

PHYA21H

Introduction to Physics IIA
(*Physics for Physical Scientists*)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the main concepts required for an understanding of Longitudinal and Transverse Waves, Electricity and Magnetism and Special Relativity. It provides an introduction to these topics with particular emphasis on developing a mathematical framework for problem solving and analysis. However, many important breakthroughs in the understanding of physics have resulted from observation. Consequently, there will be a substantial emphasis on empirical work in the weekly laboratories as well theoretical investigation.

Physics is, arguably, the most fundamental branch of science, and in some ways it is the most simple. Physicists start with a big, often complicated, problem and they first simplify it as much as they possibly can. Once simplified they try to analyze the situation. They then gradually introduce more complications, one at a time, until they eventually end up with a model that can be applied to situations encountered in nature.

LECTURES:

Lecture overheads will be posted online. They will be supplemented in class by worked examples of problems. These may not be posted online. Attendance is strongly encouraged but will not be monitored. There will not be any in-class component that will contribute to the final grade.

If you are attending lectures then please respect others in the classroom. Turn your cell phones to silent mode. Do not play games or watch TV shows, etc. If that is what you prefer to be doing you should not attend the lectures.

Lectures will often be structured on the assumption that you have read the textbook before coming to lecture. Please see the lecture/reading schedule later in this document.

PRACTICALS:

Practicals start in Week 2.

Students registered in the course are expected to enroll in one practical session. These are 3 hours in duration. Unlike the lectures, attendance at the practicals is mandatory and unexcused absences will result in a penalty to your grade (see below for more details). Moreover, you must attend the practical that you are enrolled in, you can and will be asked to leave practicals classes that you are not enrolled in. Some Practical will be like traditional labs where you have an experiment to perform and you must submit a formal report. Many, however, will be based on group exercises covering conceptual material in the course.

COURSE MATERIAL:

Physics for Scientists and Engineers (3rd edition) by Knight. Copies are available at the UTSC bookstore. There are a variety of formats (including an e-book). As we will not be using Mastering Physics in PHYA21, you do not need to get a package which includes it. If you get the third edition that should suffice, though page numbers and back of the chapter questions may differ.

You do NOT need to purchase a lab manual for this course!

OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesdays from 1130-1230 and 230-330. Thursdays 1130-1230. If you cannot make any of these times due to a scheduling conflict it will be possible to schedule office hours at different times. However, you will be required to show me a copy of your time-table in order to verify the time-table conflict. Please setup an appointment via e-mail (see next), and expect it to take a few days (so don't wait until the day before a test to try to visit).

E-MAIL:

You must include "PHYA21" in the subject line. Only e-mail sent from official University of Toronto mail accounts will be acknowledged (i.e., no g-mail etc). For questions about the course content and schedule, please use the Discussion Board on Blackboard (Portal). For one thing, another student might answer you more quickly than I can. However, in particular you can see each others questions with the posted answer. This means I won't receive multiple e-mails asking the same question and it also means that all students will see the same answer - thus you won't wonder if somebody else got a more thorough answer. A good idea is to post a question on Blackboard and send me an e-mail saying "I've just posted a question". In that case you'll get a quicker response and the dialogue will remain transparent to the entire class.

For medical and other personal issues please contact me via e-mail. Don't expect immediate responses, however, if I do not reply within 48 hours, you should send me a reminder e-mail - as my Inbox can get rather full. Always include PHYA21 in the subject and your full name at the end of the e-mail.

ASSESSMENT:

FINAL EXAM:	40%
MIDTERM:	20%
PRACTICAL QUIZZES:	10% in total
OUT OF CLASS PROBLEM ASSIGNMENTS:	10% in total
PRACTICAL GROUP WORK:	10% in total
FORMAL LAB REPORTS:	4% and 6%, 10% in total

MIDTERM AND EXAM:

Both the term test and final exam will draw from the lectures, practicals and textbook. This could include material presented in the lectures or tutorial material that is not covered in the textbook. It could also include assigned reading material that was covered in the textbook but not explicitly discussed in lectures.

All tests and exams are cumulative.

You will be allowed to bring a single 8.5" by 11" aid-sheet, double sided, and hand-written (no photocopies) to the midterm and exam. This aid sheet can feature whatever you wish. **The same size restrictions apply for the midterm and exam - ONE SHEET ONLY** - so you will have to redo your aid sheet for each test.

There will be no make-up midterm. If you miss the test for an excusable reason (usually medical) the weighting of the missed test will be added to the formal labs and exam (each increased by 10%).

