

PHYS 120: Physics I

Fall 2015

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Abstract

Particle dynamics and curvilinear motion; force and momentum; rotation and static equilibrium; kinetic and potential energy; special relativity.

Text: University Physics, 14th edition, Young and Freedman (used editions are ok, but you still need a new/unused mastering physics code to complete the assignments)

Assignments:

You need access to the www.masteringphysics.com website to complete the weekly assignments.

The course-ID you need to access the assignments is: MPSTEEVES75207

Labs: All lab sections are held in the Elliott 136. Labs start next week on Monday September 14.

Marking Scheme

	A	B	
-Assignments	10%	10%	
-Labs	20%	20%	Labs must be passed to pass course
-Midterm exams	25%	15%	2x50 min exams
-Final exam	45%	55%	3 hour exam

We will use the scheme (**A** or **B**) that gives you the highest mark

Calculators: On all examinations the only acceptable calculator is the Sharp EL-510RNB which can be purchased from the bookstore.

Topics

Introduction

Vectors 1.7-1.10

Motion Along a Straight Line 2.1-2.6

Motion in Two and Three Dimensions 3.1-3.5

Newton's Laws of Motion 4.1-4.6

Applying Newton's Laws 5.1-5.4

MIDTERM 1 - OCT 9, 2015

Work and Kinetic Energy 6.1-6.4

Potential Energy and Conservation 7.1-7.5

Momentum, Impulse and Collisions 8.1-8.6

Relativity 37.1-37.9

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Rotation of Rigid Bodies 9.1-9.6

Torque and Static Equilibrium 10.1, 11.1-11.3

TRIUMF TOUR (optional) - TBD

FINAL EXAM - TBD