

LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES
Student Learning Outcome Alignment Form

Course Prefix/Number: PHYS 1315

Course Title: Physical Science I

Core Objective	Course SLO	General Learning Activities	Assessment
Critical Thinking Skills	Construct, carry out, and analyze an experiment according to the scientific method.	<p>Students in groups will be given an assignment to set up and carry out an experiment to determine if the sun follows the same path across the sky each day or if the path differs from day to day. Students will be asked to hypothesize about the path of the sun. The students will then set up the experiment as to the time of the readings, the equipment used, location, type of measurements made, and the tasks each person in the group will perform.</p> <p>The students will then perform the experiment during the semester and collect data. That data will be used at the end of the semester to synthesize results of the experiment and make a report and presentation.</p>	<p>The assignment will be to create and carry out the experiment on the sun path</p> <p>The Critical Thinking Skills rubric will be used</p>

Communication Skills	Construct, carry out, and analyze an experiment according to the scientific method.	Students will be grouped and asked to perform the experiment on the sun path. After the data is collected, the group will be asked to make a graph and write a report that analyzes the results. The group will then prepare and present an oral report with overheads and Power Points of their results.	The assignment will be to communicate in a written report and in a class presentation the results of the experiment on the sun path. The Communication Skills rubric will be used.
Empirical & Quantitative Skills	Construct, carry out, and analyze an experiment according to the scientific method.	Students will gather data and plot the data to get general trends in the experiment. The data will be used to see if their hypothesis is correct. They will analyze how the changing data proves their ideas. Then they will be asked to relate their data to what is known about the earth and its path around the sun to produce a changing sun path across our sky. Emphasis will be given to showing the mathematics of the changing path.	The assignment will be to apply scientific and mathematical principles to the analysis of the data collected in the experiment and come to a conclusion. The Empirical and Quantitative Skills rubric will be used.
Teamwork	Construct, carry out, and analyze an experiment according to the scientific method.	Students will be divided into groups and given the basic concepts of group dynamics. They will work as a group to develop the experiment and to carry it out during the semester. Then they will get together as a group to prepare the report and presentation to the class. They will then present the report as a group. The last item to be to have the group fill out a questionnaire about the other team member's rolls in the group.	The assignment will be to collect and carry out the experiment as a group and to meet as a group to analyze the data and make a report and presentation. We will use the Teamwork rubric.

CRITICAL THINKING VALUE RUBRIC

Adapted for Texarkana College from the AAC&U Critical Thinking VALUE Rubric

Definition

Critical thinking is a habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.

	Does Not Meet Any Expectations 1	Meets Few Expectations 2	Meets Expectations 3	Exceeds Some Expectations 4	Exceeds All Expectations 5
Explanation of Issues	Did not state issue.	Issue is stated without clarification or description.	Issue is stated but description leaves some terms undefined, ambiguities unexplored, boundaries undetermined and/or backgrounds unknown.	Issue is stated, described, and clarified so that understanding is not seriously impeded by omissions.	Issue is stated clearly and described comprehensively, delivering all relevant information necessary for full understanding.
Evidence	Does not identify the basic components of an issue	Information is taken from sources without any interpretation. Viewpoints of experts are taken as fact, without question	Information is taken from sources with some interpretation but not enough to develop a coherent analysis or synthesis.	Information is taken from sources with enough interpretation to develop a coherent analysis or synthesis.	Information is taken from sources with enough interpretation to develop a comprehensive analysis or synthesis.
Influence of Context and Assumptions	Did not show awareness of the issue.	Show an emerging awareness of present assumptions.	Questions some assumptions. Identifies relevant information when presenting a position.	Identifies own and others' assumptions and several relevant contexts when presenting a position.	Thoroughly analyzes own and others' assumptions and carefully evaluates the relevance of contexts when presenting a position.
Student's Position	Takes no position on issue	Specific position is stated but is simplistic and obvious.	Specific position acknowledges different sides of an issue.	Specific position takes into account the complexities of an issue. Others' points of view are acknowledged within position.	Specific position is imaginative. Limits of position acknowledged. Other points of view are synthesized.

Conclusions and Related Outcomes	Does not use previously learned information in new situations.	Conclusion is inconsistently tied to some of the information discussed; related outcomes are oversimplified.	Conclusion is logically tied to information; some related outcomes are identified.	Conclusion is logically tied to a range of information, including opposing viewpoints; related outcomes are identified clearly	Conclusions and related outcomes are logical and reflect student's informed evaluation and ability to place evidence and perspectives discussed in priority order
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Communication RUBRIC

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Definition

Written communication is the development and expression of ideas in writing.

Oral Communication is a prepared, purposeful presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors.

Visual Communication is the use of images to persuade, entertain, inform, and enlighten an observing audience of products, ideas, and messages.

