

Course Specifications

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

**The National Commission for Academic Accreditation &
Assessment**

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(CS)**

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Institution: Dammam University

Date:

A. Course Identification and General Information

1. Course title and code: Thermodynamics (PHY 305N)		
2. Credit hours: 3 Cr. Hrs		
3. Program(s) in which the course is offered: (B. Sc Degree in Physics)		
4. Name of faculty member responsible for the course Faculty member of department of physics		
5. Level/year at which this course is offered: Seventh Level		
6. Pre-requisites for this course (if any) PHY 201N		
7. Co-requisites for this course (if any) Nothing else		
8. Location if not on main campus College of Science for girls (department of physics)		
9. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)		
a. traditional classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	What percentage? <input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	What percentage? <input type="checkbox"/>
80 b. blended (traditional and online)	<input type="checkbox"/>	What percentage?
c. e-learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	What percentage?
d. correspondence		What percentage?
f. other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	What percentage? <input type="text" value="20"/>
Comments:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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B Objectives

1. What is the main purpose for this course?

For students to

1. learn about thermodynamic systems and boundaries
2. study the basic laws of thermodynamics including
 - conservation of mass
 - conservation of energy or first law
 - second law
3. understand various forms of energy including heat transfer and work
4. identify various type of properties (e.g., extensive and intensive properties)
5. use tables, equations, and charts, in evaluation of thermodynamic properties
6. apply conservation of mass, first law, and second law in thermodynamic analysis of systems.
7. use computer software in evaluation of thermodynamic properties and graphical presentation of problem solutions
8. enhance their problem solving skills

2. Briefly describe any plans for developing and improving the course that are being implemented. (e.g. increased use of IT or web based reference material, changes in content as a result of new research in the field)

- 1- Explain strategy of the course in the beginning of the semester
- 2- Outlines of the physical laws, principles and the associated proofs.
- 3- Highlighting the day life applications whenever exist.
- 4- Encourage the students to see more details in the international web sites and reference books in the library.
- 5- Discussing some selected problems in each chapter.
- 6- Cooperate with different institution to find how they deal with the subject
- 7- Renew the course references frequently

Frequently check for the latest discovery in science

C. Course Description (Note: General description in the form used in Bulletin or handbook)

Course Description:

Heat, work, kinetic theory of gases, equation of state, thermodynamics system, control volume, first and second laws of thermodynamics, reversible and irreversible processes, and introduction to basic thermodynamic cycles.

1. Topics to be Covered		
List of Topics	No. of Weeks	Contact hours
Introductory Concepts and Definitions	1	3
Thermodynamic systems, Property, state, process, and equilibrium, system of units	1	3
Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics Energy and the Changing the state of a system with heat and work	1	3
Ideal gas assumption	1	3
First law of thermodynamics, conservation of energy	1	3
Corollaries of the First Law, Energy balance for systems and cycles	1	3
First Law in terms of enthalpy, Specific Heats and Heat Capacity	1	3
Second law of thermodynamics and definition of entropy change	1	3
Irreversible and reversible processes	1	3
Thermodynamic cycles : heat engines and refrigeration cycle	2	6
The Rankin and Otto Cycles	2	6

2. Course components (total contact hours and credits per semester):						
	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory or Studio	Practical	Other:	Total
Contact Hours	26	13	---	----	-----	39
Credit						

3. Additional private study/learning hours expected for students per week.

4. Course Learning Outcomes in NQF Domains of Learning and Alignment with Assessment Methods and Teaching Strategy

On the table below are the five NQF Learning Domains, numbered in the left column.

First, insert the suitable and measurable course learning outcomes required in the appropriate learning domains (see suggestions below the table). **Second**, insert supporting teaching strategies that fit and align with the assessment methods and intended learning outcomes. **Third**, insert appropriate assessment methods that accurately measure and evaluate the learning outcome. Each course learning outcomes,

assessment method, and teaching strategy ought to reasonably fit and flow together as an integrated learning and teaching process. (Courses are not required to include learning outcomes from each domain.)

