




## Workshop Physics

 Indicates a research-demonstrated benefit

### Overview

A calculus-based introductory physics curriculum designed to completely replace traditional lectures and laboratories with sequenced activities.




**Type of Method**

Full curriculum, Classroom structure



**Level**

**Designed for:** Intro College Calculus-based 

**Can be adapted for:** High School  , Intro College Algebra-based, ([Explorations in Physics](#) uses the Workshop Physics style of guided inquiry but it designed for use in non science major classes)



**Setting**

**Designed for:** Studio 

**Can be adapted for:** Lecture - Small (<30 students)  , Lab 



**Coverage**

Many topics with less depth, The topic coverage has been reduced by about 15% so it is between broad and deep.



**Topics**

Mechanics, Electricity / Magnetism, Waves / Optics, Thermal / Statistical, Modern / Quantum



**Instructor Effort**

Medium







**Resource Needs**

TAs / LAs, Projector, Computers for students, Advanced lab equipment, Cost for students, Tables for group work





**Skills**





**Designed for:** Conceptual understanding  , Lab skills  , Using multiple representations  , Designing experiments  , collaborative skills

**Can be adapted for:** Problem-solving skills, Metacognition



**Research Validation**

**Based on research into:** theories of how students learn  , student ideas about specific topics 

**Demonstrated to improve:** conceptual understanding  , lab skills  , beliefs and attitudes  , retention of students 

**Studied using:** student interviews  , research at multiple institutions 



**Compatible Methods**

[PhET](#), [JiTT](#), [ILDs](#), [Physlets](#), [RealTime Physics](#), [SCALE-UP](#), [OSP](#), [LA Program](#), [MBL](#), [CPU](#), [Responsive Teaching](#)

 **Similar Methods**

[ILDs](#), [RealTime Physics](#), [SCALE-UP](#), [MBL](#), [EiP](#)

 **Developer(s)**

Priscilla Laws with contributions from Robert Boyle, Patrick Cooney, Kenneth Laws, John Luetzelschwab, David Sokoloff and Ronald Thornton

 **Website**

[http://physics.dickinson.edu/~wp\\_web/wp\\_homepage.html](http://physics.dickinson.edu/~wp_web/wp_homepage.html)

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## **Teaching materials**

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Realtime Physics is available in a series of books published by Wiley:

- [Module 1](#): The Core Volume: Mechanics I: Kinematics and Newtonian Dynamics (Units 1-7)
- [Module 2](#): Mechanics II: Momentum, Energy, Rotational and Harmonic Motion, and Chaos (Units 8 - 15)
- [Module 3](#): Heat Temperature and Nuclear Radiation: Thermodynamics, Kinetic Theory, Heat Engines, Nuclear Decay, and Random Monitoring (Units 16 - 18 and 28)
- [Module 4](#): Electricity and Magnetism (Units 19-27)