and laws.
- Students will be able to compare the separate science disciplines and make integrative connections.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students will need computer access to complete various assignments. Throughout this course, students will be using tools and technology to complete assignments and virtual labs. Important: Being an online course there is an assumption that participating students have the basic computer skills needed to complete online assignments in myLeo online (D2L). In addition, a working (virus free) computer and a stable internet connection is required for this course and also assumed to be present. The student is responsible for completing all assignments on time and any problems with student owned computer equipment and/or internet connection will not be taken into consideration for missing or late assignments.

Instructional Methods

Students will study class materials through myLeo online (D2L) system. There will be reading materials, homework, and online lab simulations each week. Based on the understanding of the materials, a short quiz will be assigned every week. To get started with the course, go to: <http://www.tamuc.edu/myleo.aspx>. You will need your CWID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact Technology Services at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamucommerce.edu.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

Students must check an online course on myLeo online (D2L) every week. All assignments and tests will be posted on the D2L system.

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GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%
B = 80%-89%
C = 70%-79%
D = 60%-69%
F = 59% or Below

Weights of the assessments in the calculation of the final letter grade.

Exams (2)	50%
Quizzes	15%
Review Quizzes	5%
Assignments	30%
TOTAL	100%

* The scales can be adjusted by the instructor. The final grading policy will be announced before the final exam.

Proctored Exams

All exams (midterm and final) will be proctored in person with ID verification. Students will have two options (Option 1 and Option 2) for taking the exams, while Option 3 (live Zoom proctoring with recording) will be allowed only in exceptional cases.

- Option 1: Students may come to campus for in-person proctored exams (midterm and final). This option is free of charge.
- Option 2: Students may take the exams at a test center near their home. A fee of approximately \$20–\$30 (paid by the student) may apply. A list of approved test centers will be provided by the instructor.
- Option 3 (only for exceptional cases with verifiable documentation, such as a doctor's note or jury duty): Students may take the exams under live Zoom proctoring by the instructor, with the session recorded.

Students will receive sample problems to help them prepare for the exams. Most exam questions will be similar to these sample problems. More detailed information will be provided by the instructor for each exam (Midterm and Final).

Responds LockDown Browser and Responds Monitor will be required for any exam taken from home. More details will be communicated regarding this week one of class.

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@etamu.edu

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

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Interaction with Instructor Statement

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<https://inside.etamu.edu/admissions/onestopshop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01](#)

<https://inside.etamu.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

<https://inside.etamu.edu/aboutus/policiesproceduresstandardsstatements/rulesprocedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

<https://inside.etamu.edu/academics/graduateSchool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a

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learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

Website: [Student Disability Services](#)

<https://www.etamu.edu/student-disability-services/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and ETAMU Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url: <http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all ETAMU campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at ETAMU, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.etamu.edu/counsel

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Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



<http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html>

AI use policy

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

TOPICS:

About Science

Chapter 1 – About Science

Physics

Chapter 2: Describing Motion

Chapter 3: Newton's Laws of Motion

Chapter 4: Momentum and Energy

Chapter 5: Gravity

FIRST EXAM (Chapters 1-5)

Chapter 6: Heat

Chapter 7: Electricity and Magnetism

Chapter 8: Waves - Sound and Light

Astronomy

Chapter 28: The Solar System

Chapter 29: The Universe

SECOND EXAM (Chapters 6-8, 28-29)

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