

COURSE SYLLABUS
PHYS 1406: "Physics of sound and music"
Spring 2021

The course satisfies the 4-hour lab-science requirement in the Natural Science Core Curriculum.

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Office hours (remote): TTh 2:00pm-3:30pm, and by appointment

Lectures: PHYS 1406: TTh 12:30-1:50pm (via zoom)

Labs: You must be signed up for one of the following lab sections

PHYS 1406-501: Thu 4:00-5:50pm

PHYS 1406-502: Thu 10:00-11:50am

PHYS 1406-503: Fri 10:00-11:50am

All lab sections will be held remotely (via zoom).

Attendance and turned in lab assignment are required. A minimum lab grade of 75% is needed for passing the course. See Course Calendar for lab dates.

Required textbook: *Physics of Sound and Music, PHYS 1406, Course Guide and Laboratory Manual, Spring 2021*, by Prof Walter L. Borst

This book contains the course topics. It also contains the lab manual and sample homework, quizzes, and exams from previous years. Bring the book with you to class; add your notes in the book. *The book is available at The CopyOutlet, 2402 Broadway, Lubbock, Tel. 744-7772.*

Course Objectives and Outcomes: Become familiar with some physical principles of sound, acoustics, and music. Enjoy music! No prior knowledge of sound and music is required. A general high school background in science and mathematics is assumed.

Course Topics: Distinguishing between general sound, music, and noise; harmonics, quality of sound; sound analysis and synthesis; the physics of oscillations and waves; production and perception of sound (instruments, voice, hearing); room acoustics and electrical recording and reproduction of sound. *Also, class demonstrations and experiments, and performances by students and guest musicians.*

Grading:

10 laboratories: 20%

Exams: $3 \times 20\% = 60\%$

Final exam: 20%

Grade Scale: 100-A-86-B-72-C-58-D-44-F-0

Exams: There will be three exams plus a cumulative trial. Homework questions will not be graded, but you are encouraged to do past homework problems and sample quizzes and exams to help you do well on the exams. You are allowed to bring one handwritten page of notes to the exams. *A scientific calculator and ruler is required for the exams.*

Make-ups: Make-up exams and quizzes are not given without a *prior* valid excuse. In case of a serious emergency, please discuss with me how a missed grade can be made up.

Recommendation: Study 3-5 hours each week outside of class for a likely grade of A or B.

REQUIRED SYLLABUS LANGUAGE:

Academic Honesty (OP 34.12): It is the aim of the faculty of Texas Tech University to foster a spirit of complete honesty and high standard of integrity. The attempt of students to present as their own any work not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offenders liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

“Scholastic dishonesty” includes, but it not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, misrepresenting facts, and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student (such as, but not limited to, submission of essentially the same written assignment for two courses without the prior permission of the instructor) or the attempt to commit such an act.

The full policy is available at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/opmanual/OP34.12.pdf>

Special Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (OP 34.22): Any student who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make any necessary arrangements. Students should present appropriate verification from Student Disability Services during the instructor’s office hours. Please note: instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from Student Disability Services has been provided. For additional information, please contact Student Disability Services in West Hall or call 806-742-2405.

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Student Absence for Observance of a Religious Holy Day (OP 34.19):

1. “Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code §11.20.
2. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.
3. A student who is excused under section 2 may not be penalized for the absence; however, the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.

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TTU Resources for Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Violence: Texas Tech University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from gender and/or sex discrimination of any kind. Sexual assault, discrimination, harassment, and other Title IX violations are not tolerated by the University.

Report any incidents to the Office of Student Rights & Resolution, 806-742-SAFE (7233) or file a report online at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/titleix/>.

Faculty and staff members at TTU are committed to connecting you to resources on campus. Some of these available resources are:

- **TTU Student Counseling Center**
 Phone: 806-742-3674
 Website: <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/scc/>
 (Provides confidential support on campus.)
- **TTU 24-hour Crisis Helpline**
 Phone: 806-742-5555
 (Assists students who are experiencing a mental health or interpersonal violence crisis. If you call the helpline, you will speak with a mental health counselor.)
- **Voice of Hope Lubbock Rape Crisis Center**
 Phone: 806-742-7273
 Website: <http://voiceofhopelubbock.org>
 (24-hour hotline that provides support for survivors of sexual violence.)
- **The Risk, Intervention, Safety and Education (RISE) Office**
 Phone: 806-742-2110
 Website: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/rise/>
 (Provides a range of resources and support options focused on prevention, education, and student wellness.)
- **Texas Tech Police Department**
 Phone: 806-742-3931
 Website: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/tttd/>
 (To report criminal activity that occurs on or near Texas Tech campus.)
- **LGBTQIA:** Within the Center for Campus Life, the Office of LGBTQIA serves the Texas Tech community through facilitation and leadership of programming and advocacy efforts. This work is aimed at strengthening the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) community and sustaining an inclusive campus that welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

Potential for Course Modality Change

If Texas Tech University campus operations are required to change because of health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is possible that courses will move to a fully online delivery format. Should that be necessary, students will likely need a webcam and microphone and will be advised of additional technical and/or equipment requirements, including remote proctoring software.

Illness-Based Absence Policy

If at any time during this semester you feel ill, in the interest of your own health and safety as well as the health and safety of your instructors and classmates, you are encouraged not to attend face-to-face class meetings or events. Please review the steps outlined below that you should follow to ensure your absence for illness will be excused. These steps also apply to not participating in synchronous online class meetings if you feel too ill to do so and missing specified assignment due dates in asynchronous online classes because of illness.

1. If you are ill and think the symptoms might be COVID-19-related:
 - (a) Call Student Health Services at 806.743.2848 or your health care provider.
 - (b) Self-report as soon as possible using the ttucovid19.ttu.edu management system. This website has specific directions about how to upload documentation from a medical provider and what will happen if your illness renders you unable to participate in classes for more than one week.
 - (c) If your illness is determined to be COVID-19-related, remaining documentation and communication will be handled through the Office of the Dean of Students, including notification to your instructors.
 - (d) If your illness is determined not to be COVID-19-related, please follow steps 2.a-d below.
2. If you are ill and can attribute your symptoms to something other than COVID-19:
 - (a) If your illness renders you unable to attend face-to-face classes, participate in synchronous online classes, or miss specified assignment due dates in asynchronous online classes, you are encouraged to visit with either Student Health Services at 806.743.2848 or your health care provider. Note that Student Health Services and your own and other health care providers may arrange virtual visits.
 - (b) During the health provider visit, request a “return to school” note;
 - (c) E-mail the instructor a picture of that note;
 - (d) Return to class by the next class period after the date indicated on your note.

Following the steps outlined above helps to keep your instructors informed about your absences and ensures your absence or missing an assignment due date because of illness will be marked excused. You will still be responsible to complete within a week of returning to class any assignments, quizzes, or exams you miss because of illness.