



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

Course Catalog

General Science II

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COURSE OVERVIEW

General Science II is a basic intermediate course intended to expose students to the designs and patterns in God’s physical universe. This course expands on the Science 600 and General Science I courses, providing a set of basic scientific skills and a broad survey of the major areas of science. Some of the areas covered in General Science II include the history of science, structure and properties of matter, health and nutrition, types of energy, electricity and magnetism, work, energy, forces, simple machines, balance in nature, natural cycles and resources.

The course seeks to develop the student’s ability to be aware of and participate in scientific inquiry. The units contain experiments and projects to capitalize on the students’ natural curiosity. The student will explore, observe, and manipulate everyday objects and materials in their environment. Students at this level should show understanding of interrelationships between organisms and the environment, recognize patterns in systems, and expand their knowledge of cellular dimensions of living systems. Collectively, this should help students develop and build on their subject-matter knowledge base.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Use their main senses for observation of the world around them.
- Define science and describe its history.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of the different changes in matter.
- Describe elements and compounds in the terms of atoms and molecules.
- Know how to develop good health habits.
- Explain and give examples of the different types of energy.
- Describe different types of simple machines.
- Discuss the balance in nature regarding the different cycles.

UNIT 1: SCIENCE AND SOCIETY				
GENERAL SCIENCE II	Assignment Titles			
	1.	Course Overview	9.	Essay: Da Vinci*
	2.	Science Today	10.	Limitations
	3.	Post-Renaissance Science	11.	Quiz 3
	4.	Essay: Mendel	12.	Special Project*
	5.	Quiz 1	13.	Test
	6.	Today's Scientist	14.	Alternate Test*
	7.	Quiz 2	15.	Reference
	8.	Science and Technology		

UNIT 2: STRUCTURE OF MATTER (PART 1)				
GENERAL SCIENCE II	Assignment Titles			
	1.	Properties of Matter (1)	10.	Compounds
	2.	Experiment: Determining Volume and Density	11.	Mixtures
	3.	Experiment: Metric Measurements*	12.	Experiment: Mixtures
	4.	Properties of Matter (2)	13.	Quiz 3
	5.	Quiz 1	14.	Special Project*
	6.	Atoms and Molecules	15.	Test
	7.	Molecules	16.	Alternate Test*
	8.	Quiz 2	17.	Reference
	9.	Elements		

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 3: STRUCTURE OF MATTER (PART 2)		
		Assignment Titles		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	1.	Matter and Change	10.	Bases
	2.	Experiment: Phase Changes	11.	Experiment: Cabbage
	3.	Solutions	12.	Quiz 3
	4.	Chemical Changes	13.	Salts
	5.	Experiment: Forms of Change	14.	Quiz 4
	6.	Nuclear Changes	15.	Special Project*
	7.	Quiz 1	16.	Test
	8.	Acids	17.	Alternate Test*
	9.	Quiz 2	18.	Reference

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 4: HEALTH AND NUTRITION		
		Assignment Titles		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	1.	Foods and Digestion	8.	Quiz 3
	2.	Quiz 1	9.	Hygiene
	3.	Diet	10.	Quiz 4
	4.	Experiment: Food Record	11.	Special Project*
	5.	Quiz 2	12.	Test
	6.	Nutritional Diseases	13.	Alternate Test*
	7.	Essay: Nutrition	14.	Reference

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 5: ENERGY (PART 1)		
		Assignment Titles		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	1.	Mechanical Energy	8.	Energy Conversion and Entropy
	2.	Potential Energy	9.	Essay: Entropy*
	3.	Quiz 1	10.	Quiz 3
	4.	Other Forms of Energy	11.	Special Project*
	5.	Chemical Energy	12.	Test
	6.	Atomic Energy	13.	Alternate Test*
	7.	Quiz 2	14.	Reference

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 6: ENERGY (PART 2)		
		Assignment Titles		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	1.	Magnetism	8.	Energy for the Future
	2.	Experiment: Magnetism	9.	Experiment: Hot Dog Cooker*
	3.	Electricity and Magnetism	10.	Quiz 3
	4.	Quiz 1	11.	Special Project*
	5.	Electricity	12.	Test
	6.	Electrical Circuits	13.	Alternate Test*
	7.	Quiz 2	14.	Reference

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 7: MACHINES (PART 1)		
		Assignment Titles		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	1.	Distance	8.	Work
	2.	Essay: Scientists	9.	Work and Energy
	3.	Measuring Distance	10.	Quiz 3
	4.	Quiz 1	11.	Special Project*
	5.	Force	12.	Test
	6.	Force Vectors	13.	Alternate Test*
	7.	Quiz 2	14.	Reference

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 8: MACHINES (PART 2)	
GENERAL SCIENCE II		Assignment Titles	
	1.	Friction	9. Quiz 3
	2.	Types of Friction	10. Inclined Plane, Wedge, and Screw
	3.	Experiment: Friction Investigation	11. Quiz 4
	4.	Quiz 1	12. Special Project*
	5.	Levers	13. Test
	6.	Quiz 2	14. Alternate Test*
	7.	Wheel and Axle, Pulleys, and Gears	15. Reference
	8.	Experiment: Pencil Sharpener*	

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 9: BALANCE IN NATURE	
GENERAL SCIENCE II		Assignment Titles	
	1.	Photosynthesis and Food	8. Resources
	2.	Food	9. Quiz 3
	3.	Quiz 1	10. Special Project*
	4.	Natural Cycles	11. Test
	5.	The Water Cycle	12. Alternate Test*
	6.	Quiz 2	13. Reference
	7.	Balance and Disruption	

GENERAL SCIENCE II		UNIT 10: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	
GENERAL SCIENCE II		Assignment Titles	
	1.	Basic Science	10. Life Science
	2.	Characteristics of Matter	11. Quiz 3
	3.	Matter in Change	12. Vocations in Science and Technology
	4.	Quiz 1	13. Quiz 4
	5.	Energy	14. Special Project*
	6.	Chemical and Atomic Energy	15. Test
	7.	Magnetism and Electricity	16. Alternate Test*
	8.	Machines at Work	17. Reference
	9.	Quiz 2	

(*) Indicates alternate assignment