

Programa de estudios de física

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Topic #1: Measurements and Uncertainties - 5 Hours for Both SL and HL			VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Measurements in physics	1,1	 Fundamental and derived SI units Scientific notation and metric multipliers Significant figures Orders of magnitude Estimation 	<u>Measurements and</u> Failure Experiments
Uncertainties and errors	1,2	 Random and systematic errors Absolute, fractional and percentage uncertainties Error bars Uncertainty of gradient and intercepts 	
Vectors and scalars	1,3	 Vector and scalar quantities Combination and resolution of vectors 	

Topic #2: Mechanics - 22 Hours for Both SL and HL			VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Motion	2,1	 Distance and displacement Speed and velocity Acceleration Graphs describing motion Equations of motion for uniform acceleration Projectile motion 	
		Fluid resistance and terminal speed	<u> Air Table Experiment</u>
Forces	2,2	 Objects as point particles Free-body diagrams Translational equilibrium Newton's laws of motion Solid friction 	Balistic Pendulum and Projectile Motion Experiment
Work, energy and power	2,3	 Kinetic energy Gravitational potential energy Elastic potential energy Work done as energy transfer Power as rate of energy transfer Principle of conservation of energy Efficiency 	<u>Air Track Experiment</u>
Momentum and impulse	2,4	 Newton's second law expressed in terms of rate of change of momentum Impulse and force-time graphs Conservation of linear momentum Elastic collisions, inelastic collisions and explosions 	

Topic #3: Thermal Physics - 11 Hours for Both SL and HL			VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Thermal concepts	3,1	 Molecular theory of solids, liquids and gases Temperature and absolute temperature Internal energy Specific heat capacity Phase change Specific latent heat 	Ideal Gas Laws Experiment
Modelling a gas	3,2	 Pressure Equation of state for an ideal gas Kinetic model of an ideal gas Mole, molar mass and the Avogadro constant Differences between real and ideal gases 	

Topic #4	: Waves - 15	Hours for Both SL and HL	VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Oscillations	4,1	 Simple harmonic oscillations Time period, frequency, amplitude, displacement and phase difference Conditions for simple harmonic motion 	
Travelling waves	4,2	 Travelling waves Wavelength, frequency, period and wave speed Transverse and longitudinal waves The nature of electromagnetic waves The nature of sound waves 	Young Experiment Set
Wave characteristics	4,3	Wavefronts and raysAmplitude and intensitySuperpositionPolarization	Ripple Tank Experiment
Wave behaviour	4,4	 Reflection and refraction Snell's law, critical angle and total internal reflection Diffraction through a single-slit and around objects Interference patterns Double-slit interference Path difference 	
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Standing waves	4,5	The nature of standing wavesBoundary conditionsNodes and antinodes	

Topic #5: Electricity and Magnetism - 15 Hours for Both SL and HL			VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Electric fields	5,1	 Charge Electric field Coulomb's law Electric current Direct current (dc) Potential difference 	
Heating effect of electric currents	5,2	 Circuit diagrams Kirchhoff's circuit laws Heating effect of current and its consequences Resistance expressed as R = V/I Ohm's law Resistivity Power dissipation 	Basic Electricity Experiment Current Balance Experiment
Electric cells	5,3	 Cells Internal resistance Secondary cells Terminal potential difference Electromotive force (emf) 	
Magnetic effects of electric currents	5,4	 Magnetic fields Magnetic force 	

Topic #6: Circular Motion and Gravitation - 5 Hours for Both SL and HL			VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Circular motion	6,1	 Period, frequency, angular displacement and angular velocity Centripetal force Centripetal acceleration 	Free Fall Experiment
Newton's law of gravitation	6,2	 Newton's law of gravitation Gravitational field strength 	Angular Velocity and Acceleration Experiment

Topic #7: Atomic, Nuclear and Particle Physics - 14 Hours for Both SL and HL			VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Discrete energy and radioactivity	7,1	 Discrete energy and discrete energy levels Transitions between energy levels Radioactive decay Fundamental forces and their properties Alpha particles, beta particles and gamma rays 	Geiger Experiments
The structure of matter	7,2	• Half-life	

Topic #8: Energy Production - 8 Hours for Both SL and HL			VRLab Academy Experiment
Subtopic	Subtopic Number	Points to Understand	
Energy sources	8,1	 Specific energy and energy density of fuel sources Sankey diagrams Primary energy sources Electricity as a secondary and versatile form of energy Renewable and non-renewable energy sources 	Renewable and Nonrenewable Energy Experiments
Thermal energy transfer	8,2	 Conduction, convection and thermal radiation Black-body radiation Albedo and emissivity The solar constant The greenhouse effect Energy balance in the Earth surface—atmosphere system 	,