GENERAL SCIENCE

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Building 7, Room 202
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Southeast Campus
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DESCRIPTION
General science courses introduce students to their physical environment and its scientific exploration; specific topics examined in these courses include geology, astronomy, oceanography and meteorology. These courses are designed to: provide an interdisciplinary overview, introduce fundamental scientific concepts, demonstrate scientific inquiry, illustrate how hazards and resources related to these topics impact society, and increase the student’s appreciation of their world. These courses are appropriate for students with a limited science and math background. Work in the general sciences is an important part of many college programs.

All general science courses include a lab component and are on the PCC General Education course list. General science courses can be taken individually or in any sequence.

GS 106. Physical Science (Geology). 4 Credits.
Covers minerals, rocks, volcanism, earthquakes, plate tectonics, erosion and deposition by wind, glaciers and streams, weathering, fossils, and geologic history. Includes a weekly lab. Prerequisite: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and (MTH 58 or MTH 65) or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Science, Math, Computer Science/AAS, Science, Math, Computer Science/AGS, Science, Math, Computer Science/ASOT-B, Science, Math, Computer Science/AAOT, Science, Math, Computer Science/AS.

GS 107. Physical Science (Astronomy). 4 Credits.
Surveys astronomy to include historical development of the universe, Earth as a planet, Earth’s moon, planets of the solar system, the sun, stars, and galaxies. Includes a weekly lab. Prerequisite: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and (MTH 58 or MTH 65) or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Science, Math, Computer Science/AS, Science, Math, Computer Science/AAOT, Science, Math, Computer Science/ASOT-B, Science, Math, Computer Science/AGS, Science, Math, Computer Science/ASOT-B.

GS 108. Physical Science (Oceanography). 4 Credits.
Explores the chemical, biological, physical, and geological nature of the oceans. Includes a weekly lab. Prerequisite: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and (MTH 58 or MTH 65) or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Science, Math, Computer Science/ASOT-B, Science, Math, Computer Science/AGS, Science, Math, Computer Science/AAOT.

GS 109. Physical Science (Meteorology). 4 Credits.
Covers characteristics of our atmosphere including air pressure and winds, atmospheric moisture, large air masses, violent storms, climates, and the effect of oceans on weather. Includes a weekly lab. Prerequisite: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and (MTH 58 or MTH 65) or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Science, Math, Computer Science/AAOT, Science, Math, Computer Science/AS, Science, Math, Computer Science/AAS, Science, Math, Computer Science/ASOT-B.