

Wisconsin 2008 Two Year College Physics Report

Two thousand eight marked the first year of the full implementation of the new state wide physics courses for associate degree programs at Wisconsin's two-year technical colleges. Prior to 2007, each Technical College had its own unique courses with different numbers. This change accompanied a change in the state definition of the requirements for an associate degree in the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). The process resulted in the following list of approved courses

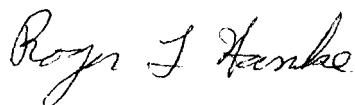
Course Number	Title	Credits	Tech Colleges Using Course
10-806-122	Natural Sciences in Society	3	1
10-806-137	Comprehensive Tech Physics	4	3
10-806-139	Survey of Physics	3	3
10-806-143	College Physics 1	3	7
10-806-144	College Physics II	3	5
10-806-154	General Physics 1	4	10
10-806-167	Science of Technology	3	1
10-806-169	Energy in Nature, Technology and Society	3	2
10-806-182	Forces, Fields and Energy	3	3
10-806-187	Calculus Based Physics 1	3	1
10-806-188	Calculus Based Physics 2	3	1

For a more detailed description of these courses go to www.curriculumbank.org.

I recently was given a draft memo from the Council of General Education Deans (CGED) that described an evaluation system for these courses. If a course is offered by fewer than four colleges, in order for it to remain on the list, documentation must be submitted to the CGED. The CGED submits their recommendation to Instructional Services Administrators (ISA) Committee who make the final decision.

I have no idea if this is the final process that will be used, the final effect of this process, etc. As far as I know, the net effect of this new set of courses will probably be to either maintain or reduce the number programs requiring physics in the WTCS.

Respectfully Submitted



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