I. Instructor: Dr. Ngee Sing Chong, campus phone: 898-5487; e-mail: nchong@mtsu.edu; office: DSB 231; office hours: TR 8:00 am-9:30 am and MW 8:30 am -9:30 am, other hours by appointment.

II. Course Content: This course is designed to help meet the general studies requirement in science. It is an introductory course for non-science majors to learn the fundamental concepts of physical science including chemistry, physics, geology and astronomy. These topics will be presented in a fashion to help the students become scientifically literate and to develop an interest in societal issues related to science.


IV. Course Requirements: Students MUST participate in the laboratory section of this course. Arrive on time for your lectures and labs. Safety goggles are required. Students are expected to follow ALL SAFETY RULES while in the laboratory. A scientific calculator will be needed for lecture, exams and laboratory. (One that can do exponential functions is helpful). Enrollment in CPS online and registration of response pads at the website of www.einstruction.com is required for class participation. NO PALM PILOTS OR PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR USE IN EXAMS. CHEATING IN EXAMS, QUIZZES AND LABS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

V. Attendance Policy: Attendance and punctuality for lectures are essential for doing well in exams. Students are responsible for all lecture materials and class announcements despite their absence.

VI. Testing and Grading: There will be five tests that are worth 100 points each and one FINAL COMPREHENSIVE exam worth 200 points. No make-up test will be given but the lowest of the five tests will be dropped in grade calculation. Class participation and assignments will count as 80 points. The laboratory accounts for 220 points, which are based on the best eleven out of twelve 20-point labs. There is no make-up for lab missed and you will receive zero on every lab missed. Your total score out of a maximum of 900 points will be divided by 9 for the grading scale as follows: A for >86.5%; B for 72.5%-86.5%; C for 58.5%-72.5%; D for 45%-58.5%; and F for < 45%. Please note that the lottery scholarship guidelines require that students receiving the lottery scholarships must earn a 2.75 GPA after attempting 24 credit hours and a 3.0 GPA after attempting 48 hours or more. Additional requirements are available at http://www.mtsu.edu/financialaid

VII. Important Dates: January 31, 2005 - Last day to drop without a grade
March 15, 2005 - Last day to drop with a “W”
Final Exam: May 3, 2005 (Tuesday) 10:30 am -12:30 pm

VIII. Accommodation of Students With Disabilities: If you have a disability that may require assistance or accommodation, or you have questions related to any accommodation for testing, note takers, readers, etc., you MUST contact the Office of Disabled Students Services (898-2783) and then speak with me as soon as possible.

IX. Class Times: Lecture: 9:40 a.m.-11:05 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday in DSB104
Lab: 9:10-11:00 p.m. or 1:30-3:20 p.m. on Friday in WPS201

X. Course Homepage: http://mtsu32.mtsu.edu:11233/PSCI1030toc.html

THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ANYTIME AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR TO ACCOMMODATE INSTRUCTIONAL AND/OR STUDENT NEEDS.