PRACTICAL QUIZZES:

Every other week a list of suggested problems from the textbook will be given. During alternating practical sessions there will be a quiz. This quiz will be based on the suggested problems. These quizzes should be easy if you do all the suggested problems.

Please note that these questions will be basic problems that you should master before the tests and exam. Questions on the tests and exam will likely be more difficult than these quiz questions.

ASSIGNMENTS:

There will be four assignments handed out during the term. These will feature slightly more involved problems than those you will be doing in the practicals or on the quizzes. You will be given two weeks for each assignment and, most importantly, this must be your own work. That is, each student will receive a mark as an individual. Of course, it is fine to discuss the problems with your classmates but solutions must not be copied. Plagiarism will incur strict penalties as provided by the University's policy on Academic Dishonesty.

Assignments will be handed-in to a drop box and must be submitted by 5pm on the day they are due. Assignments that arrive late will receive a penalty of 50% after 5pm on the due date up until 5pm the next day. Assignments received after this will get a mark of zero. Thus it is probably best for your grade to submit an incomplete assignment in time rather than continuing to work on a late assignment.

PRACTICALS:

There will be ten (10) weeks of Practical. Two of those weeks will be Lab based and will require you to produce a formal lab report. The first Lab formal report will be worth 4% of your final grade. The final Lab formal report will be worth 6% of your final grade. Please make sure you submit original work! If you are caught plagiarizing, the situation will be dealt with.

All Practical work, including the labs, will be done in groups (two or three students per group, not more not less). Lab reports will be submitted one per group. **A consistent STYLE is important!** If you submit a Frankenpaper (three sections written in three very different ways and then crudely stitched together) your grades will suffer. So make sure you get organized early and hand in a report that is well written! I recommend nominating one person to be the editor and have them do a little less writing and a lot more editing so that the final report reads uniformly and is polished.

The non-Lab Practical will include problem-solving in groups. One member of your team will be required to record your work. Each week, **two** of the activities you do will be graded. During the lab Practical, the notes you take will count as activities and will be similarly graded with similar weights to the other Practical sessions. Thus every week's Practical will generate grades. These marks will sum up to your 10% grade for Practical work.

Finally, since the Practical are team-based, it is important that you show up every week. To encourage this, a penalty to your Practical Group Work **and** Formal Lab grades will be applied. So you stand to lose up to 20% of your final grade for absences from Practical. This penalty will be the **CUBE** of the number of absences, as a percent. If you miss 4 Practical, your grade will suffer by 64%. This is in addition to not getting credit for the group work which you were absent for.

If you are more than 10 minutes late (arrive at 9:20, say, instead of 9:10) you will be counted as absent, but will still get credit for the group work. Similarly, if you leave early (before your group has handed in their work) you will also be counted as absent.

PROBLEMS?

If you see a potential problem with your ability to participate in the course or the assessment methods you can speak with me or the people at ACCESSAbility Services who can advise us both.

TENTATIVE

LECTURE SCHEDULE

- Week 1 – Standing Waves, Interference, Beats (Chapter 21)
- Week 2 – Electric Charges, Forces and Fields (Chapter 25, 26)
- Week 3 – Continuous Distributions, Capacitors and Motion with Fields (Chapter 26)
- Week 4 – Electrical Potential and Potential Energy, Multiple Charges (Chapter 28)
- Week 5 – Potential, Dielectrics, Resistance and Current (Chapters 29, 30)
- Week 6 – Circuit Laws (Chapter 31)
- Week 7 – Magnetism, Magnetic Fields and Forces (Chapter 32)
- READING WEEK
- Week 8 – Induction, Magnetic Flux, More Circuits (Chapters 33)
- Week 9 – Electromagnetic Waves, Wave Optics, Diffraction (Chapters 34, 22)
- Week 10 – Einstein’s Postulate, Time Dilation, Length Contraction (Chapter 36)
- Week 11 – Spacetime, Lorentz Transformations (Chapter 36)
- Week 12 – Relativistic Momentum and Energy (Chapter 36)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND RESPECT FOR THE ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student’s individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto’s *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*:

<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>

outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

- In papers and assignments: Using someone else’s ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgment; submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor; making up sources or facts; obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment.

- On tests and exams: Using or possessing unauthorized aids; looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test; misrepresenting your identity.
- In academic work: Falsifying institutional documents or grades; falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctors notes.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources (see <http://www.utoronto.ca/academicintegrity/resourcesforstudents.html>).