DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS  
PHYS 1200  
PHYSICS by EXPLORATION  
SPRING 2020

Course Information

Textbook: Class Notes available in bookstore - Required  
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Classroom ESLC 130  
Time 12:00-1:15 Tuesday and Thursday  
Lab as registered  
Office hours T/H 10:00-11:30, Wednesday, or by appointment  
Website Canvas  
Course Fee $6.00

Course Goal

The goal of this course is to acquaint you with some of the "big ideas" in physics, to let you see those ideas in action in your own experimentation, and to convince you that physics can (at least some of the time) be fun. The course will also attempt to acquaint you with some of the major players in science, the people who came up with the big ideas, how they did it, and how and on what scientists are working today.

Tests

This course will have four exams over four general areas. These tests will be given through the testing center as listed on the calendar. Each one will be graded out of 100 points and tests will comprise 60% of the grade for the course. Tests will be in written format, will cover concepts, labs, and problem solving. The last test will be given as the scheduled final and will NOT be comprehensive.

Homework

Homework will be assigned approximately weekly. Each homework assignment will be graded out of 20 points. Homework will be worth 20% of the grade. 13 assignments will be given and you will drop your two lowest scores. Assignments are listed on the calendar. The answers to homework will be posted on Canvas, so late homework will not be accepted.

Labs

Labs are your chance to “try it out”. They will be held in SER 110 during your scheduled lab time. A total of 9 labs will be held during the semester and you will keep scores for 8 of them (drop one score). You will receive credit for attendance and for an exit quiz. A total of 25 points per lab is available. If you miss your lab section, you may be able to attend another section during that week. Lab will comprise 20% of the grade.
Journal

At the beginning of each class there will be a thought question about the previous or current day’s material or other related topic. Students will answer these questions in a journal format. This completed journal may be turned in at the end of the course for extra credit and is intended to give credit for attendance.

Composition of Final Grade

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The scores represent the lower bound for the adjacent letter grades. Marks of 59.9% and below will be graded F.

Homework Help

This class is scheduled to have an Undergraduate Teaching Fellow (UTF) to assist in homework or concepts. Brenne Wilcox will run this portion of the class. We plan to hold this either Monday or Wednesday afternoon, depending on when homework is due. Times and rooms will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

Course Fee

A fee has been assessed for this course to pay for lab materials and upkeep. It should have been paid at registration.

Materials for Persons with Disabilities

Students with ADA-documented physical, sensory, emotional or medical impairments may be eligible for reasonable accommodations. Veterans may also be eligible for services. All accommodations are coordinated through the Disability Resource Center (DRC) in Room 101 of the University Inn, (435)797-2444 voice, (435)797-0740 TTY, or toll free at 1-800-259-2966. Please contact the DRC as early in the semester as possible. Alternate format materials (Braille, large print or digital) are available with advance notice.

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# Course Calendar

All calendar dates are tentative and may be changed to meet course objectives.

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