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### PHYS 221N.01: General Physics I

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 Text: *Fundamentals of Physics*  
 by Halliday, Resnick and Walker. Sixth Edition. Chapters 1 through 17.  
 Optional Text: *Quick Calculus* by Ramsey and Kleppner. Second Edition.  
 Lectures: Mo,Tu,We,Th,Fr, 1:10-2:00 PM. SC Room 131.  
 Office Hours: Right after class (short questions). And by Appointment. Regular hours TBA.  
 Course Web site: [http://www.physics.umd.edu/~jacobs/Course\\_Materials/phys221\\_00.html](http://www.physics.umd.edu/~jacobs/Course_Materials/phys221_00.html)

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**Homework:** I will recommend 10-20 problems per chapter to be worked out carefully by each student which will *not* be collected. In order for students to check their work, solutions to these problems will be available on the course web site. In addition, 1 or 2 extra problems per chapter will be assigned in class, collected, graded and returned to students. These problems will be graded not only for arriving at the correct result, but for the clarity and completeness of the solution process. Solutions for these problems will be posted outside my office. Late homework assignments will not be accepted except under extreme circumstances. If you miss a class, be sure to find out if there was an assignment.

**Exams** There will be 4 mid-term exams given during the semester (see schedule on page 2). Since each new topic will build on all previous concepts, a general working knowledge of previous material will be expected on all exams. The exams will be closed book except for a calculator and one 3×5 index card of notes that each student must prepare for themselves prior to the exam. Solutions to the exams will be posted outside my office and available on the course web site. Make-up exams will be given only in extreme situations and must be arranged IN ADVANCE. Please do not miss any exams. The final exam is comprehensive and will be held on Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:10pm to 3:10pm. Note cards from mid-term exams may be used on the final.

**Laboratory:** Each student is expected to complete nine two-hour laboratorys during the semester (see schedule on page 2). *Failure to complete and hand in at least seven of these labs will result in the student failing the course regardless of the grades on exams or homework.* In preparation for the lab portion of the course, you should go to the course web site to download two documents. One is the *Laboratory Report Guide*, which gives instructions on what to include in the lab report and how to present your results. Secondly, you should download a copy of *Errors and the Treatment of Data*, which explains how to handle error analysis, graphing, and other key issues that come up while writing labs. Each week, a few days before your lab, you should download and print a copy of the current lab to bring with you to your lab meeting. Students are expected to have read the instructions prior to arriving at the lab, and may be asked to write a brief pre-lab assignment. Lab preference forms will be handed out on the second day of classes. Labs are held Mon 3-5 pm, Tues 3-5 pm or Wed 3-5 pm in room SC 229. Lab Reports are normally due at the next lab meeting.

**General Remarks** This will be an intensive course; we will cover 17 chapters in 15 weeks (see schedule on the following page). Be sure to keep up on reading assignments and problem assignments. Add/Drop deadline is Sept. 25<sup>st</sup> (for \$\$ back), or Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> (for no \$\$ back). Prerequisite to this course is a *working* knowledge of college algebra, trigonometry, and pre-calculus. Co-requisite to this course is Math 150 (applied Calculus), or Math 152 (Calculus) or equivalent.

#### Grading

|                          |     |                             |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| In class mid-term exams: | 44% | (4 @ 11% each)              |
| Homework:                | 14% | ( $\approx$ 15 @ 0.8% each) |
| Lab reports:             | 12% | (9 @ 1.3% each)             |
| Final exam:              | 30% |                             |

**Tentative Schedule – Topics**

Note that the lecture schedule is tentative, but the exam dates are firm.

| Week:                  | Chapters    | Topics                          | Labs                           | Exams:  |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Week 1<br>9/5-9/8      | Ch.1,Ch.2   | Introduction.<br>1-D Kinematics | No Lab                         |   |
| Week 2<br>9/11-9/15    | Ch.2,Ch.3   | Vectors<br>2-D Kinematics       | No Lab                         |   |
| Week 3<br>9/18-9/22    | Ch.3,Ch.4   | Projectiles                     | Lab 1                          |   |
| Week 4<br>9/25-9/29    | Ch.5        | Force<br>and Motion             | Lab 2                          | Exam 1<br>Fri, Sept. 29                           |
| Week 5<br>10/2-10/6    | Ch.6,Ch.7   | Work<br>Energy                  | Lab 3                          |   |
| Week 6<br>10/9-10/13   | Ch.7,Ch.8   | Conservation<br>of Energy       | Lab 4                          |   |
| Week 7<br>10/16-10/20  | Ch.9        | Collisions.<br>Angular Motion   | Lab 5                          |   |
| Week 8<br>10/23-10/27  | Ch.10,Ch11  | Torque<br>Angular Momentum      | No Lab                         | Exam 2<br>Tues, Oct. 24                           |
| Week 9<br>10/30-11/3   | Ch.12,Ch.13 | Statics<br>Gravitation.         | Lab 6                          |   |
| Week 10<br>11/6-11/10  | Ch.13       | Kepler's Laws                   | No Lab<br>(no class Tues.)     |   |
| Week 11<br>11/13-11/17 | Ch.14       | Fluids                          | Lab 7                          | Exam 3<br>Fri, Nov. 17                            |
| Week 12<br>11/20-11/21 | Ch.15       | Oscillations                    | No Lab<br>(No class Wed.→Fri.) |   |
| Week 13<br>11/27-12/1  | Ch.16       | Waves                           | Lab 8                          |   |
| Week 14<br>12/4-12/8   | Ch.16,Ch.17 | Sound                           | Lab 9                          |   |
| Week 15<br>12/11-12/15 | Ch.17       | Review                          | No Lab                         | Exam 4<br>Tues, Dec. 12                           |
| Week 16<br>12/18-12/22 |             | Final's Week                    | No Lab                         | Final Exam<br>Thurs, Dec. 21<br>1:10 PM - 3:10 PM |

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## Laboratory Schedule Fall 2000

| Week:                  |        | Lab Title   |
|------------------------|--------|---|
| Week 1<br>9/5-9/8      | No Lab |   |
| Week 2<br>9/1-9/15     | No Lab |   |
| Week 3<br>9/18-9/22    | Lab 1  | Measurement of the acceleration due to gravity.               |
| Week 4<br>9/25-9/29    | Lab 2  | Measurement of the acceleration due to gravity on an incline. |
| Week 5<br>10/2-10/6    | Lab 3  | Uniform Circular Motion.                                      |
| Week 6<br>10/9-10/13   | Lab 4  | Conditions for equilibrium.                                   |
| Week 7<br>10/16-10/20  | Lab 5  | Hooke's Law   |
| Week 8<br>10/23-10/27  | No Lab |   |
| Week 9<br>10/30-11/3   | Lab 6  | Energy and Momentum   |
| Week 10<br>11/6-11/10  | No Lab | (Election day)  |
| Week 11<br>11/13-11/17 | Lab 7  | Collisions  |
| Week 12<br>11/20-11/21 | No Lab | (Thanksgiving)  |
| Week 13<br>11/27-12/1  | Lab 8  | Moment of Inertia   |
| Week 14<br>12/4-12/8   | Lab 9  | The Simple Pendulum   |
| Week 15<br>12/11-12/15 | No Lab | Lab 9 due 12/15 at 5 PM                                       |
| Week 16<br>12/18-12/22 | No Lab | Finals week   |

Lab materials can be found at:

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