



**Swansea University  
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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
HANDBOOK**

**FOUNDATION (FHEQ LEVEL 3)**

**FOUNDATION PHYSICS  
DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

**SUBJECT SPECIFIC  
PART TWO OF TWO  
MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE  
2023-24**

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## The 23-24 academic year begins on 25 September 2023

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

### **DATES OF 23-24 TERMS**

25 September 2023 – 15 December 2023

8 January 2024 – 22 March 2024

15 April 2024 – 07 June 2024

### **SEMESTER 1**

25 September 2023 – 29 January 2024

### **SEMESTER 2**

29 January 2024 – 07 June 2024

### **SUMMER**

10 June 2024 – 20 September 2024

## **IMPORTANT**

Swansea University and the Faculty of Science of Engineering takes any form of **academic misconduct** very seriously. In order to maintain academic integrity and ensure that the quality of an Award from Swansea University is not diminished, it is important to ensure that all students are judged on their ability. No student should have an unfair advantage over another as a result of academic misconduct - whether this is in the form of **Plagiarism, Collusion** or **Commissioning**.

It is important that you are aware of the **guidelines** governing Academic Misconduct within the University/Faculty of Science and Engineering and the possible implications. The Faculty of Science and Engineering will not take intent into consideration and in relation to an allegation of academic misconduct - there can be no defence that the offence was committed unintentionally or accidentally.

Please ensure that you read the University webpages covering the topic – procedural guidance [here](#) and further information [here](#). You should also read the Faculty Part One handbook fully, in particular the pages that concern Academic Misconduct/Academic Integrity.

## **Welcome to the Faculty of Science and Engineering!**

Whether you are a new or a returning student, we could not be happier to be on this journey with you.

At Swansea University and in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, we believe in working in partnership with students. We work hard to break down barriers and value the contribution of everyone.

Our goal is an inclusive community where everyone is respected, and everyone's contributions are valued. Always feel free to talk to academic, technical and administrative staff, administrators - I'm sure you will find many friendly helping hands ready to assist you. And make the most of living and working alongside your fellow students.

During your time with us, please learn, create, collaborate, and most of all – enjoy yourself!

**Professor David Smith**  
**Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean**  
**Faculty of Science and Engineering**



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## STUDENT SUPPORT

The Faculty of Science and Engineering has two **Reception** areas - Engineering Central (Bay Campus) and Wallace 223c (Singleton Park Campus).

Standard Reception opening hours are Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm.

The **Student Support Team** provides dedicated and professional support to all students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Should you require assistance, have any questions, be unsure what to do or are experiencing difficulties with your studies or in your personal life, our team can offer direct help and advice, plus signpost you to further sources of support within the University. There are lots of ways to get information and contact the team:

**Email:** [studentsupport-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk) (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm)

**Call:** +44 (0) 1792 295514 (Monday-Friday, 10am–12pm, 2–4pm).

**Zoom:** By appointment. Students can email, and if appropriate we will share a link to our Zoom calendar for students to select a date/time to meet.

The current student **webpages** also contain useful information and links to other resources:

<https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/fse/>

## READING LISTS

Reading lists for each module are available on the course Canvas page and are also accessible via <http://ifindreading.swan.ac.uk/>. We've removed reading lists from the 23-24 handbooks to ensure that you have access to the most up-to-date versions.

We do not expect you to purchase textbooks, unless it is a specified key text for the course.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPULSORY AND CORE MODULES

**Compulsory modules** must be **pursued** by a student.

**Core modules** must not only be **pursued**, but also **passed** before a student can proceed to the next level of study or qualify for an award. Failures in core modules must be redeemed.

