PHYS111N
Introductory General Physics

Course Content

In this course you will be introduced to some core topics in physics - mechanics, the propagation of waves in substances and properties of fluids. Through lectures, labs, reading, and homework problem solving you will learn how to describe simple physical processes in terms of the laws of physics in their mathematical formulation.

Prerequisites

This is an algebra-based course. Without some command of this part of mathematics you will not be able to take the class. You are required to have completed at least one of MATH102M, MATH162M, MATH166, or an equivalent course. If you are registered for PHYS111N and do not have a passing grade in one of these classes, you must contact pnadeltu@odu.edu before the semester begins.

Lecture Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday 11:00am – 12:15pm, OCNPS 200

Class-time will feature a mix of traditional lecturing, problem solving, and class participation. There will be questions to be answered through your clicker that are designed to get you thinking about physics. Because of this, the time for presenting information in class will be limited, so it is VITALLY IMPORTANT that you read the appropriate sections of the textbook BEFORE coming to class.

You will be informed at the end of each class what the appropriate reading for the next class will be. Most classes will begin with simple clicker questions (for credit) about what you have read.

If there is sufficient interest, optional study sessions may be arranged to provide assistance with homework and upcoming exams.

Course Information

All information on the class, including slides and homework solutions will be posted on the class’s Blackboard page: www.blackboard.odu.edu.
**Required Materials**

- **Textbook:** "(Sears & Zemansky's) College Physics" by Hugh D. Young, 10th edition [Addison Wesley]

- **Online Homework Access:** “MasteringPhysics” Student Access Kit
  Contains a code required to access the online homework system at [www.masteringphysics.com](http://www.masteringphysics.com)

There are several options to obtain the textbook/homework access:

- the bookstore should have copies of the first 16 chapters with MasteringPhysics access - this is all that is required for PHYS111N
- there is also a longer version of the textbook that contains the remaining chapters (17-30) to be used in PHYS112N
- the 8th and 9th edition of the textbook may be available in used copies and is very similar to the 10th edition – if you choose this option, or if you buy a used copy of the 9th edition, you will need to also purchase access to MasteringPhysics from [www.masteringphysics.com](http://www.masteringphysics.com) (for around $60)
- there are e-text options available at [www.masteringphysics.com](http://www.masteringphysics.com) (around $110 for e-text & MasteringPhysics access)

- **Clicker:** “Turning Technologies Response Card”
  This device is available from the campus bookstore (ask at the counter) for around $50 and is required for classroom participation credit. You may already have this device from another class. If so, you can reuse it here.

- **Lab:** “Physics 111 & 231 Laboratory Manual”
  This is available from the campus bookstore. You should check with your Lab TA if they require you to have any other materials.

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**Laboratory**

*Attendance and participation is required in the laboratory portion of this course.*

**ANY STUDENT WITH MORE THAN ONE ABSENCE WILL FAIL THE ENTIRE COURSE.**

You must hand in a lab report to get credit for each session. If you cannot avoid missing a lab session, contact the instructor in advance.

You should bring with you to the lab session a scientific calculator and a copy of the laboratory manual. The lab instructor will detail the format of lab reports and the grading criteria to be applied.

**Questions regarding the lab portion of the course should be directed at your lab instructor.**
Exams

There will be three midterm exams (the lowest score from the three is dropped) and a final exam. The final exam will contain questions taken from all subject areas covered in the course.

All exams are closed book. You are advised to bring along a simple scientific calculator. You will be permitted a formula-sheet of your own construction (both sides of a single 8.5” × 11” sheet), which may not contain any words. You must hand in your formula-sheet along with your test and you will lose points if there is anything but formulae and diagrams on your sheet.

The midterms will take place in class. Make-up exams will not be given unless there was a truly unavoidable reason for not attending the scheduled exam. Please let me know (by email) in advance if you absolutely cannot make an exam, or as soon as possible afterwards if you were unexpectedly prevented from attending.

Homework

Physics is best learned by attempting to solve problems. In this way one becomes familiar with the concepts and comfortable with the mathematical methods required. Homework assignments will be set and your answers collected using the MasteringPhysics online service. You must be sure to have the Student Access Kit that comes with your copy of the course textbook. This contains a code that allows you to register at the website www.masteringphysics.com. If you have bought a used textbook you can purchase access to the homework system at www.masteringphysics.com.

Once registered with the service you should put yourself on the class-list for this course using the code TURONSKI111FALL17. More detailed instructions are available in the "Orientation" section of the class Blackboard page. It is advisable to register in this way as soon as you can.

A tentative list of MasteringPhysics homework deadlines is given below – any changes will be announced in class and posted to Blackboard.

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No individual extension of assignment submission dates will be given except in truly exceptional circumstances.
Course Grading

Your final grade will be assembled from your course scores according to a weighting given approximately by

- Class Participation (reading quizzes, clicker questions) – 10%
- Homework – 15%
- Lab – 15%
- Midterms (best two from three) – 30%
- Final Exam – 30%

You must receive a passing grade from your lab instructor to pass the course.

Grading Scale

The grading policy is non-competitive and lenient, but there will be no curve. A letter grade is determined only at the end of the semester.

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92 & \leq A, \\
88 & \leq A- < 92, \\
84 & \leq B+ < 88, \\
80 & \leq B < 84, \\
76 & \leq B- < 80, \\
72 & \leq C+ < 76, \\
68 & \leq C < 72, \\
64 & \leq C- < 68, \\
60 & \leq D < 64, \\
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Getting Help

There are a number of sources of help for this class:

- The Physics Learning Center is a place where students can get together to work on their homework and get assistance, if needed, from physics faculty and grad students. No appointment is necessary. Students in all introductory classes are encouraged to drop by the Learning Center for help on homework, lab, lecture, other course material, or just for a place to work while in the physics building. (Note: staffing of the Physics Learning Center starts the second week of classes). More info, including a detailed staffing schedule, can be found at the following link: [https://www.odu.edu/physics/resources/learning-center](https://www.odu.edu/physics/resources/learning-center)

- Prof. Nadel-Turonski has office hours before each lecture (10-11 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays), and may be available by appointment at other times.

Academic Honesty

You are expected to conform to the University Honor Code in all aspects of your conduct in this course.

You may work with others on the homework assignments, however, what you submit must represent your own understanding of the problem. Submitting answers online for problems that you have not worked out yourself is cheating.

Accessing solution manuals on-line or otherwise is cheating. This includes use of services like Cramster, or finding worked out solutions through Google (or similar).
Allowing other students to copy your solutions is cheating. You can and should help others if they ask you for help - but by explaining the solution, not by allowing copying of your solution.

Misconduct of any form will not be tolerated. If you are ever unsure of what is allowed, please consult with Dr. Nadel-Turonski for clarification.

Special Accommodations

Students are encouraged to self-disclose disabilities that have been verified by the Office of Educational Accessibility by providing Accommodation Letters to their instructors early in the semester in order to start receiving accommodations. Accommodations will not be made until the Accommodation Letters are provided to the instructor each semester.