Physics 111 Introductory Physics

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Class Meeting: Lecture: Monday – Wednesday - Thursday 1:00-3:15 Physics 101- LH6

Lab: Mon-Wed 10:30-12:30 or 3:30-5:30 or 6:00-8:00 Physics 108

Course Overview: This course is the introductory, algebra-based physics course. In general, this is the intro physics course for life-science majors or for general education credit. The list of topics covered in this class include: motion and forces, momentum, energy and work, and thermal and fluidic properties of matter. The goals of this course are (1) that you can demonstrate an understanding of the topics listed above, (2) that you are able to acquire, analyze, interpret, and model experimental data, (3) that you can apply scientific reasoning and mathematical techniques that you practice in the homework, (4) that you can communicate your reasoning processes clearly. I expect you to be able to work with these ideas and apply them to situations by the end of the session.

We will cover most of the first three section of the textbook (through Chapter 13) in this course, and a general schedule of the topics covered and the exam dates can be found at the end of this document. Please do not schedule something else for the exam dates. The class time for this summer course matches the amount of class time for our normal semester, and so we cover exactly the same material at the same depth. I expect the same level of knowledge as in a normal semester.

Since this class is relatively small, it will be a relaxed lecture setting. In other words, although it will be a lecture course, there is the opportunity for you to ask questions during the lecture, and for me to ask questions of you. There will be in-class quizzes each day, performed through the electronic response system (clickers). Besides receiving a grade for these, they will be the basis for part of your electronic homework.

Pre-requisite: High school mathematics, including college algebra and trigonometry

Textbook: College Physics a Strategic Approach 2nd Edition by Knight, Jones, and Field (required)

Mastering Physics: Electronic Homework for College Physics (required)

Turning Technologies Clickers (required)

These are available at the university bookstore; and the textbook and clickers are available used.

Laboratory Experiments available through Blackboard Website

Grading:

Daily quizzes 5%
Two in-class exams 20% each
Final exam (last day of class) 15%
Mastering Physics homework 20%
Paper-based homework 10%
Lab 10%

A: 90-100 B: 80-90 C: 70-80 D: 60-70 F: 0-60

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Homework: This is one of the most important aspects of this class. Although you will learn a lot from my enlightening lectures and from reading the textbook, the only way to learn this material is by working through the important material and applying it to problems. The homework will at times be challenging; remember that it is the only time I can ensure that you examine a complicated problem. There is not enough time for this on exams.

This course is very compressed in time, and so homework will be due at each class meeting. Most of this homework is through the Mastering Physics website, that is, electronic homework. Please make sure that you purchase the correct version of Mastering Physics, the version for the College Physics by Knight, 2nd edition. If you purchase an incorrect version (for the wrong textbook or wrong edition), you will not be able to access the assigned electronic homework. The homework assignments have particular due dates/times and you cannot submitted these after this time. When you do the Mastering Physics homework, you should work it out with paper and pencil and keep this for future studying. There will be several versions of the electronic homework and so do not get nervous if your homework does not match your friends' homework. A portion of your homework assignment will be based on the results of the clicker quiz for that day. You will be assigned homework to help you better understand concepts that you do not grasp.

To access Mastering Physics you should go to: http://www.masteringphysics.com and click Register – Students. You will then need to enter your access code (from inside the Mastering Physics package that you have purchased at the bookstore, or from a purchase at this point). The course id that you will need to enter is MPWORCHESKY39486.

There is written homework that is due at the beginning of each class. Please write neatly, staple the pages together, please begin each problem on a new page, and make sure that your name is on the first page. If it is illegible or does not have a logical flow, I will not accept it.

I imagine that you will get together on a regular basis in small groups. This is a good tool if used properly and a disaster if used incorrectly. Once you have done your own studying and worked out the problems, it is good to discuss the ideas with others. Please do not use it without working on the problems on your own.

Lab Component: This course has a separate lab component that will count for 10% of your final grade for the course. There are three lab sections and each section meets Monday and Wednesday; and you registered for one of these sections. You must go to the section in which you registered, as they are taught by different instructors. There is pre-lab homework that is due before the lab, which ensures you are prepared for the lab. In addition, there is homework on each lab due at the start of the next lab. Your lab homework will only be accepted if you completed the related lab. Your grade for each lab is based on the pre-lab, full attendance and participation in the lab session, and the lab homework. There are ten labs over the six-week session, thus there are no labs the last week of classes. This gives you extra time to prepare for the final exam for the class.

Office Hours: I will be available in my office on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday after each lecture (from 3:30-4:30) and on Monday and Thursday from 11:00-12:00. You may also make an appointment to meet at another time by contacting me through email.

Academic Integrity: I feel obligated to ensure that students know the repercussions of cheating. If you are found cheating, you will receive a zero for that work. The University has a website that addresses the concept of academic integrity: http://www.umbc.edu/undergrad_ed/ai/

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Schedule:

	Hour 1	Hour 2	Hour 1	Hour 2	Lab
May 30	Concepts of motion	1-D Motion	Sections 1.1-1.6	Sections 2.1-2.4	Lab 1: Intro to Motion
May 31	1-D Motion	1-D Motion	Sections 2.4-2.6	Section 2.7	
Jun 4	2-D Motion	2-D Motion	Sections 3.1-3.3	Sections 3.4-3.7	Lab 2: Changing Motion
Jun 6	Forces	Newton's Laws	Sections 4.1-4.5	Sections 4.6-4.8	Lab 4: Forces and Motion
Jun 7	Exam 1	N-Law Applications	Chapters 1-3	Sections 5.1-5.4	
Jun 11	Friction and Drag	N-Law Applications	Sections 5.5-5.6	Sections 5.7-5.8	Lab 5: Torque and Equilibrium
Jun 13	Circular Motion	Orbits	Sections 3.8 & 6.1-6.3	Sections 6.4-6.7	Lab 6: Forces and Accelerations
Jun 14	Stable Equilibrium	Springs and Elasticity	Sections 8.1-8.2	Sections 8.3-8.4	
Jun 18	Momentum and Energy	Impulse and Collisions	Sections 9.1-9.2 & 10.1	Sections 9.1-9.6	Lab 7: Gravity
Jun 20	Exam 2	Energy and Work	Chapters 4-8	Sections 10.1-10.3	Lab 8: Passive Forces
Jun 21	Potential & Thermal Energy	Conservation of Energy	Sections 10.4-10.5	Sections 10.6-10.8	
Jun 25	Using Energy	Temperature and Heat	Sections 11.1-11.3	Section 11.4-11.5	Lab 9: Collisions
Jun 27	Engines and Refrigerators	Atomic Model	Section 11.6-11.7	Sections 12.1-12.2	Lab 10: Conservation of Momentum
Jun 28	Ideal Gas	Thermal Properties	Sections 12.2-12.4	Sections 12.5-12.8	
Jul 2	Heat Engines & Refrigerators	Fluids and Pressure	Section 12.7	Sections 13.1-13.2	Lab 12: Conservation of Energy
Jul 4	Video Lecture	Buoyancy and Dynamics	Sections 13.3-13.4	Sections 13.5-13.6	
Jul 5	Final	Exam	Chapters 1-13		

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