

Physics 211L §1 (Summer 2020)
College Physics I Lab
North Dakota State University
1 Credit
Online: Mondays and Wednesdays

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Primary Text: Video laboratory theory and data collection provided through LON-CAPA system.

Secondary Text: Giordano. *College Physics: Reasoning and Relationships*, 2nd Edition. Brooks Cole, 2013.

Materials: Computer access to watch laboratory theory and data collection.

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Bulletin Description: Beginning course for students without a calculus background. Includes basic principles of bodies at rest and in motion, fluids, vibrations, waves, sound and thermodynamics.

Course Objective: This laboratory course is designed to complement Physics 211 by providing videos of experiments to reinforce the theory and ideas developed during the lecture. By the end of the semester, students should have a good working knowledge of the concepts that were presented, be able to communicate these ideas effectively, and understand the importance of working in collaboration with their peers.

Class Expectations: Students are expected to watch *all* laboratory exercises. Reading the relevant material prior to watching each video will help greatly. Students are expected to treat the instructor and fellow students with respect.

This summer there will be no in-person meetings.

Class Procedure: Each experiment video will begin with a brief discussion of theory and ideas which are relevant to the lab, as well as an overview of the lab procedure. If you have read the lab material before class begins, your understanding of the theory and subsequent data collection will be enhanced.

If you have questions after reading the material and watching the theory and data collection, please feel free to contact me by e-mail or video if we can arrange it.

Assignments and Grading: I will grade your assignments based on several criteria. Taken into account will be demonstration of your knowledge of the material, your ability to use the scientific method to arrive at a conclusion, and your ability to effectively communicate that conclusion. Error in your results will not affect the grade you receive, so long as you provide a reasonable explanation for the error. If you notice errors in your results during class time, please let me know and we may be able to correct the problem.

Each lab will be accompanied by a set of questions. These questions must be completed and returned one week after the associated lab period. Extenuating circumstances may allow for late homework to receive partial credit, but in general, late homework will *not* be accepted.

Each weekly assignment will be worth ten (10) points. The fully-completed lab with the lowest non-zero score during the semester will be dropped. Failing to follow the lab procedure to completion is a zero, and will not count toward the dropped lab.

Your final grade in Physics 211L will be based on the following scale: A - 90% and above; B - 80-89%; C - 70-79%; D - 60-69%; <60%, F.

Failure to turn in labs will result in a zero on those assignments.

Attendance: Attending all lab exercises is mandatory. Make-up labs will be considered only in the case of emergencies and at the discretion of the lab instructor. Unless explicitly noted, assume class is occurring as scheduled.

Feedback: Students are invited to share any concerns they have about the course or their performance with the instructor at any time.

Labs: An approximate list of labs are as follows:

Lab 1	Graphing
Lab 2	Computer Based Labs & Intro to 1D Motion
Lab 3	Changing Motion in 1D
Lab 4	“ <i>g</i> ”
Lab 5	Collisions
Lab 6	Passive Forces
Lab 7	Periodic Motion
Lab 8	Buoyancy & Density
Lab 9	Center of Mass & Rotational Motion
Lab 10	Rotational Motion and Moment of Inertia
Lab 11	Simple Harmonic Motion: The Physical Pendulum

Any students with disabilities or other special needs, who need special accommodations in this course, are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor and contact the Disability Services Office (www.ndsu.edu/disabilityservices) as soon as possible.

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