

Computers in Physics Exps.  
Spring Quarter 2020  
Physics 116C



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**Lectures:** MWF 1:10-2:00 PM 140 Physics (Cancelled!)

**Lab:** Section 1: M 4:10-7:00 PM 152 Roessler (Cancelled!)  
Section 2: W 3:10-6:00 PM 152 Roessler (Cancelled!)

**References:** <https://www.scipy-lectures.org>  
Online lecture notes on data analysis.

**Office Hours:** TBD

**Lab Instructor:** Rahim Ullah

**Final Exam:** No Final Exam

**COVID-19 Response:** To facilitate shelter-in-place during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to accommodate the diverse challenges that students are likely facing, this course will be taught in an asynchronous fashion. As much as possible, there will be no pre-arranged times for activities. On an approximately weekly timescale, new material will be provided including activities and assignments. You should strive to finish the assignments within two weeks, but deadlines will be flexible. Try not to get too far behind, however, or you will struggle to finish.

**On-line Help Sessions:** The instructor and TA will be available at specified times to offer help. More details will be provided soon.

**Course Description:** Modern experiments rely heavily on microprocessors to acquire and analyze experimental data. This course uses the Arduino microprocessor as a platform for creating data acquisition systems in different experimental contexts. We will use Scientific Python for analysis of experimental data. Topics include statistical distributions, experimental uncertainties, statistical analysis, Fourier analysis, and noise.

**Lab Safety:** Even though you will not be attending lab, you should complete the online course for Electrical Safety at <http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/training/electrical-safety>.

**Course Outline:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topics</b>
1	30 Mar, 1, 3 Apr	Cancelled
2	6, 8, 10 Apr	CPUs and Assembly
3	13, 15, 17 Apr	Distributions
4	20, 22, 24 Apr	
5	27, 29 Apr 1 May	
6	4, 6, 8 May	
7	11, 13, 15 May	
8	18, 20, 22 May	
9	(25), 27, 29 May	
10	1, 3 Jun	