

PHYSICS 4B

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Office hours: Monday 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM, Wednesday 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM, and Thursday 1:00 - 1:25 PM in S34

Final exam date: Tuesday, March 25, 1:45 to 3:45 PM

Text: *Physics for Scientists and Engineers*, 9th or 10th edition, by Serway and Jewett or equivalent

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Math 1B, Physics 4A and concurrent enrollment in Math 1C.

The goals of this course are to understand the four Maxwell equations of classical electro-dynamics in integral form along with the Lorentz force equation and to solve problems using them.

The class will meet face-to-face Monday through Thursday and remotely on Friday. The Friday class will be synchronous and the Zoom link is available through the Canvas platform. Masks are optional for in-person meetings. This may be obvious, but please do not come to class when you are sick.

Homework: Working problems is the best way to learn this challenging subject. Each chapter has a homework problem set available in Canvas. Working additional problems from the text is recommended. The homework will not be collected, but one question will be similar to an in-class quiz on the due date.

Quizzes based on the homework will be held weekly. There will be a second in-class quiz each week based on lecture material. Your lowest quiz scores will be dropped; you may arrange to make-up one missed quiz.

Midterm Exams: There are two midterm exams consisting of four questions each. The first midterm covers electricity, the second focuses on magnetism. Make-ups for midterms will be available only with prior consent. In the event of an emergency, you must send a message prior to the start of the exam to qualify for a make-up exam. The make-up should be completed within three days of the exam date.

Labs meet once a week, Tuesday or Thursday, according to the section you are enrolled in. Lab attendance is required. You may miss one unexcused lab only. You may attend the alternate lab day with prior consent. A quadrille-ruled bound notebook, pen, scientific calculator, and ruler are required. Grading for lab is based on weekly quizzes, lab notebook and the lab final.

The final exam is a comprehensive exam with seven or eight questions similar to the midterm exams. It is an in-class exam.

To pass the class you *must* take the final exam (in both lab and lecture) and both midterm exams.

An "incomplete" can only be assigned if the student has completed 90% of the class work. The compelling reason would be a serious illness or equivalent.

There is no extra credit. The grades are not curved.

Photo ID is required by all students at every exam.

Physics problems will be discussed in office hours and lecture, but not via email.

A student caught cheating will receive a zero score for the assignment in question. Subsequent incidents will be referred to Maxient.

Your grade will be based on:

Quizzes: 15%

Lab: 15%

Midterms: 40%

Final: 30%

According to the following percentages:

A: 92 %

A-: 90 %

B+: 88 %

B: 82 %

B-: 80 %

C+: 78 %

C: 60 %

D: 50 %

F: 49% and below

Student Learning Outcome(s):

- Critically examine new, previously un-encountered problems, analyzing and evaluating their constituent parts, to construct and explain a logical solution utilizing, and based upon, the fundamental laws of electricity and magnetism.
- Gain confidence in taking precise and accurate scientific measurements, with their uncertainties, and then with calculations from them, analyze their meaning as relative, in an experimental context, to the verification and support of physics theories.

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