

Physics 211 Section 1

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Description

This is a three credit-hour, calculus-based physics course which covers basic mechanics. In this course, we will use a few fundamental models to describe a wide range of physical phenomena. Topics to be covered include motion, forces, momentum and energy. These topics will be presented in terms of interactions between objects.

Course Objectives

Students should be able to complete the textbook learning objectives given in each section. Homework, in class activities, quizzes and tests are intended to assess whether students have achieved these objectives.

Required Text

- [University Physics Volume 1 from OpenStax:](#)
ISBN-13: 978-1-947172-20-3
ISBN-10: 1-947172-20-4

This is an open-source textbook from OpenStax at Rice University. It is available free online in a variety of formats, including html, pdf, Apple iBooks, and Amazon Kindle. If you prefer, you can purchase a print version from OpenStax via Amazon.com. If you do choose to buy from Amazon, be sure to use the link on the textbook page at openstax.org to ensure that you get the official OpenStax print version. (Simple printouts sold by third parties on Amazon are not verifiable and not as high quality.)

Other Required Items

- *Online homework and classroom activity system: Webassign.* The system can be accessed through Blackboard (blackboard.olemiss.edu). Students must purchase access to Webassign for this class. If you're undecided about this course, you are welcome to hold off on paying and to take advantage of WebAssign's 14-day free trial.
- *Scientific calculator.* Any calculator with trigonometric functions, exponential functions and scientific notation.

Course Prerequisite and Corequisites

- Math 262 OR (Math 261 and Physics 201)
- Physics 221.

Grading Scale

- $92\% \leq A \leq 100\%$
- $88\% \leq A- < 92\%$
- $84\% \leq B+ < 88\%$
- $80\% \leq B < 84\%$
- $76\% \leq B- < 80\%$
- $72\% \leq C+ < 76\%$
- $68\% \leq C < 72\%$
- $64\% \leq C- < 68\%$
- $50\% \leq D < 64\%$
- $F < 50\%$

Evaluation

Tests (45%)

- 3 tests equally weighted. Note that tests are given weekly during the class time.
- Tests are closed book (no books, notes or "cheat-sheets"). Calculators are allowed. A sheet of formulas and constants will be provided for the tests.

Homework (20%)

- Homework sets will be assigned using the Webassign online homework system that can be accessed through Blackboard.
- There is a 25% penalty for each submission beyond 3. To avoid this penalty, students should work each problem carefully on paper before submitting solutions. This will also be very helpful when studying for tests.
- In addition to online homework, some problems will be assigned to write on paper with detailed solution, and must be turned in at the beginning of class, in class, on the due date.
- No late homework will be accepted.

Attendance (15%)

- You are required to attend all of the classes and participate the in-class questions. Attendance

grade will be deducted for unexcused class absents and/or not participating in-class activities.

Final exam (20%)

- The final exam is comprehensive. The format will be decided towards the end of the semester.

Policies

Classroom Health Requirements

Please follow the instructions on the University COVID-19 information website:
<https://coronavirus.olemiss.edu/>

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Cheating is forbidden and will result in a zero grade on the assignment. If a second case of cheating occurs, this will result in an F for the entire course.

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- I believe in fairness and civility
- I believe in personal and professional integrity
- I believe in academic honesty
- I believe in academic freedom
- I believe in good stewardship of our resources
- I pledge to uphold these values and encourage others to follow my example

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Audio and video recording

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Important Dates

See academic calendar

[\(https://registrar.olemiss.edu/first-summer-term-2021/\)](https://registrar.olemiss.edu/first-summer-term-2021/)

Tests and Final Exam

Test dates and topics are subject to change. The final exam date is fixed and cannot be changed.

Test 1: 06/08, during class.

Test 2: 06/15, during class.

Test 3: 06/22, during class

Final Exam

Monday June 28, 8:00 – 11:00 am