

## AP PHYSICS 1 – COURSE OUTLINE

### **UNIT 1: Kinematics**

- a. One-dimensional motion
  - Constant velocity
  - Uniformly accelerated motion
  - Free-fall motion
  - Equation, graphical, and verbal models
- b. Two-dimensional motion
  - Introduction to vector components and resultants
  - Projectile motion
  - Uniform circular motion

### **UNIT 2: Dynamics**

- a. Different types of forces and Free-body diagrams
- b. Newton's Laws of Motion
  - Newton's First Law
  - Newton's Second Law
  - Newton's Third Law
- c. Forces on Inclines
- d. Atwood Machines
- e. Apparent Weight

### **UNIT 3: Circular Motion and Universal Law of Gravitation**

- a. Uniform circular motion
  - Centripetal acceleration and centripetal force
  - Forces acting in uniform circular motion
- b. Universal Law of Gravitation
  - Kepler's Laws

### **UNIT 4: Momentum & Collisions**

- a. Linear Momentum
- b. Impulse
- c. Conservation of Linear Momentum in different types of collisions

### **UNIT 5: Work, Energy, & Power**

- a. Definition of Work
  - Relating forces and energy

- Revisiting uniform circular motion
  - Positive and negative work
- b. Energy
- Mechanical Energy
  - Discussing other types of energy
  - Objects and systems
  - Conservation of energy
- c. Power

### **UNIT 6: Simple Harmonic Motion**

- a. Hooke's Law
- b. Restoring Forces and Equilibrium
- Simple Pendulums
  - Mass-spring systems
- c. Graphical, conceptual, and algebraic studies of simple harmonic motion.

### **UNIT 7: Rotational Motion**

- a. Point-mass versus a physical object
- b. Concept of center of mass
- c. Torque and its effects on the rotation of an object.
- d. Rotational Energy and Kinematics
- e. Moments of Inertia
- f. Angular Momentum and its conservation.

### **UNIT 8: Electricity**

- a. Coulomb's Law
- b. DC Circuits
- c. Ohm's Law
- d. Kirchhoff's Rules
- e. Conservation of Charge

### **UNIT 9: Wave Motion**

- a. Types of Waves
- b. Interference and Superposition
- c. Properties of Waves
- d. Models of Waves
- e. Sound Waves
- f. Resonance & Doppler effect.