

# Syllabus – Phys 211

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## Catalog 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.

## Course Objectives

- Be able to both mathematically and conceptually describe Newtonian mechanics including kinematics, Newton's Laws, conservation of energy, linear and angular momentum, and rotational mechanics.
- Learn to understand fluid dynamics, gravitation, wave mechanics, and their consequences.
- More broadly, develop critical thinking skills and the ability to use physical intuition and translate this intuition to mathematics to solve problems

## Course Corequisites

- Prerequisite: Math 262 or Math 261 and Physics 201
- Corequisite: Physics 221

# Textbook

University Physics Volume 1 by OpenStax.

<https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-1>

Note: this is an open-source textbook available for free at this website or as a downloadable pdf; however, there are also printed versions available for purchase.

## Grades

A  $[92, \infty)$

A-  $[90, 92)$

B+  $[87, 90)$

B  $[82, 87)$

B-  $[80, 82)$

C+  $[77, 80)$

C  $[72, 77)$

C-  $[70, 72)$

D  $[60, 70)$

F  $(-\infty, 60)$

# Grade Breakdown

Participation	15%
Test 1	15%
Test 2	15%
Test 3	15%
Homework	20%
Final	20%

## Attendance

The university requires that all students have a verified attendance at least once during the first two weeks of the semester for each course. If your attendance is not verified, you will be dropped from the course and any financial aid will be adjusted accordingly. Please see <http://olemiss.edu/gotoclass> for more information. Apart from this, a large portion of your grade is based on participation which is in part measured via attendance. In short, come to class!

## Academic integrity and honesty

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Students are reminded that cheating in any form will not be tolerated. Performance on all tests and assignments shall represent the individual work of the student. Those who violate the Standards of Honesty will be reported and subject to the appropriate sanction, which may include expulsion from the University.

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# Tentative Exam Dates

Exam 1 – Thursday 9/22

Exam 2 – Thursday 10/20

Exam 3 – Thursday 11/17

Final Exam – Wednesday 12/7 at 8:00A