PHYS 3700 is an introduction to some of the most advanced and exciting ideas in modern theoretical physics, with an emphasis on quantum theory and relativity.

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Course Format
This course consists of two lectures per week. I do not follow any particular text.

Office Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15pm
Room 251 Physics Building

Required Course Materials
Scientific calculator.

No textbooks are needed for this course.

Homework
Homework problems will be assigned during class. The problems may be quite challenging and you are permitted and encouraged to work together. The midterm and final exams will be composed partly of problems similar to the homework. Homework assignments and due dates will be given in class and there will be no credit for late homework.

Exams
There will be one in-class midterm exam and a cumulative final exam. The midterm and final exams will be open book and open notes and will focus on the lectures and homework. Calculators are allowed, but the use of laptops, tablets, or other computers is forbidden. Texting or the use of mobile phones during exams is considered cheating. There will no make-up exams given, regardless of whether or not the absence is excused and approved by the university. If a student has an approved absence on the midterm date, their final exam grade will also be used for their midterm grade. Exams are property of the Department of Physics and Astronomy and are not returned. The in-class midterm exam will be on Tuesday March 1 in our regular classroom. The final exam will be at noon-3:00pm on Thursday, May 5, in our regular classroom (Room 327).
Grading

Your final grade will be determined according to:

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If you do not take the midterm then your final exam will count for 60%.

The grading scale is as follows (points rounded to the nearest integer):

- A: 89 - 100%
- A-: 86 - 88%
- B+: 83 - 85%
- B: 79 - 82%
- B-: 76 - 78%
- C+: 73 - 75%
- C: 69 - 72%
- C-: 66 - 68%
- D: 50 - 65%
- F: 0 - 49%

Academic Honesty

All academic work must meet the standards contained in the document *A Culture of Honesty*, available at [www.uga.edu/honesty](http://www.uga.edu/honesty). Every student is responsible for knowing and understanding this policy. If you have any questions concerning this you are obligated to ask me for clarification. Anyone caught cheating will be reported to the university and will receive an F for the course.

General Information

This syllabus is a general plan for the course and deviations may be necessary. You are responsible for attending every lecture. Each student is responsible for the material discussed in class and the announcements made in class. Absence from class does not relieve one of this responsibility.

You will be responsible for all the assigned material—it may appear in the homework or on an exam—even if it is not discussed in class.