	Does Not Meet Any Expectations 1	Meets Few Expectations 2	Meets Expectations 3	Exceeds Some Expectations 4	Exceeds All Expectations 5
Quality of Information and Organization	Presentation lacks main points and related details. Information lacks connection to the presentation topic. Information is not organized.	Main points are not clear and lack significant detail. Some information is linked to the presentation topic. Information is loosely organized.	Main points are somewhat clear but could use more detail. Most information is linked to the presentation topic. Information is organized.	Main points are clear and detailed. Information is linked to presentation topic. Information is well organized.	Main points are very clear and very detailed. Information is directly linked to presentation topic. Information is very organized.
Nonverbal Communication	Speaker appears very uneasy and insecure. Speaker faces away from the audience or makes no eye contact. Speaker appears disengaged from the audience. Speaker uses few body motions or gestures or has gestures or movements that distract the audience.	Speaker appears uneasy and somewhat insecure. Speaker rarely faces the audience or makes eye contact. Speaker rarely appears to be engaging with the audience. Speaker uses few body motions or has gestures or movements that distract the audience..	Speaker appears generally at ease and confident. Speaker sometimes faces the audience and maintains eye contact. Speaker sometimes appears to be engaging with the audience. Speaker's body motions and gestures neither support nor detract from presentation.	Speaker appears fairly comfortable and confident. Speaker generally faces the audience and maintains good eye contact. Speaker generally appears to be engaging with the audience. Speaker uses body motions and gestures well.	Speaker appears very comfortable and confident. Speaker consistently faces the audience and maintains good eye contact. Speaker consistently appears to be engaging with the audience. Speaker uses body motions and gestures very effectively.
Quality of Verbal Communication	Speaker's voice is consistently too weak or too strong. Speaker fails to use inflections to emphasize key points and create interest or often uses inflections	Speaker's voice is frequently too weak or too strong. Speaker rarely uses inflections to emphasize key points and create interest or speaker sometimes uses	Speaker's voice is generally steady strong and clear. Speaker sometimes uses inflections to emphasize key points and create	Speaker's voice is steady, strong, and clear. Speaker often uses inflections to emphasize key points and create interest. Speaker's talking pace is mostly appropriate.	Speaker's voice is very confident, steady, strong, and clear. Speaker consistently uses inflections to emphasize key points or to create interest. Speaker's talking

	inappropriately. Speaker's talking paces is consistently too slow or too fast.	inflections inappropriately. Speaker's talking pace is often too slow or too fast.	interest. Speaker's talking pace is appropriate.		pace is consistently appropriate.
Visual Tools	Visual aids demonstrate no creativity or clarity and are often difficult to read. Presentation is weakened by the visual tools.	Visual aids have limited creativity or clarity or are sometimes difficult to read. Presentation is not enhanced by the visual tools.	Visual aids are reasonably creative, clear, and easy to read. Presentation is sometimes enhanced by the visual tools.	Visual aids are usually creative, clear, and easy to read. Presentation is often enhanced by the visual tools.	Visual aids are very creative, clear, and easy to read. Presentation is consistently enhanced by the visual tools.
Appropriate Use of Vocabulary	Few or no terms are included in the presentation. May or may not be used appropriately. Lacks context.	Several terms are included in the presentation. May or may not be used appropriately. May lack context.	Most terms are included in the presentation. Generally used appropriately. Generally used in appropriate context.	All terms are included in the presentation. Used effectively. Used in context.	All terms are included in the presentation. Used in unique and creative ways. Used in context
Precision and Detail in Documents Produced	Written documents have numerous errors and lack detail. Little care taken in the production.	Documents may have some errors and show some detail. Some care has been taken in production.	Evident that written documents are correct and show a general attention to detail and accuracy. General care has been taken in production.	Clearly evident that written documents are correct, detailed and accurate. Care has been taken in production.	Documents are clear, well-constructed, accurate, and show attention to detail. Extra care has been taken in the production of written documents.
Overall Presentational Effectiveness	The presentation was weak and not effective.	The presentation was average and somewhat effective.	The presentation was good and effective.	The presentation was very good and effective.	The presentation was exceptional and extremely effective.

Empirical and Quantitative Skills RUBRIC

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Definition

The ability to formulate an inquiry that is scientific or mathematical in nature, and then manipulate and analyze numerical data and/or follow an investigative process using empirical and/or quantitative reasoning to satisfy the inquiry and create informed conclusions.

