PHYS 1211 Syllabus
Introductory Physics for Scientists and Engineers I
Fall 2019

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Course Description

This is an introductory physics course, with its focusing on the study of motion, the mechanics. You will learn about fundamental concepts of motion such as velocity, acceleration, force, momentum, and energy. We will also examine natural laws including Newton’s laws and conservation principles. You will be asked to communicate your understanding of the material in many ways – mathematically, graphically, visually. You are expected to have a working knowledge of college algebra, trigonometry, basic geometry, and differential calculus (a co-requisite to this course). This course requires a laboratory component, PHYS 1211L, that will account for a portion of your grade (you sign up for the laboratory section separately). No course grade will be assigned until the laboratory requirement is completed. See the lab syllabus for more information: http://www.physast.uga.edu/courses.

Basic Class Information
- TR 9:30-10:45 PM (Period 2) : Room 221
- Lab: 314 Physics Building or 116 Science Learning Center (Various times)
- Final Exam: TBA
- Office Hours: T 1:00-2:00 PM, R 11:00-1:00 PM

Required Course Materials
- Physics for Scientists and Engineers: A Strategic Approach, vol. 1, 4th ed. by Randall Knight (Pearson Addison-Wesley). You may use older editions if you wish, but you are responsible for knowing any content changes.
- A simple scientific calculator for exams, which must be non-programmable, non-graphing, and non-symbolic. Calculator graphing, algebra-solving, or programming functions will NOT be permitted on the exams. Cellphones will not be allowed during exams.
- Homework assignments will be performed online and are necessary to develop understanding throughout the course. You will access them with an account on LON-CAPA at http://spock.physast.uga.edu/.
- Please check your UGA email daily. The UGA email system will be used (infrequently) for announcements.

Optional Course Resources
- The eLearning Commons (http://www.elc.uga.edu/) will serve as a repository for homework solutions, grades, practice problems, and tutorials.
- Tutoring: Tutors are available either through the Academic Resource Center at Milledge Hall and Miller Learning Center or through the Department of Physics and Astronomy (http://www.physast.uga.edu/tutors/).
- If you cannot come to the regular office hours, or need additional help, please set up an appointment (by email, by phone, or in person) to see the instructor outside of class. For email correspondence, include your class and time in the subject line.
- The Student Workbook, R. D. Knight, Pearson. Additional problems and solutions in this
Grading Policy
Your overall grade will be weighted as follows:

- **20%** Cumulative final exam grade
- **45%** Three in-class exams
- **15%** Laboratory grade
- **15%** Homework grade
- **5%** Attendance

Letter grades will be assigned following:

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Regrade requests:
Any requests for a regrade of an assignment or an exam are under the instructor’s discretion and must be made no later than one week after the item is returned. For a regrade, the instructor will look at the entire assignment/exam, not just one problem, and it may raise or lower your score. Arithmetic errors in adding up points will be handled separately. Regrade requests should be accompanied by all your work.

Withdrawal and Incomplete:
The Undergraduate Bulletin and the Registrar’s Office website describe the University policies regarding withdrawals and incomplete (http://reg.uga.edu/policies/withdrawals). However, if you are demonstrably not attending class and completing work (“excessive absence”) this is not justification for the instructor to submit a withdrawal. A grade of Incomplete is not appropriate for a student who has missed a large portion of the course assessments, for whatever reason.

The Withdrawal Deadline is Monday, October 21, 2019.

Exam Policy

There will be three in-class exams and a cumulative final exam. All exams are closed-book, closed-notes exams. The format of the exams will include qualitative as well as quantitative problems. There will be no make-up midterm or final exams; if you do not take an exam, you get a zero. However, if you miss a midterm exam for a serious, documentable reason, the grade of your final exam may be used to replace your lowest in-class exam score (this would make your final exam worth 35-45% of your grade). You must contact the instructor as soon as you possible and submit documentation of your absence within a week. Do not simply presume that your situation or documentation merits an excused absence; that determination is not your prerogative.

You must bring a non-programmable calculator to each exam and be comfortable with its functions. A formula sheet will be provided for each exam. This sheet will be updated and posted to the ELC for viewing before the exam day. The class should be familiar with the formulas before taking each exam.

Unless told otherwise, you must show your work on each problem in order to receive full credit. Therefore, it is in your best interest to show all of your work and thought processes in the exam answer area provided. An
incorrect answer without any accompanying work will be given zero points. A correct answer without any work will not receive full credit.

Final Exam Scheduled Date: Dec.12, 2019, 7:00-9:00pm
Location: TBA

Homework Policy

Homework is an essential part of the learning and understanding physics. Working through problems enables you to practice problem solving techniques, apply the methods you learn in class, and recognize areas that you may struggle with the material. Homework assignments will be assigned weekly to keep up with the pace of the class and ensure you master the concepts before moving to the next.

