

College Physics I: PHYS 1301
Summer 2025 Syllabus

Lecture

Meeting Times: Online — **Location:** Online

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Course Description:

College Physics -1 is an algebra based online course in general physics. Emphasis is placed upon the concepts of physics rather than mathematical relationships. It provides a broad introduction to Physics including: (1) Kinematics; (2) Rotational Motion; (3) Wave; (4) Properties of Matter and Fluids;

Resources:**Required:**

<https://openstax.org/details/college-physics>

A simple [scientific calculator](#)

Optional:

[College Physics \(3rd Edition\)](#) by James Walker

Schaum's Outline of College Physics, 11th Edition (Schaum's Outline Series) by

Frederick Bueche & Eugene Hecht

Course Objectives:

The goals for this class are as follows:

- Appreciate the scientific process, how it works, the notion that physical laws are universal, the elements of scientific theories, what they do and do not tell us.
- Develop familiarity with the basic concept of Dynamics, Statics, Motion (translational and rotational), properties of matter and waves
- Describe how data is collected from experiments, and what quantities can be measured/inferred, and formulate conclusions from the results of those experiments.
- Understand basic - yet crucial - physical laws, and the processes that govern natural events
- Integrate concepts from maths and physics to explain relationships and able to converse with other students using proper scientific terminology.

Instructional Philosophy of the Course:

The overarching goals of this course are for you to understand the nature of science through the eyes of physics; to understand the big ideas in physics; and to develop a lifelong interest in physics and current events surrounding physics. To meet these three goals, the course instructors have carefully designed a sequence of learning tasks and assessment procedures as outlined below.

-Active engagement with nearly daily group activities. It is a demonstrated fact that you can only learn a limited amount of information from lecture alone, no matter how clear or entertaining. Therefore, this course is composed of a series of mini-lectures posted as powerpoints online on Blackboard

- To get the best out of this course, if you are having problems with understanding the course material, is by emailing me or texting me through a free messenger service called WhatsApp. If you have iPhone then you can iMessage me directly. My phone number that you will need to add in your contact list is +13073997657. **PLEASE DO NOT TEXT OR CALL ME DIRECTLY, I WONT BE ABLE TO RESPOND OR MIGHT NOT EVEN RECEIVE YOUR MESSAGE**

–Once a Week participation is mandatory through Skype or Zoom.

-Carefully studying the text is REQUIRED. The course mini-lectures are designed to focus on the really difficult aspects of Physics or to provide structure for your out-of-class study. You are accountable for all material, concepts, and interrelationships presented in the mini-lectures and the text. Reading assignments should be completed BEFORE the VIDEO MEETINGS. Otherwise, the mini-lectures and tutorials will be less useful in helping you develop a deep understanding of the course topics. It is important to remember that the exams or questionnaires will cover material from the text readings that may or may not be discussed in class.

Assessment and Grading:

In order to promote an active and collaborative learning environment, there will be no curve to assess grades. Each student will only be competing against themselves, and will be responsible for gaining the declarative knowledge and conceptual understanding for performance. This is a three credit class with three credits in the primary lecture section (§1).

The portion of the grade in the lecture section will come from three sources: (1) Midterm exams, (2) Homework, and (3) Video meetings. Midterm exams will account for 50% of the final grade. There will be at least four midterm exams. **The lowest score will be dropped.** There will be no make ups for the midterm exams. **Your Midterms will be timed**

The exams will test your understanding of key concepts in physics. A list of these concepts can be found in this syllabus. Along with each exam, we will also ask for opinions regarding what you like, dislike, and ask for suggestions for improving the class.

Homework will be 50% of the final grade. Online video meetings will count towards extra credits of 2 points each. If you cant meet during the scheduled meeting times then you will have a reschedule a separate meeting time.

As mentioned above in the **Instructional Philosophy of the Course** section, I will periodically ask you to write a short paragraph on loose-leaf paper in class on a topic of our choosing. The topic may be related to the assigned reading, to a current event in physics, or to a key concept covered in that class period. These will be collected and perused by the instructors. Answers demonstrating a command of the assigned reading or concepts will be given full credit. No numerical or letter grade will be assigned to these questionnaires. In cases of university-sanctioned excused absences (e.g., university athletics, religious holidays), it is up to you to inform me of the absence **well in advance of the date**, supplying both the dates and your name. If have done so and there are quizzes on those dates, you will not be penalized for missing them.

