Syllabus – College Physics- PHYS 152
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Holidays from class-

Text:  College Physics, 7th Edition
Author:  Raymond A. Serway and Jerry Faughn

Course Description: PHYS 152. This course covers the subjects of Electricity and Magnetism, Light, Optics, Relativity, Atomic Physics and Nuclear Physics.

Methodology:  Class discussion and participation will enhance the learning environment and will be important ingredients in our class. We will use a variety of methods to introduce concepts including group work and discussion as well as more traditional methods. A web-based component that is packaged with your textbook will be included this semester. We will use it to compliment the learning in our class with homework assignments done and graded online for immediate feedback. Most importantly please ask questions when something isn’t clear and especially if you find your curiosity has been peaked! Be willing to actively participate – volunteer a different explanation or point of view, ask a question, but please don’t exclude yourself from the learning process.

Learning Objectives:  The objectives for this course are to both learn basic principles of Physics and to learn to apply problem solving strategies to diverse problems. As such, problem solving will be both our main learning tool and one of our main learning objectives.

Requirements:

1.  Exams:  There will be 3 exams and a comprehensive final:
   - 1st Exam: September 29
   - 2nd Exam: November 3
   - 3rd Exam: December 8
   - Final Exam, optional, December 14

NOTE: The exams may include multiple choice, fill in, but will emphasize problems. Always show all your work and include proper units. Final exam is optional, one exam grade may be replaced with the score from a comprehensive final exam given on the final class meeting.
2. **Homework & Quizzes:** Homework will be assigned each week. It is extremely important to work through each assigned problem, as it is impossible to learn physics without doing physics. This homework will be done and graded online. It is your responsibility to make sure you know the assignments and the homework that is graded. There will be a quiz most weeks. These quizzes will be based on the assigned homework and may be conceptual or problem solving. There are NO makeup quizzes, please don’t ask! A total of 50 points for quizzes and 100 points for homework will be included in your final grade.

3. **Attendance:** It is expected that you attend all classes. If you must miss a class it is your responsibility to get all assignments and to know the material covered. Please don’t hesitate to call or email me for the information, however, I encourage you to get to know two to three of your classmates and exchange phone numbers or email addresses.

**GRADING:**

- Exams: 300pts
- Quizzes and Homework: 150pts
- Lab grade: 100 (normalized through all sections)
- Total possible points: 550

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A = 550 - 506  \\
A- = 505 - 495  \\
B+ = 494 - 485  \\
B = 484 - 451  \\
B- = 450 - 440  \\
C+ = 439 - 429  \\
C = 428 - 375  \\
C- = 374 - 350  \\
D+ = 349 - 335  \\
D = 334 - 295  \\
D- = 294 - 275  \\
F = below 275
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**Academic Integrity:** All examinations, homework, and quizzes must be completed by the student; any act of plagiarism (cheating, piracy, theft, etc.) will result in immediate suspension from the course.
Course Outline: The most important thing you can do to be prepared for all classes is to keep up with the reading and homework assignments. The assigned homework is considered the bare minimum you should do. I encourage you to work through as many extra problems as you can, especially in chapters you find more difficult. The PhysicsNow online component of your textbook is a useful tool and I encourage you to use its resources to make the most of your study time.

- Week 1 - Chapters 15
- Week 2 - Chapters 16
- Week 3 - Chapter 17, 18
- Week 4 - Chapter 18 & 19
- Week 5 - Chapter 19 and review (Exam 1, Sept 29)
- Week 6 - Chapter 20
- Week 7 - Chapter 21 & 22
- Week 8 - Chapter 22 & 23
- Week 9 - Chapter 24
- Week 10 - Chapter 24 & Exam 2, November 3
- Week 11 - Chapter 25 & 26
- Week 12 - Chapter 26 & 27
- Week 13 - Chapters 27 & 28
- Week 14 - Chapter 29
- Week 15 - Chapter 29 & 30 (Exam 3, Dec. 8)
- Week 16 - Grades and final review

Final Exam: 9:45-11:45 AM, December 14th

Note: This is a tentative outline of what we will cover, we may spend more or less time on a particular topic.