Further information can be found under “Modular Terminology” on the following link -

<https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/taught-guidance/essential->

[info-taught-students/your-programme-explained/](#)

# Year 0 (FHEQ Level 3) 2023/24

## Physics

BSc Physics[F301]

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
<b>PH-021</b> <b>Mechanics</b> <b>20 Credits</b> <b>Dr WA Bryan</b>	<b>PH-024</b> <b>Waves, Optics and Thermal Physics</b> <b>20 Credits</b> <b>Dr EI Zavala Carrasco</b>
<b>PH-022</b> <b>Electricity and Magnetism</b> <b>20 Credits</b> <b>Prof G Tasinato</b>	<b>PH-025</b> <b>Atoms, Nuclei and Particles</b> <b>20 Credits</b> <b>Prof N Madsen/Dr SM Shermer</b>
<b>PH-023</b> <b>Foundation Mathematics for Physicists I</b> <b>20 Credits</b> <b>Dr WB Perkins</b>	<b>PH-026</b> <b>Foundation Mathematics for Physicists II</b> <b>20 Credits</b> <b>Dr SG Roberts</b>
<b>Total 120 Credits</b>	



## PH-021 Mechanics

**Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 September-January**

**Pre-requisite Modules:**

**Co-requisite Modules:**

**Lecturer(s):** Dr WA Bryan

**Format:** Lectures - 22 hours (2 x 1 hour per week); Workshops - 22 hours (1 x 2 hours per week)

**Delivery Method:** Lectures and Feedback session delivered by a blended approach using where appropriate a combination of asynchronous and synchronous delivery. Synchronous delivery typically online and, where appropriate, in-person.

**Module Aims:** An introduction to forces, motion and Newton's Laws, without calculus.

## **Module Content: Basics**

- Units
- Homogeneity of equations
- Significant figures

### Forces

- Types of forces
- Dissipative forces
- Lift
- Free-body diagrams
- Pressure

### Turning effects of forces

- Moments
- Equilibrium
- Couples
- Centre of mass

### Motion

- Speed, velocity and acceleration
- Displacement-time graphs
- Velocity-time graphs
- Equations of motion
- Falling under gravity
- Terminal velocity
- Projectile motion

### Newton's Laws and momentum

- First Law, inertia
- Second Law, momentum
- Third Law, pairs of forces
- Impulse
- Conservation of momentum

### Work, energy and power

- Kinetic and potential energy
- Conservation of energy
- Efficiency
- Kinetic energy and momentum
- Elastic and inelastic collisions

### Circular motion

- Radians
- Centripetal force and acceleration
- Horizontal and vertical circular motion

### Gravitational forces and fields

- Inverse-square law
- Gravitational field, satellites
- Gravitational potential
- Kepler's laws
- Escape velocity

### Simple harmonic motion

- Oscillations, period, frequency
- Simple pendulum
- Mass on a spring
- Damping
- Resonance

## Materials

- Density
- Crystal structure
- Size of atoms
- Hooke's law
- Elastic potential energy
- Stress and strain
- Young modulus
- Stress-strain graphs
- Yielding and breaking
- Polymers
- Tension and compression

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** Understanding the physical laws of forces and motion.

Ability to perform calculations and solve problems based on the content of this module. In particular:

- Forces
- Algebraic and graphical methods for motion
- Collisions and Newton's Laws
- Work, energy and power
- Circular motion
- Gravitational force
- Simple harmonic motion
- Elastic properties of materials

Students will be capable of explaining important terms and concepts, and recalling key formulae, without the aid of text books or other sources.

**Assessment:** Examination 1 (50%)  
Coursework 1 (50%)

**Resit Assessment:** Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Coursework 1 50% weekly continuous assessment including workshop exercises

Examination 50% Final Assessment/Exam

**Moderation approach to main assessment:** Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Written work marked by the lecturer: work is returned to student with written feedback.

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Electronic assessments: work is marked electronically.

Workshops: marks and individual verbal feedback are given during the workshop.

All assessments: students can request more detailed feedback by contact the lecturer, for example during office hours.

