



NMAT Physics Suggested Study Plan

Mechanics

Week 1

Suggested Time Plan: 8 hrs

Describing Motion with Graphical Analysis

- \circ $\,$ Scalars and Vectors $\,$
- Definition of Kinematics Terms: Speed, Velocity, Acceleration
- Interpreting Motion Graphs: position-time, velocity-time graphs
- o acceleration-time graphs

Motion with Constant Acceleration

- Equations of Motion
- $_{\odot}$ Applications of equations to Vertical Motion and Free Fall
- $_{\odot}$ Applications of equations to Horizontal Motion

Projectile Motion

- Projectile Definition
- Projectile Motion Trajectory
- o Horizontal and Vertical Velocity or Projectiles

Forces and Newton's Laws of Motion

- Weight and Normal Force
- \circ Friction
- \circ $\,$ Free Body Diagrams.
- Newton's First Law (Law of Inertia)
- Newton's Second Law (Law of Acceleration)
- Newton's Third Law (Law of Interaction)
- Newton's Law of Gravitation
- \circ $\,$ Momentum and Impulse
- \circ Law of Momentum Conservation



Week 2

Suggested Time Plan: 6 hrs

Circular and Rotational Motion.

- Uniform Circular Motion
- Centripetal vs Centrifugal Force
- Centripetal Acceleration.
- o Torque
- \circ Moment of Inertia
- \circ Angular Velocity and Angular Momentum

Work, Energy, and Power

- \circ Work
- o Kinetic Energy
- o Gravitational Potential Energy
- Hooke's Law
- Conservation of Energy
- \circ $\,$ Power and Power Rating

Fluids

- \circ $\,$ Fluids and Fluid Pressure
- Pascal's Principle
- Buoyant Force and Archimedes' Principle
- o Bernoulli's Principle

* Thermodynamics (Week 3)

Suggested Time Plan: 4 hrs

Heat

- Temperature vs Heat
- Heat Transfer and Thermal Equilibrium
- Latent Heat and Phase Change
- Heat Transfer Equation
- Factors Affecting Rate of Heat Transfer
- o Thermal Expansion
- \circ Mechanical Equivalent of Heat



Thermodynamic Systems and Gases

- Thermodynamic Systems
- Laws of Thermodynamics
- Thermodynamic Processes
- Heat Engines and the Carnot Cycle
- Gas Variables
- Gas Laws: Boyle's Law, Charles' Law, Avogadro's Law, Ideal Gas Law

Electricity and Magnetism (Week 3)

Suggested Time Plan: 4 hrs

Electricity and Magnetism

- Electric Charges and Electrostatic Force (Coulomb's Law)
- Circuit Components
- o Circuit Variables: Electric Current, Voltage, Resistance, Power
- o Ohm's Law
- Series vs Parallel Circuits
- \circ Capacitors
- Magnetic Field, Magnetic Force, and Flux Lines.
- Electromagnetic Induction

Vibrations, Waves, and Optics (Week 4)

Suggested Time Plan: 8 hrs

Wave Basics and Wave Properties

- $_{\odot}~$ Wave variables: frequency (f), period (T), wavelength (λ), and velocity (v)
- \circ Law of Reflection
- Key Terms: Normal, Angle of Incidence, Angle of Reflection, Total Internal Reflection, Critical Angle



Refraction, Dispersion, and Diffraction

- Why Light Refracts
- \circ Refractive Index
- Snell's Law
- \circ Dispersion
- Diffraction and Young's Double-Slit Experiment
- \circ Interference
- Diffraction Grating

Images, Lenses, and Mirrors

- \circ $\,$ Real and Virtual Images $\,$
- Law of Reflection
- Image Formed in a Plane Mirror
- Converging vs Diverging Lenses/Mirrors
- Concave vs Convex Lenses/Mirrors
- o Ray Diagrams
- Lens/Mirror Equation
- \circ $\;$ How the Eye Forms Images $\;$
- \circ Myopia and Hyperopia

Light and Sound

- Theories of Light
- Light as an Electromagnetic Wave
- o Polarized Light
- Electromagnetic Spectrum
- \circ $\,$ Visible Light and Perception of Color.
- o Prisms
- \circ Absorption and Reflection
- Sound Waves
- Sound Variables: Pitch, Intensity, Frequency, Amplitude
- Doppler Effect



Modern Physics (Week 5)

Suggested Time Plan: 2 hrs

Modern Physics

- \circ $\;$ Quantum and Relativistic Mechanics $\;$
- Theory of Special Relativity and General Relativity
- Principles of Quantum Mechanics
- Nucleons and Isotopes
- o Radioactive elements and Half-life
- Radioactive decay
- \circ $\;$ Nuclear fission and Nuclear fusion

* Take Physics Practice Tests and Mock Exam (Week 5)