The final grade will be computed using the scores from the top three midterm exams and homeworks in the following manner:

Grading Scheme	
Total Points	Grade
90–100	A
80–89.999...	B
70–79.999...	C
60.–69.999...	D
<59.9999	F

From the total points, letter grades will be assigned according to the table on the right. There will be no plus or minus grades assigned.

And my favorite color is lavender blue.

Students with disabilities: If you require any special accommodations to participate in the class or complete assignments, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. The university is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The ADA coordinator has the responsibility to assist students with disabilities in gaining opportunities for full participation in programs, services and activities. The Counseling Center is located in Ferguson Hall room 112 and is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Academic Honesty:

Academic Dishonesty is defined as:

"The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of their classroom. The University may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. 1. Cheating includes:

- a. Copying from another students test paper, laboratory report, other report, or computer files, data listings, and/or programs, or allowing another student to copy from same.
- b. Using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test.
- c. Collaborating, without authorization, with another person during an examination or in preparing academic work.
- d. Knowingly, and without authorization, using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, soliciting, copying, or possessing, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
- e. Substituting for another student; permitting any other person, or otherwise assisting any other person to substitute for oneself or for another student in the taking of an examination or test or the preparation of academic work to be submitted for academic credit.
- f. Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.
- g. Purchasing, or otherwise acquiring and submitting as ones own work any research paper or other writing assignment prepared by an individual or firm. This section does not apply to the typing of the rough and/or final versions of an assignment by a professional typist.
- h. "Plagiarism" means the appropriation and the unacknowledged incorporation of anothers work or idea in ones own written work offered for credit.

- i. "Collusion" means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit.
- j. "Abuse of resource materials" means the mutilation, destruction, concealment, theft or alteration of materials provided to assist students in the mastery of course materials.
- k. "Academic work" means the preparation of an essay, dissertation, thesis, report, problem, assignment, or other project that the student submits as a course requirement or for a grade.

Procedures for discipline due to academic dishonesty shall be the same as in other disciplinary actions, except that all academic dishonesty cases shall be first considered and reviewed by the faculty member. If, after reviewing the case, the faculty member believes that disciplinary action is necessary, he/she may recommend a penalty but must notify the student of his/her right to appeal to the academic department chair and, eventually, to the dean before imposition of the penalty. If the student does not accept the decision of the academic department chair or dean, the student may then follow the normal disciplinary procedures. No disciplinary action shall become effective against the student until the student has received substantive and procedural due process except as provided under Interim Disciplinary Action.

In addition, during the course of the semester, each student will be asked to carry out exercises in collaboration with other students. To nurture such an environment, we will consider any disruptive or disrespectful acts (such talking on a cell phone, or texting during class) to be a form of cheating. We consider academic dishonesty to be a serious offense and the maximum punishments allowed will be pursued in all scenarios. This includes completing any quizzes, or scantron forms with the help of another student or for scantron forms completed by another student who is not you. If similar work is submitted, all parties involved will receive a zero for their assignment. Make your work your own, be original.

ADA Statement

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Tentative Schedule of Topics, Assignments, and Exams

Date	Topic/Assignments
Week 1 – Introductions and Kinematics	
	Introductions, Physics Survey, Popsicles, Office Hours, Tour of Universe Discussion of Syllabus, Day-to-day class structure Math Review, Section 3 — http://www.astronomynotes.com/mathrev/s3.htm http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_notation http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names_of_large_numbers Trigonometry, Vectors Introduction to Kinematics, Motion in 1-d
Week 2 – Kinematics cont.	
	Newton's Law of Motion http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newton's_laws_of_motion Motion in 2d Motion in 2d-projectile
Week 3– Work, Energy, Momentum	
	Work, Energy, Linear Momentum & conservation law https://www.khanacademy.org/science/physics/linear-momentum https://www.khanacademy.org/science/physics/work-and-energy Static Equilibrium, Friction, Tension
Week 4 – Gravity and Circular Motion	
	http://www.astronomynotes.com/gravappl/chindex.htm Newton's Laws of Gravity Rotational Motion 1d , Rotational Kinematics, Center of Mass, Moment of Inertia Conservation of Angular Momentum and Rotational Kinetic Energy.
Week 5 – Waves	
	Wave Propagation, Sound , Oscillation Simple Harmonic Motion, Doppler Shift Different methods, Behavior of material with temperature
Week 6 – Fluids	
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