	Does Not Meet Any Expectations 1	Meets Few Expectations 2	Meets Expectations 3	Exceeds Some Expectations 4	Exceeds All Expectations 5
Identification	The purpose, components, and variables of the investigation/project are not identified.	The purpose, components, and variables of the investigation/project are somewhat identified.	The purpose, components, and variables of the investigation/project are mostly identified	The purpose, components, and variables of the investigation/project are clearly identified..	The purpose, components, and variables of the investigation/project are clearly identified.
Assimilation	The information that is required for an analysis of all investigative components is not evident. If applicable, values are incorrectly translated into variables and no necessary formulas are present.	The information that is required for an analysis of all investigative components is somewhat evident. If applicable, values are incorrectly translated into variables and some necessary formulas are present.	The information that is required for an analysis of all investigative components is mostly evident. If applicable, some values are correctly translated into variables and most necessary formulas are present.	The information that is required for an analysis of all investigative components is evident. If applicable, most values are correctly translated into variables and all necessary formulas are present.	The information that is required for an analysis of all investigative components is clearly evident. If applicable, values are correctly translated into variables and all necessary formulas are present.
Analysis	Most investigative or quantitative components are not scrutinized. The steps followed are illogical and/or irrelevant to the desired result. The proper tools/ technology were not used and/or integrated into the final product. Any notation is not consistent and not defined.	Some investigative or quantitative components are scrutinized. Some steps followed are somewhat logical and relevant to the desired result. The proper tools/ technology were somewhat used and not integrated into the final product. Any notation is somewhat consistent but not defined.	All investigative or quantitative components are somewhat scrutinized. The steps followed are mostly logical and relevant to the desired result. The proper tools/ technology were mostly used and somewhat integrated into the final product. Any notation is mostly consistent and defined.	All investigative or quantitative components are scrutinized. The steps followed are logical and relevant to the desired result. The proper tools/ technology were used and mostly integrated into the final product. Any notation is consistent and well defined.	All investigative or quantitative components are methodically scrutinized. The steps followed are logical and relevant to the desired result. The proper tools/ technology were used and well integrated into the final product. Any notation is consistent and well defined.

Presentation	<p>A summary of the analysis is either inadequately presented or not presented at all. The presented information is mostly incorrect, and/or of poor quality, and/or the terminology/figures are inaccurate and/or hard to understand. Few or no visual representations of evidence are acceptably scaled/ represent the analysis findings.</p>	<p>A partial summary of the analysis is presented. The presented information is somewhat correct, of adequate quality, and the terminology/figures are somewhat accurate and relatively easy to understand. Some visual representations of evidence are acceptably scaled and represent the analysis findings.</p>	<p>A summary of the analysis is presented. The presented information is mostly correct, of good quality, and the terminology/figures are mostly accurate and easy to understand. Most visual representations of evidence are acceptably scaled and represent the analysis findings.</p>	<p>A good summary of the analysis is presented. The presented information is correct, of good quality, and the terminology/figures are accurate and easy to understand. Most visual representations of evidence are well-scaled and/or well represent the analysis findings..</p>	<p>A concise summary of the analysis is presented. The presented information is correct, of high quality, and the terminology/figures are accurate and easy to understand. All visual representations of evidence are well-scaled and well represent the analysis findings.</p>
Application	<p>The integration does not include all steps of the investigation and does not lead to an accurate, nor complete conclusion that relates to the initial investigative argument.</p>	<p>The integration of most steps of the investigation lead to a somewhat accurate, partially complete conclusion that is relative to the initial investigative statement.</p>	<p>The coherent integration of most steps of the investigation lead to an accurate, mostly complete, acceptable conclusion that is relative to the initial investigative statement.</p>	<p>The coherent integration of all steps of the investigation lead to an accurate, mostly complete, relevant conclusion that is relative to the initial investigative statement.</p>	<p>The coherent integration of all steps of the investigation lead to an accurate, complete, relevant conclusion that is relative to the initial investigative statement.</p>

Teamwork Skills RUBRIC

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Definition

Teamwork is behaviors under the control of individual team members, their manner of interacting with others on team, and the quantity and quality of contributions they make to team discussions.

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Contributes to Team Meetings	Does not collect any relevant information; no useful suggestions to address team's needs;	Shares ideas but does not advance the work of the group.	Offers new suggestions to advance the work of the group	Offers alternative solutions or courses of action that build on the ideas of others.	Helps the group move forward by articulating the merits of alternative ideas or proposals
Facilitates the Contributions of Team Members	Often argues with team mates; doesn't let anyone else talk; occasional personal attacks and "put-downs"; wants to have things done his way and does not listen to alternate approaches;	Engages group by taking turns and listening to others without interrupting.	Engages group by restating the views of other members and/or asking questions for clarification.	Engages group by constructively building upon or synthesizing the contributions of others..	Engages group by both constructively building upon and synthesizing the contributions of others as well as noticing when someone is not participating and inviting him/her to engage.
Individual Contributions Outside of Team Meetings	Completes no assigned tasks outside of team meetings.	Completes some assigned tasks by deadline.	Completes all assigned tasks by deadline; work accomplished advances the project.	Completes all assigned tasks by deadline; work accomplished and is thorough, comprehensive, and advances the project.	Completes all assigned tasks by deadline; work accomplished is thorough, comprehensive, and advances the project. Proactively helps other team members complete their assigned tasks to a similar level of excellence.
Fosters Constructive Team Climate	Is argumentative and does not work with the team.	Supports a constructive group climate by treating other members respectfully.	Supports a constructive group climate by treating other	Supports a constructive group climate by treating other	Supports a constructive group climate by treating other

