

PSCI 2303 Physical Science I (CRN 10428)

Term: Fall 2024

Lecture/lab: MW 2:30 pm – 4:20 pm in PSCI 224

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Required lab manuals: Physical Science I bundle. (Will be provided)

Grading Policy:

Lab reports (1 per week on Mondays, 14 total, 4 points each)	56 points
Discussion (1 per week on Wednesdays, 15 total, 2 points each)	30 points
Quizzes (1 per week on Wednesdays, 15 total, 2 points each)	30 points
Essays (1 per month on last day of the month, 3 total, 10 points each)	30 points
Final presentation (1 during slot allocated for Final)	14 points

Total 160 points

A: 140 - 160

B: 120 - 139

C: 100 - 119

D: 80 - 99

F: 0 - 80

Lab reports:

On Thursdays, you will perform a lab experiment from the bundle. A report, along with a short write-up on how understanding the main physical science concepts in the lab helps your teaching, will be graded before you leave.

Discussion:

Resources, typically video or articles, will be shared ahead of time and will be discussed by the whole class on Wednesdays. Come prepared to share your ideas. The TA will evaluate the quality of your participation.

Quizzes:

The instructor will assign weekly homework on Wednesdays, quizzes on Bb during lecture time will be used to evaluate learning the following Wednesday.

Essays:

Pick one of the discussion topics during the previous month and elaborate. Summarize the resources and the discussion, write about your opinion, whether you had one before the discussion or whether it changed what you thought, how having an opinion will affect your teaching (if at all), and how being aware of the arguments and minutiae makes your opinion stronger or weaker. Highly encouraged to share specific effects on your current or future teaching. 3 to 5 pages, double spaced, uploaded to Bb.

Final presentation:

Using tools and materials from the lab, design a new experiment. Should be about 30 minutes, groups of 4-5 people.

Make-ups:

There will be an opportunity to complete unfinished labs or unattempted labs, quizzes, and discussions during finals week.

Students with Disabilities:

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