# PHYS1511 - College Physics I LR1 VAN - MWF 8:30-9:20

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Office Hours: M 1:00-2:00 PM, W 2:00-3:00 PM, Th 12:00 - 1:00 PM, or by appointment

**Department:** Physics & Astronomy, 203 Van Allen Hall, Prof. Fred Skiff, Chair

Required Texts: Cutnell & Johnson Physics, Young & Stadler, vol. 1, 11th ed.,

with WileyPLUS, John Wiley & Sons, 2018.

Experiments in Mechanics, Wave Motion, and Heat

by Faculty & Staff, UI, Department of Physics & Astronomy, 2019-2020 edition

Textbook & WileyPLUS:

You will need to purchase a WileyPLUS code so that you have access to the online homework system we will use. The WileyPLUS system includes the entire text book in a web-based format as well as a number of other useful resources. The code is good for one year, so it can also be used in the second half of the course if you take it in the Spring. If you desire, a paper copy of the textbook can usually be found online from a variety of sources for less than \$20. Prior editions (8e, 9e, or 10e) cover the same material.

**Course Description:** 

An introduction to the physics of kinematics, forces, circular motion, work, energy, linear and angular momentum, gravity, sound, waves, fluid mechanics and thermodynamics. The course is intended for pre-health and other students who desire an algebra-based introductory physics course without calculus. We will cover Ch. 1-17 at a rate of roughly one chapter per week. Specific reading assignments will be given in class and on the course web page. This course requires the use of college algebra including trigonometry

**Course Preparation:** 

This is a 4 s.h. course. CLAS guidelines are that students should expect to spend a minimum of two hours per semester hour per week on study outside of class. This means 6-8 hours per week on homework, reading, and other study.

Student Response System:

For in-class and discussion section interactive questions, we will use the Top-Hat student response system, commonly known as 'clickers'. You will need a WiFiconnected device - mobile phone, tablet, or computer - and will need a license. Students can purchase licenses (semester, annual or lifetime) through credit cards (online or IMU Bookstore) or financial aid (IMU Bookstore only). Information on purchasing a license directly from Top-Hat can be found at this website: https://success.tophat.com/s/article/University-of-lowa-Single-Sign-On-

Account-Setup#new-student

Homework:

Assigned every Friday, due the following Friday. Homework uses the web-based WileyPLUS system. Students are encouraged to discuss problems together, but must do their own work on their individual solutions. Students may work on homework assignments as much as desired before the due date and problems may be repeated for full credit. Use of online solution websites is *strongly* discouraged because physics is learned by doing problems, not by using someone else's solution. No credit is awarded for late homework. Homework can be accessed from ICON

**Exams:** Three one hour *evening* midterm exams.

One two-hour final exam.

#### Grading:

Lab - 15% Homework - 15% Mid-term exams - 15% each

Final exam - 25%

Final course grades will be based on the total score using the above percentages and will be given using plus/minus grading. There will be no make-ups for the one-hour exams except in **truly** extraordi-

nary circumstances for which the student comes to the instructor *before* the exam to plan a make-up. Only 9 of the 10 labs will be counted toward grading, however, there will be  $n_0$  make-up labs.

## **Discussion Section:**

These will be interactive sections that will focus on solving example problems to help students understand how to apply the concepts discussed in lecture and will help in solving homework problems.

# **Supplemental Instruction:**

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is designed to organize and improve the ways in which students prepare and study content for class, outside of class. SI helps students gain a greater understanding of course material and learn new ways to study. SI is free, open to all students enrolled in this course, and voluntary for students to attend. Students can attend any session throughout the semester, attendance is on a drop-in basis. There will be three sessions per week at 6:00 PM on Sundays, 4:00 PM on Tuesdays, and 5:00 PM on Thursdays. Sessions will start the second week of classes on Tuesday, September 3. All sessions will be in the ARC (Academic Resource Center) located in the Ground Floor, IMU. It is to the right of Hills Bank, across from Java House.

### Laboratory:

Laboratory is a key part of the course. Lab does not meet during the first two weeks of class or during exam weeks (except for the first exam). Eating and drinking in laboratory is not allowed. Conflicts between laboratory meeting times and night exams offered in other classes are to be resolved by the student asking for a make-up exam for the conflicting night exam. University policy is that instructors *must* offer such a make-up exam and that regularly scheduled class time including laboratory takes precedence over night exams.

### Schedule of Exams

**Hour Exam 1:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 8:45 PM in LR1, LR2, & LR70 **Hour Exam 2:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 6:30 PM in Macbride Hall Auditorium **Hour Exam 3:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6:30 PM in Macbride Hall Auditorium

### **Absences and Attendance**

Students are responsible for attending class and for contributing to the learning environment of a course. Students are also responsible for knowing their course absence policies, which will vary by instructor. All absence policies, however, must uphold the UI policy related to student illness, mandatory religious obligations, including Holy Day obligations, unavoidable circumstances, or University authorized activities (https://clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook/attendance-absences). Students may use this absence form to aid communication; the instructor will decide if the absence is excused or unexcused (https://clas.uiowa.edu/sites/default/files/ABSENCE%20EXPLANATION%20FORM2019.pdf).

## **Academic Integrity**

All undergraduates enrolled in courses offered by CLAS have, in essence, agreed to the College's Code of Academic Honesty. Misconduct is reported to the College, resulting in suspension or other sanctions, with sanctions communicated with the student through the UI email address. (https://clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook/academic-fraud-honor-code).

#### **Accommodations for Disabilities**

UI is committed to an educational experience that is accessible to all students. A student may request academic accommodations for a disability (such as mental health, attention, learning, vision, and physical or health-related condition) by registering with Student Disability Services (SDS). The student is then responsible for discussing specific accommodations with the instructor. More information is at <a href="http://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu">http://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu</a>

#### Administrative Home

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the administrative home of this course and governs its add/drop deadlines, the second-grade-only option, and related policies. Other colleges may have different policies. CLAS policies may be found here: http://www.clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook

## Communication and the Required Use of UI Email

Students are responsible for official correspondences sent to the UI email address (uiowa.edu) and must use this address for all communication within UI (Operations Manual, III.15.2).

## **Complaints**

Students with a complaint should first visit with the instructor or course supervisor, and then with the Chair of the department, , Prof. Fred Skiff, through the Department of Physics & Astronomy Main Office in 203 VAN. Students may next bring the issue to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For more information, see https://clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook/student-rights-responsibilities.

## **Final Examination Policies**

The date and time of every final examination is announced by the Registrar generally by the fifth week of classes. No exams of any kind are allowed during the last week of classes. All students should plan on being at the UI through the final examination period. It is the student's responsibility to know the date, time, and place of the final exam. For more information, visit: https://registrar.uiowa.edu/final-examination-scheduling-policies).

Do not plan your end of the semester travel until the final exam schedule is announced.

## Nondiscrimination in the Classroom

UI is committed to making the classroom a respectful and inclusive space for all people irrespective of their gender, sexual, racial, religious or other identities. Toward this goal, students are invited to optionally share their preferred names and pronouns with their instructors and classmates. The University of Iowa prohibits discrimination and harassment against individuals on the basis of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, and other identity categories set forth in the University's Human Rights policy. For more information, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (diversity.uiowa.edu).

## **Sexual Harassment**

Sexual harassment subverts the mission of the University and threatens the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. All members of the UI community must uphold the UI mission and contribute to a safe environment that enhances learning. Incidents of sexual harassment must be reported immediately. For assistance, please see <a href="https://osmrc.uiowa.edu/">https://osmrc.uiowa.edu/</a>.