**Failure Redemption:** Re-sit if applicable.

**Reading List:** Jim Breithaupt author., Physics / Jim Breithaupt., London : Palgrave, 2015.ISBN: 9781137443236

John D. Cutnell, Kenneth W Johnson, Introduction to Physics / John D. Cutnell & Kenneth W. Johnson ; with contributions by Kent D. Fisher., Wiley, 2009.ISBN: 9780470409428

Keith Johnson 1938- author., Simmone Hewett author.; Sue Holt author.; John Miller author., Advanced physics for you / Keith Johnson, Simmone Hewett, Sue Holt, John Miller., Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2015.ISBN: 9781408527375

**Additional Notes:** Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and self-directed activities online and on-campus.

Available to visiting and exchange students.

## PH-022 Electricity and Magnetism

**Credits:** 20 **Session:** 2023/24 September-January

**Pre-requisite Modules:**

**Co-requisite Modules:**

**Lecturer(s):** Prof G Tasinato

**Format:** Lectures - 22 hours (2 x 1 hour per week); Workshops - 22 hours (1 x 2 hours per week)

**Delivery Method:** Lectures and Feedback session delivered by a blended approach using where appropriate a combination of asynchronous and synchronous delivery. Synchronous delivery typically online and, where appropriate, in-person

**Module Aims:** Introduction to basic concepts in electricity and magnetism, including electrostatics, magnetostatics, electromagnetic induction, and electrical circuits.

**Module Content:** Current and charge

- Conductors and insulators
- Electric current
- Energy and potential difference
- Resistance
- Resistivity
- Electrical power

Electrical circuits

- Resistors in series and parallel
- Kirchhoff's Laws
- Potential divider
- Variable resistors and potentiometers
- e.m.f.~and internal resistance

Magnetic Fields

- Magnetic field of a current
- Magnetic materials
- Magnetic flux density
- Coils, solenoids, electromagnets
- Magnetic force on a wire
- Magnetic force on moving charges
- Magnetic force between currents

Electromagnetic induction

- Induction from coils
- Magnetic flux
- Faraday's Law
- Lenz's Law
- A.C. generator

Alternating current

- r.m.s values
- Oscilloscopes
- Transformers
- Rectifiers and diodes

Electric Fields

- Static charge
- Coulomb's Law
- Comparison to gravitational force
- Electric field
- Electric potential

Capacitors

- Capacitance
- Energy in a charged capacitor
- Capacitors in series and parallel
- Charge and discharge
- Time constant

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** Demonstrate an understanding of the physical laws of electricity and magnetism.

Ability to perform calculations and solve problems based on the content of this module. In particular:

- Current and resistance
- A.C. and D.C. circuits
- Magnetic fields
- Electric fields
- Electromagnetic induction
- Capacitance

Students will be capable of explaining important terms and concepts, and recalling key formulae, without the aid of text books or other sources.

**Assessment:** Examination 1 (50%)

Coursework 1 (50%)

**Resit Assessment:** Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Coursework 1 50% weekly continuous assessment including workshop exercises

Examination 50% Final Assessment/Exam

**Moderation approach to main assessment:** Moderation by sampling of the cohort

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**Failure Redemption:** Re-sit if applicable.

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John D. Cutnell, Kenneth W Johnson, Introduction to Physics / John D. Cutnell & Kenneth W. Johnson ; with contributions by Kent D. Fisher., Wiley, 2009.ISBN: 9780470409428

Keith Johnson 1938- author., Simmone Hewett author.; Sue Holt author.; John Miller author., Advanced physics for you / Keith Johnson, Simmone Hewett, Sue Holt, John Miller., Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2015.ISBN: 9781408527375

**Additional Notes:** Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and self-directed activities online and on-campus.

Available to visiting and exchange students.

# PH-023 Foundation Mathematics for Physicists I

**Credits:** 20 **Session:** 2023/24 September-January

**Pre-requisite Modules:**

**Co-requisite Modules:**

**Lecturer(s):** Dr WB Perkins

**Format:** Lectures - 22 hours (3 x 1 hour per week); Workshops - 22 hours (1 x 2 hours per week)

**Delivery Method:** All teaching in person

**Module Aims:** Mathematics skills to complement the Foundation Year physics curriculum and prepare students for Level 1 physics.

