Fall 9-1-2000

PHYS 121N.01: General Physics I

Carla M. Reidel

University of Montana, Missoula

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.umt.edu/syllabi

Recommended Citation
https://scholarworks.umt.edu/syllabi/5367
GENERAL PHYSICS I

LECTURES: MTWRF 8:10-9:00, Science Complex 131

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Carla Riedel
Office: SC 122 / 243-5179 / riedel@selway.umt.edu
Office hours: M 11:10, T 3:10, W 2:10, R 9:10, F 10:10, and by appointment

DESCRIPTION: The first semester of a year-long introduction to physics, the focus of which will be mechanics and thermodynamics, this course will emphasize both the conceptual understanding of physical phenomena and the tools of analytic problem solving.

PREREQUISITES: Facility with high school algebra and trigonometry.


ONLINE: Giancoli website: http://www.prenhall.com/Giancoli
Class website: http://www.physics.umt.edu/phys122-1

HOMEWORK: Plan to spend at least 10 hours on homework each week.
Roughly one chapter of reading and 15-20 problems will be assigned each week.
One or two problems will be collected and perfunctorily graded each week. No late homework will be accepted. Working with others on homework is encouraged, but the work you turn in must be your own.
Solutions posted outside office, at Reserve Desk in library, and on class website.

LABS: One two-hour lab nearly each week (TR 11:10, TWR 1:10, R 3:10) in SC 225.
Participation and a short write-up (due the next day) are required for each lab.
Failure to complete 3 labs results in lowering of final letter grade.
Failure to complete more than 3 labs results in final failing grade.
One make-up lab is allowed. No late labs will be accepted.

EXAMS: Closed book, but 3"x5" note cards are allowed.
Simple calculator (without symbolic manipulation) is required.
Each exam will be roughly 1/2 qualitative and 3/4 quantitative.
Practice exams will be available at Reserve Desk and on class website.
Five in-class midterms (one card). Lowest midterm score dropped.
One two-hour, comprehensive final (six cards or one 8.5"x11" sheet).
Help sessions will be scheduled prior to each exam.
Make-up exams will be allowed only in extreme situations, and only when arranged in advance.

GRADING: Midterms 50% (lowest score dropped)
Homework 15%
Lab Reports 10% (at least 7 reports required)
Final Exam 25%
All grading will be based on correctness, completeness, and clarity.

Students with disabilities requiring accommodations, please, see the instructor.
## Tentative Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Ch.</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Lab</th>
<th>Exams</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9/5 - 9/8</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Introduction</td>
<td>No lab</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/11 - 9/15</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1-D Kinematics</td>
<td>No lab</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/18 - 9/22</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2-D Kinematics</td>
<td>Determination of $g$</td>
<td>R 9/21 Ch. 1–3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/25 - 9/29</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Dynamics</td>
<td>Force Table</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/2 - 10/6</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Circular Motion</td>
<td>Centripetal Force</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9 - 10/13</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Work &amp; Energy</td>
<td>Hooke's Law</td>
<td>T 10/10 Ch. 4–6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/16 - 10/20</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Linear Momentum</td>
<td>Conservation of Linear Momentum</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/23 - 10/27</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Rotational Motion</td>
<td>Ballistic Pendulum</td>
<td>F 10/27 Ch. 6–8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/30 - 11/3</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Equilibrium</td>
<td>Conservation of Angular Momentum</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/6, 11/8–9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Fluids</td>
<td>No lab</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/13 - 11/17</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Vibrations and Waves</td>
<td>Archimedes' Principle</td>
<td>F 11/17 Ch. 9–11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/20 - 11/21</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Sound</td>
<td>Temperature</td>
<td>No lab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/27 - 12/1</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Heat</td>
<td>Standing Waves in Taut cords</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/4 - 12/8</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Thermodynamics</td>
<td>The Mechanical Equivalent of Heat</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/11 - 12/15</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Review</td>
<td>Make-up lab</td>
<td>T 12/12 Ch. 12–15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/20</td>
<td></td>
<td>8:00–10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>FINAL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Subject coverage may vary, but exam dates are firm.

Reminder: September 25 is No Penalty Drop Deadline.