Logistics:
Weekly problems sets will generally be due at midnight (11:59 pm) on Fridays (or other days) online through the LON-CAPA system. Occasionally, the homework will require a written response to be handed directly to the instructor or placed in my office mailbox (before 5 PM). I will not accept written homework responses that are slid under my door. Responses will be graded for correctness, although for some problems, incorrect responses may earn partial credit. Your best preparation for the exams will be to complete the homework assignments. You can access the homework sets through spock.physast.uga.edu and login with your UGA ID.

Dropping the lowest two:
In the case that you complete the online course evaluation at the end of the semester, I will drop your two lowest homework grades. If you do not fill out the course evaluation, then all of your homework scores will be included in your average. The intent of this policy is to encourage you to fill out the evaluation, but also to compensate for unavoidable circumstances (e.g. illness, emergency, etc.). Late problem sets will not be accepted or excused. If you have read this far in the syllabus, please draw an UGA Arch in the upper right corner of the Agreements form before handing it in.

Teamwork vs. Plagiarism
Working together with your fellow classmates is strongly encouraged. However, your goal should be to attempt every problem on your own and then turn to your classmates for a team effort, and not plagiarism. The answers you submit should be your own! Discussing physics is a great way to learn, but simply asking someone how they solved a certain problem is not effective, will not help you prepare for the individual exams, and is in fact a form of plagiarism. Copying from someone else’s work, or other homework solutions, is a form of plagiarism and a violation of academic honesty policies. In addition, I understand that internet searches can provide you with solutions or help you to work through a problem, but fundamentally understanding the problem and the solution are key to being successful in this class.

Attendance and Reading Quiz Policy:
The reading assignments are your responsibility to read before you attend class and are listed on the course schedule. Your time spent in class will be much more meaningful and beneficial if you have viewed the material beforehand. The schedule contains the reading assignment for each week based on the topic that we will cover. We will often have a short, multiple-choice quiz at the beginning of class.
During class, we will work through many example problems and discuss the solutions. You may be asked to present your activities on the board or turn them in for additional points for that day. It is imperative that you bring a calculator to class each day and participate as these activities are designed to solidify your knowledge of the concepts or bring up any questions you may have about the material.

Labs
Labs begin the second week of classes. Attendance is mandatory. Please visit https://www.physast.uga.edu/courses/ to read thoroughly the lab syllabus for the section in which you
Technology Policy
During class, cellphones, iPads, iPods, and laptops need to be turned off or silenced. Devices that use a stylus are permitted for note-taking purposes. Standard laptops will not be useful for taking notes during class, due to the large number of diagrams, equations, and graphs required. Texting, checking email, Facebook, etc. can be distracting to you and those behind you. Please be respectful to your fellow students.

Student Distress
If your course performance is significantly affected by issues beyond your control, please let me know and to seek assistance promptly from the Office of Student Support Services. It is always easier to address exceptional circumstances when you raise these concerns as early as possible. Waiting until the end of the semester to take action may limit my ability to provide appropriate support.

Academic Support
The Division of Academic Enhancement (DAE) offers free peer tutoring for some of UGA’s most challenging courses. For courses, locations, and times, please visit the website listed below. In addition to peer tutoring, the DAE also provides Academic Coaching, Student Success Workshops and more. The DAE is committed to the success of all students at the University of Georgia. For more on these and other resources, please visit dae.uga.edu.

Academic Honesty
The University of Georgia has a comprehensive policy on academic honesty, described in a document entitled A Culture of Honesty. This document is available through the Office of the Vice President for Instruction or online at https://ovpi.uga.edu/academic-honesty. This policy covers all academic work.

As a UGA student, you are responsible for knowing and understanding this policy. If you have any question about the appropriateness of your actions or your work, you are obligated to ask me for clarification.

I take the issue of academic honesty very seriously, and it is my responsibility to uphold the University’s policy. This means, among other things, that I won’t hesitate to report my suspicions of dishonesty to the Office of the Vice President for Instruction. Typical consequences of cheating on homework or an exam range from receiving a zero for that grade, to failing the course.

Student Responsibilities
- You are responsible for all material: homework problems, assignments given in class, and assigned readings.
- You are responsible for all announcements made in class.
- Read the assigned portions of the textbook before class.
- Do all homework assignments.
- Attend ALL laboratory sessions in your assigned laboratory section.
- Know the University’s policies concerning withdrawals and incompletes.
- Ask me if you do not understand anything. There is no dumb question.

Disclaimer: Unexpected circumstances and concurrent course assessment may require changes to the rules and information contained in this syllabus. If so, such changes will be done as fairly as possible, and you will be kept informed of the changes and their causes.