**Module Content:** Vectors

Algebraic manipulation

Trigonometry

Coordinate geometry

Series

Exponentials and logarithms

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** Understanding of the fundamental mathematics required for introductory physics studies.

Ability to perform calculations and solve problems based on the content of this module.

Students will be capable of explaining important terms and concepts, and recalling key formulae, without the aid of text books or other sources.

**Assessment:** Examination 1 (50%)

Coursework 1 (50%)

**Resit Assessment:** Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Coursework 1 – 50%

Examination – 50% - January - Final Assessment/Exam

**Moderation approach to main assessment:** Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Written work marked by the lecturer: work is returned to student with written feedback.

Peer-marked work: students mark each-other's work, according to a marking scheme prepared by the lecturer.

Electronic assessments: work is marked electronically.

Workshops: marks and individual verbal feedback are given during the workshop.

All assessments: students can request more detailed feedback by contact the lecturer, for example during office hours.

**Failure Redemption:** Re-sit if applicable.

**Reading List:** Jenny Olive 1939-, Maths : a student's survival guide / Jenny Olive., Cambridge University Press, 2003.ISBN: 9780521017077

Tony Croft 1957- author., Robert Davison (Math Professor) author., Foundation maths / Anthony Croft, Robert Davison., Harlow : Pearson Education Limited, 2020.ISBN: 9781292289731

Anthony Croft author., Robert Davison author., Foundation maths / Anthony Croft, Robert Davison., Place of publication not identified : Pearson Education Limited, 2019.ISBN: 1292289686

Tony Croft author., Robert Davison author., Foundation maths / Anthony Croft, Robert Davison., Harlow, England : Pearson Education Ltd, 2016.ISBN: 9781292095172

K. A. Stroud author., Dexter J. Booth author., Engineering mathematics / K.A. Stroud with Dexter J. Booth., London : Red Globe Press, 2020.ISBN: 9781352010282

K. A. Stroud, Dexter J Booth, Engineering mathematics / K.A. Stroud with Dexter J. Booth., Industrial Press, 2013.ISBN: 9780831134709

K. A. Stroud author., Dexter J. Booth author., Engineering mathematics / K.A. Stroud and Dexter J. Booth., Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.ISBN: 9781137031204

**Additional Notes:** Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and self-directed activities online and on-campus.

Available to visiting and exchange students.

# PH-024 Waves, Optics and Thermal Physics

**Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 January-June**

**Pre-requisite Modules:**

**Co-requisite Modules:**

**Lecturer(s):** Dr El Zavala Carrasco

**Format:** Lectures - 22 hours (2 x 1 hour per week); Workshops - 22 hours (1 x 2 hours per week)

**Delivery Method:** Lectures and workshops (problem-solving sessions, experimental labs, computing labs, or skills sessions).

**Module Aims:** Introduction to wave motion, physical and ray optics, thermodynamics, and kinetic theory.

**Module Content:** Wave motion

- Wavelength, period, frequency
- Amplitude, energy, phase
- Longitudinal and transverse waves
- Sound and the decibel scale

Reflection and refraction

- Reflection of waves
- Ray diagrams
- Snell's law
- Refractive index and wave speed
- Critical angle and total internal reflection
- Lenses
- Magnification

Interference and diffraction

- Superposition, phase, path difference
- Stationary waves
- Standing waves on a string and in pipes
- Diffraction, resolution
- Interference
- Young's double slit experiment

Thermodynamics

- Internal energy
- Heat and temperature
- Zeroth Law of Thermodynamics
- First Law of Thermodynamics
- Temperature scales
- Measuring temperature
- Specific heat capacity
- Latent heat

Gases and kinetic theory

- Gas pressure and work
- Boyle's Law, Pressure Law, Charles' Law
- Absolute zero
- Avogadro's constant
- Ideal gas law
- Kinetic theory



**Intended Learning Outcomes:** Demonstrate an understanding of the physical laws describing wave motion, optics, and thermal physics.

