COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the basic principles of physics as they apply to the normal functioning of the human body. It will examine each of the major body systems and demonstrate how specific laws of physics can be used to explain aspects of anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, pathology and pharmacology. It will also examine the areas where theories of physics overlap with the philosophies of Oriental Medicine.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Learn the major principle of physics and their applications to the human body.
• Know the principles of thermal regulation in the human body.
• Understand the basic laws of liquids, gasses, pressure and volume, and their role in the respiratory and cardiovascular systems.
• Learn the fundamentals of electricity and magnetism, and their role in cell potentials, nerve conduction and heart rhythms. Understand the basic principles of electro acupuncture.
• Understand the basics of waves, light and sound. Know their role in vision and hearing.
• Understand how basic principles of Modern/Quantum Physics play a role in mind-body medicine, Energy Medicine, and Oriental Medicine theory.

COURSE PREREQUISITIES

None

REQUIRED TEXTS

Dr Thornton's Lecture Notes on class website, free download, join the group to access notes: https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/AcuPhysics/info (case sensitive)
Or, send me an email request and I will send you an invitation to the class website

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

The Tao of Physics, by Fritjof Capra
The Dancing Wu Li Master, by Gary Zukav
The Elegant Universe, by Brian Greene
The Spark in the Machine, by Daniel Keown

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Midterm Exam: 50%
Final Exam: 50%

A minimum score of 70% in the Midterm Exam and 70% in the Final Exam is required to pass the exam and the course.

GRADING SCALE: 100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69% and below F

SPECIAL NOTES

Professionalism and Full and Prompt Attendance: To pass any course (separate from academic performance) all students must meet requirements for professionalism in coursework. Professionalism includes full and prompt attendance: Students who miss more than 2 class meetings in a 10-week course will earn an F in that course.
Additionally, students who arrive more than 15 minutes to class or leave class before it ends will be marked tardy. Two tardies equal one absence. NOTE: Students who leave and return to class late from a break or leave during the class (especially if this is repeated) or who disrupt the class in other ways may be referred to the Academic Dean for professionalism.

CLASS ONE (The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.)
Introduction: history and development of physics
OM & Physics
Laws of Motion
Newton’s Universal Law of Gravitation
Thermodynamics

CLASS TWO
Biological Thermodynamics
Transducers
Heat Therapy in Medicine

CLASS THREE
Electricity
Ohm’s Law
DC & AC Current
Electro Acupuncture

CLASS FOUR
Magnetism
Biomagnetism
Electromagnetic Fields & Health

CLASS FIVE
Midterm Exam
Heat
Moxibustion

CLASS SIX
Fluids
Waves
Schumann Resonances

CLASS SEVEN
Diffusion & Osmosis
Cupping

CLASS EIGHT
Theory of Relativity

CLASS NINE
Quantum Mechanics
The Physics of OM

CLASS TEN
Final Exam

CLASS ELEVEN
Final Exam

REFERENCE MATERIAL

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