Code	NQF Learning Domains	Course Teaching	Course Assessment
1.0	Knowledge		
1.1	Learning fundamentals in thermodynamic systems and boundaries.	Demonstrating the basic information and principles through lectures and the	Solve some example during the lecture.
1.2	Understanding the physics of the basic laws of thermodynamics including and their applications mentioned in the text	Discussing phenomena with illustrating pictures and diagrams	Exams: -Quizzes -Short exams (mid term exams) -Long exams (final) -Oral exams
1.3	Improving logical thinking.	Lecturing method: -Blackboard -Power point e-	Discussions with the students.
1.4	To use mathematical formulation to describe the physical principle or phenomena	Tutorials Revisit concepts Discussions	Ask the student to clear the misunderstanding of some mathematical
2.0	Cognitive Skills		
2.1	How to use physical laws and principles to understand the subject	Preparing main outlines for teaching	Midterm's exam. Exams, short quizzes
2.2	How to simplify problems and analyze phenomena	Define duties for each chapter	Asking about physical laws previously taught
2.3	Analyze and explain natural phenomena	Homework assignments	Writing reports on selected parts of the course
2.4	Represent the problems mathematically	Encourage the student to look for the information in different references.	Discussions of how to simplify or analyze some phenomena

6. Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester			
	Assessment task (e.g. essay, test, group project, examination,	Week Due	Proportion of Total
1	Midterm 1	6 th week	20
2	Midterm 2	10 th week	20
3	Homework	Every week	10
4	Final exam	End of semester	50

D. Student Academic Counseling and Support

1. Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice. (include amount of time teaching staff are expected to be available each week)

E Learning Resources

1. List Required Textbooks

- 1) Introductory thermodynamics: Pierre Infelta.
- 2) Fundamentals of Statistical and Thermal Physics: F. Reif; McGraw Hill.
- 3) Thermodynamics, Kinetic theory and Statistical thermodynamics by: F.W. Sears and C.L. Salinger, John Wiley.

2. List Essential References Materials (Journals, Reports, etc.)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/physics/thermodynamics>

3. List Recommended Textbooks and Reference Material (Journals, Reports, etc)

- 1) Borgnakke and R.E. Sonntag, Fundamentals of Thermodynamics, 7th Edition, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2009
- 2) M.J. Moran and H.N. Shapiro, Fundamentals of Engineering Thermodynamics, 5th ed., Toronto: John Wiley and Sons, 2004.
- 3) M.J. Moran and H.N. Shapiro, Appendices to Accompany Fundamentals of Engineering Thermodynamics, 5th ed., Toronto: John Wiley and Sons, 2004.
- 4) Y.A. Çengel and M.A. Boles, Thermodynamics – An Engineering Approach, 4th

4. List Electronic Materials, Web Sites, Facebook, Twitter, etc.

- 1) <https://www.khanacademy.org/science/physics/thermodynamics>
- 2) <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thermodynamics>
- 3) <http://physics.about.com/od/thermodynamics/a/thermodynamics.htm>

5. Other learning regulations and software. suc as computer- programs/ profession standar or

Wikipedia

F. Facilities Required


Indicate requirements for the course including size of classrooms and laboratories (i.e. number of seats in classrooms and laboratories extent of computer access etc)


1. Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)

 Lecture room for 40 students

 Library

2. Computing resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)


 Computer room

 Scientific calculator.

3. Other resources (specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach list)

G Course Evaluation and Improvement Processes

1 Strategies for Obtaining Student Feedback on Effectiveness of Teaching

 Midterm and final exam.

 Quiz.

2 Other Strategies for Evaluation of Teaching by the Instructor or by the Department

3 Processes for Improvement of Teaching

Fortification of the student learning.

Handling the weakness point.

4. Processes for Verifying Standards of Student Achievement (e.g. check marking by an independent member teaching staff of a sample of student work, periodic exchange and remarking of tests or a sample of assignments with staff at another institution)

- The instructors of the course are checking together and put a unique process of evaluation
- Check marking of a sample of papers by others in the department.
- Feedback evaluation of teaching from independent organization.

5 Describe the planning arrangements for periodically reviewing course effectiveness and planning for improvement.

1- The following points may help to get the course effectiveness

- Student evaluation
- Course report
- Program report
- Program Self study

2- According to point 1 the plan of improvement should be given.

3- Contact the college to evaluate the course and the benefit it add to other courses.

Add some subject and cut off others depending on the new discoveries in Mathematics and basic science.