Ability to perform calculations and solve problems based on the content of this module. In particular:

- Wave motion
- Reflection and refraction
- Interference and diffraction
- Thermodynamics
- Gases and kinetic theory

Students will be capable of explaining important terms and concepts, and recalling key formulae, without the aid of text books or other sources.

**Assessment:**

- Coursework 1 (3%)
- Coursework 2 (3%)
- Coursework 3 (3%)
- Coursework 4 (3%)
- Coursework 5 (3%)
- Coursework 6 (3%)
- Coursework 7 (3%)
- Coursework 8 (3%)
- Coursework 9 (3%)
- Coursework 10 (3%)
- Examination (70%)

**Resit Assessment:** Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Component descriptions: Workshops and Examination (Workshops will be listed under Coursework 1-10)

**Moderation approach to main assessment:** Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Written work marked by the lecturer: work is returned to student with written feedback.

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Electronic assessments: work is marked electronically.

Workshops: marks and individual verbal feedback are given during the workshop.

All assessments: students can request more detailed feedback by contact the lecturer, for example during office hours.

**Failure Redemption:** Re-sit exam component

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Keith Johnson 1938- author., Simone Hewett author.; Sue Holt author.; John Miller author., Advanced physics for you / Keith Johnson, Simone Hewett, Sue Holt, John Miller., Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2015.ISBN: 9781408527375

Shankar, Ramamurti, author., Fundamentals of physics II : electromagnetism, optics, and quantum mechanics, Yale University Press, 2020.ISBN: 9780300243789

Shankar, Ramamurti, author., Fundamentals of physics. 1, Mechanics, relativity, and thermodynamics, Yale University Press, 2019.ISBN: 9780300243772

**Additional Notes:** Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and self-directed activities online and on-campus.

Available to visiting and exchange students.

## PH-025 Atoms, Nuclei and Particles

**Credits:** 20 **Session:** 2023/24 January-June

**Pre-requisite Modules:**

**Co-requisite Modules:**

**Lecturer(s):** Prof N Madsen, Dr SM Shermer

**Format:** Lectures - 22 hours (2 x 1 hour per week); Workshops - 22 hours (1 x 2 hours per week)

**Delivery Method:** Lectures and workshops (problem-solving sessions, experimental labs, computing labs, or skills sessions).

**Module Aims:** Introduction to atomic physics, nuclear physics, and particle physics.

## **Module Content:** Electrons and photons

- Thermionic emission
- Electron kinetic energy
- Thomson's experiment
- Millikan's experiment
- Photoelectric effect
- Planck's equation
- Work function
- Wave-particle duality
- de Broglie's equation

## Spectra and energy levels

- Electromagnetic spectrum
- Heat radiation
- Black-body radiation and Wien's Law
- Luminosity of stars and Stefan's Law
- Continuous and line spectra
- Energy levels and quanta
- Absorption spectra
- Lasers

## Radioactivity

- Alpha particle scattering
- Nuclear model of the atom
- Atomic structure
- Isotopes
- Radioactivity
- Detecting radioactivity
- $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  radiation
- Radioactive decay
- Nuclear stability
- Exponential decay and half-life

## Nuclear energy

- Mass defect
- $E=mc^2$
- Binding energy
- Fission
- Fusion
- Nuclear power stations

## Particle Physics

- Matter and anti-matter
- Quarks and leptons
- Hadrons
- Conservation laws
- Fundamental forces and particle exchange
- Feynman diagrams

## OPTIONAL TOPICS:

### Special relativity

- Michelson-Morley experiment
- Time dilation
- Muon decay
- Length contraction
- Relativistic mass

### Medical imaging

- X-ray imaging
- Attenuation coefficient
- Radioactive tracers
- Positron emission tomography
- Magnetic resonance imaging

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** Demonstrate an understanding of the physical laws describing atoms, nuclei, and sub-atomic particles.

