



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

2015 Curriculum 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
2.	Science Today
3.	Post-Renaissance Science
4.	Essay: Mendel
5.	Quiz 1
6.	Today's Scientist
7.	Quiz 2
8.	Science and Technology
9.	Essay: Da Vinci*
10.	Limitations
11.	Quiz 3
12.	Special Project*
13.	Test
14.	Alternate Test*
15.	Reference

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

UNIT 3: STRUCTURE OF MATTER (PART 2)		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	Assignment Titles	
	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

UNIT 4: HEALTH AND NUTRITION		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	Assignment Titles	
	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

UNIT 5: ENERGY (PART 1)		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	Assignment Titles	
	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

UNIT 6: ENERGY (PART 2)		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	Assignment Titles	
	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

UNIT 7: MACHINES (PART 1)		
GENERAL SCIENCE II	Assignment Titles	
	1. Climate: General	7. Quiz 3: Regional Climate Types and Distribution of Climate Types
	2. Quiz 1: Climate: General	8. Special Project*
	3. Climate: Worldwide	9. Test
	4. Quiz 2: Climate: Worldwide	10. Alternate Test*
	5. Regional Climate Types	11. Reference
	6. Distribution of Climate Types in the World	

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

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

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

(*) Indicates alternate assignment