			members respectfully and conveying a positive attitude about the group and its work.	members respectfully, conveying a positive attitude about the group and its work, and motivating other group members.	members respectfully, conveying a positive attitude about the group and its work, motivating other group members, and providing assistance to group members.
Responds to Conflict	Is not present enough to engage in conflict.	Passively accepts alternate viewpoints/ideas/opinions.	Redirects focus toward common ground, toward task at hand (away from conflict)..	Identifies and acknowledges conflict and stays engaged with it.	Addresses conflict directly and helps to manage/resolve it in a way that strengthens overall group cohesiveness.

Student Learning Outcomes

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1. Construct, carry out, and analyze an experiment according to the scientific method.
2. Be able to explain the basic ideas of atomic structure and forces
3. Be able to explain the basic ideas of Electricity, heat, and sound
4. Be able to explain the basic ideas of the structure of the earth
5. Be able to explain the basic ideas of earthquakes, mountain building, and volcanos
6. Be able to explain the basic ideas of weather
7. Be able to explain the basic ideas of tornados and lightning
8. Be able to explain the basic ideas of the makeup of the universe and solar system

Syllabus: Physical Science 1

Course Number: Phys 1315

Semester & Year: Summer 2 2013

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Textbook Information

Physical Science Packet Available in Bookstore

Student Learning Outcomes for the Course

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Student Requirements for Completion of the Course and Due Dates

Daily In Class Exercises – Dates Vary

Out of Class Exercises – Dates Vary

Class Notes – August 13

Notebook – August 14

Tests – 1) July 25, 2) August 1 3) August 13

Final Exam – May 14

Student Assessment (For Specifics, see grade sheet)

You have the following possibilities for earning points:

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| (1) Exercises | 550 total points |
| (2) Notes and Notebook | 50 total points |
| (3) Major Tests - | 300 total points |
| (4) Final Exam - | <u>100 total points</u> |
| | 1000 total points |

Grading Scale

Grade	
A	900-1000
B	800-899
C	700-799
D	600-699
F	599-below

Tests

- There will be 3 major tests.
- Multiple Choice – you must have a scantron to take the test.
- All Tests will be in-class
- Any missed test will have the adjusted final test grade substituted in its place if you have a good reason,
- If you do not give a good reason for missing the test, a zero will be your test grade.

Final

It Will Be Taken From All The Questions (15)

Class Schedule – See attached Schedule

Absentee Policy

Texarkana College's absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she **may** be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of "F" in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of "F" or "W".

Withdrawal from a course(s) **may** affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

Excused absences

A student's absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student's allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons.

- An absence is defined as any time you are not in class.
- You are allowed 2 absences. You will be dropped for any absence over the 4 allowed.

Partial Absence

- School policy dictates that 5 partial absences or tardies will be counted as one absence.
- A tardy or partial absence is defined as coming into class after 8:00 am.
- This time is marked by the classroom clock.

- Each hour or portion of that hour that you miss class will equal one partial absence
- Extended absences that are *absolutely unavoidable* will be counted as one absence. Written proof is required. Only one per semester will be counted. Each will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Any student with 4 absences for any reason will be dropped.

Make-up Policy

- Reasons that will allow you to make up work include sickness, deaths, and similar excuses.
- Work, trips, and similar excuses will NOT allow you to make up work unless an emergency situation arises. These will be decided on a case by case basis.
- Work that involves in-class discussion can not be made up.

Assignments

- Assignments will not be accepted any later than 3 days after the due date without an excuse.
- 15% of that assignment will be deducted for each day late.

Cell Phones

- All cell phones are to be turned off, placed off your body, and out of sight during class.
- There is to be no answering the phone, viewing or send text messages except in a prior approved emergency situation.
- Anyone caught doing so will be asked to leave for the remainder of the class.

Course Correspondence

Any course correspondence will be through TC student email. It is the student's responsibility to check his/ her TC email regularly for any communication related to the course.

*Being dropped from the course could affect your financial aid.

Academic Integrity Statement

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F".

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

Disability Act Statement:

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations..

Financial Aid:

Attention! Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.