Ability to perform calculations and solve problems based on the content of this module. In particular:

- The photoelectric effect
- Atomic energy spectra
- Radioactivity
- Nuclear energy
- Particle physics

Students will be capable of explaining important terms and concepts, and recalling key formulae, without the aid of text books or other sources.

**Assessment:**

- Coursework 1 (3%)
- Coursework 2 (3%)
- Coursework 3 (3%)
- Coursework 4 (3%)
- Coursework 5 (3%)
- Coursework 6 (3%)
- Coursework 7 (3%)
- Coursework 8 (3%)
- Coursework 9 (3%)
- Coursework 10 (3%)
- Examination (70%)

**Resit Assessment:** Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Component descriptions: Workshops and Examination (Workshops will be listed under Coursework 1-10)

**Moderation approach to main assessment:** Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Written work marked by the lecturer: work is returned to student with written feedback.

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All assessments: students can request more detailed feedback by contact the lecturer, for example during office hours.

**Failure Redemption:** Re-sit if applicable.

**Reading List:** Jim Breithaupt author., Physics / Jim Breithaupt., London : Palgrave, 2015.ISBN: 9781137443236

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Available to visiting and exchange students.

# PH-026 Foundation Mathematics for Physicists II

**Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 January-June**

**Pre-requisite Modules:**

**Co-requisite Modules:**

**Lecturer(s):** Dr SG Roberts

**Format:** Lectures - 22 hours (2 x 1 hour per week); Workshops - 22 hours (1 x 2 hours per week)

**Delivery Method:** Lectures and workshops (problem-solving sessions, experimental labs, computing labs, or skills sessions).

**Module Aims:** Mathematics skills to complement the Foundation Year physics curriculum and prepare students for Level 1 physics.

**Module Content:** 1. Differentiation

2. Integration

3. Complex numbers

- Polynomials

- Geometry

- De Moivre's theorem

4. Matrices

5. 1st order differential equations

6. 2nd order differential equations

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental mathematics required for introductory physics studies.

Ability to perform calculations and solve problems based on the content of this module. In particular:

Students will be capable of explaining important terms and concepts, and recalling key formulae, without the aid of text books or other sources.

**Assessment:**

- Coursework 1 (3%)
- Coursework 2 (3%)
- Coursework 3 (3%)
- Coursework 4 (3%)
- Coursework 5 (3%)
- Coursework 6 (3%)
- Coursework 7 (3%)
- Coursework 8 (3%)
- Coursework 9 (3%)
- Coursework 10 (3%)
- Examination (70%)

**Resit Assessment:** Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Component descriptions: Workshops and Examination (Workshops will be listed under Coursework 1-10)

**Moderation approach to main assessment:** Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Written work marked by the lecturer: work is returned to student with written feedback.

Peer-marked work: students mark each-other's work, according to a marking scheme prepared by the lecturer.

Electronic assessments: work is marked electronically.

Workshops: marks and individual verbal feedback are given during the workshop.

All assessments: students can request more detailed feedback by contact the lecturer, for example during office hours.

**Failure Redemption:** Re-sit if applicable.

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K. A. Stroud author., Dexter J. Booth author., Engineering mathematics / K.A. Stroud and Dexter J. Booth., Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.ISBN: 9781137031204  
Jenny Olive 1939-, Maths : a student's survival guide / Jenny Olive., Cambridge University Press, 2003.ISBN: 9780521017077  
Tony Croft 1957- author., Robert Davison (Math Professor) author., Foundation maths / Anthony Croft, Robert Davison., Harlow : Pearson Education Limited, 2020.ISBN: 9781292289731  
Anthony Croft author., Robert Davison author., Foundation maths / Anthony Croft, Robert Davison., Place of publication not identified : Pearson Education Limited, 2019.ISBN: 1292289686  
Tony Croft author., Robert Davison author., Foundation maths / Anthony Croft, Robert Davison., Harlow, England : Pearson Education Ltd, 2016.ISBN: 9781292095172

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