

The University of Texas at Tyler
College Physics I
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MWF 11:15 AM – 12:10 PM

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Office Hours	My office hours this semester are tentatively planned for: MWF 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM TR 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM (Or by appointment. Times are approximate. Please stop by my office anytime you have questions, even outside of office hours. I'll almost certainly be available to help.)
Textbook	<i>College Physics: a Strategic Approach</i> , 4th ed., Knight, Jones, and Field, ISBN: 978-0134609034. Each student must pay to register for the MasteringPhysics online homework system at https://mlm.pearson.com/northamerica/masteringphysics/ , using course I.D. batman81167 . MasteringPhysics will require you to buy a digital version of the textbook. You are required to bring to each lecture session the textbook and a scientific calculator that has a screen no more than one inch in height and no graphing or equation solving capability. (Most TI-30s are acceptable, particularly the TI-30X IIS. Any calculator with one or more buttons labeled, "Solv," is not acceptable. <u>For example, the TI-36X Pro may not be used.</u>) If you do not have such a calculator, you are required to buy one. It must be set to display answers in scientific notation. You may not use a calculator with a larger screen or graphing or equation solving capability on any exam.
Prerequisite	MATH 2312 (Precalculus).

Course Topics

This course will stress the application of physical concepts and principles to solving elementary physics problems. It is intended to develop the problem-solving skills that are necessary for success in advanced courses or standardized exams in physics. Major topics covered will include kinematics, Newton's laws, momentum, and energy.

Warning: This course does not satisfy the physics requirement for any student in the engineering department, except for a Construction Management major.

Math Background Requirements

Precalculus is a prerequisite for this course. Students should be familiar with graph interpretation, algebra, and properties of elementary functions, especially trigonometric functions (sine, cosine, tangent), exponential functions (e^x) and logarithms ($\log(x)$ or $\ln(x)$). However, trigonometry (and perhaps other math concepts) will be reviewed in class as needed. **If you feel uncomfortable with any of the math discussed, please let me know immediately.**

Communication Policy

All students are required to frequently check the announcements on the Canvas website for information and notifications that will need to be posted between class sessions. You will be held responsible for acting in accordance with all such communications. Lectures will generally be based on PowerPoint presentations posted in advance on Canvas, which you will be required to download prior to class. Be sure to check the Canvas website just before each lecture to see whether a new one has been posted.

Homework, Quizzes, and Exams

1. Each homework assignment will be administered by the MasteringPhysics website at <https://mlm.pearson.com/northamerica/masteringphysics/>. **Assignment #1 in MasteringPhysics ("Introduction to MasteringPhysics") will affect your grade and must be completed by the deadline. You will receive no credit from me or from Mastering (zero points) for problems completed after the deadline for any assignment.**
2. Tentative dates of exams are noted in the "Tentative Semester Schedule" later in this syllabus. You will not be permitted to wear a hood, hat, headphones, ear buds, air pods, etc., while taking any exam. You must also keep all cell phones, tablets, and laptops concealed throughout any exam. You may not retrieve and/or do any further work on any exam that you've already placed in the submission pile.
3. Exams will include any material we have covered up to that point, including problems worked in class or given as homework. Regular exams will be semi-cumulative, in the sense that they will focus on material covered since the last exam but will also necessarily include material that came before. The final exam will be fully cumulative and will cover the entire semester.

Late Assignments and Make-Ups

1. Late homework will generally not be accepted, except when I notify you otherwise about a particular assignment or when I judge that there are very good reasons (e.g., severe illness, family emergency, etc.) for giving an extension to a particular student. I cannot guarantee in advance that an extension will be given in a particular situation. (As stated above, **you will receive no credit from me or from Mastering (zero points)**)

for problems completed after the deadline for any assignment.) To have a chance of getting an extension for a given assignment, you must send me **by email (verbal requests are not sufficient, all must be electronic)** a notification and detailed description of your situation, along with a request for an extension, within one week after the submission deadline. The sooner, the better. Late notification is grounds for denying an extension. No more than three homework extensions will be given to any student during the semester.

2. **For exams, make-ups are generally allowed for excused absences only. I cannot guarantee in advance that a make-up will be allowed in a particular situation. Do not assume, without first discussing the circumstances with me, that your absence from an exam will be excused.** For anticipated excused absences, you must make arrangements **before your absence** to make up the assignment. For unanticipated excused absences in which an exam is missed, it's your responsibility to arrange a make-up for the assignment. I will not remind you. **Failing to send me by email (verbal requests are not sufficient, all must be electronic) a notification and detailed description of your situation, along with a request for a make-up, within one week after a missed exam, is grounds for denying the make-up. Please send the notification ASAP.** No more than two exams (including the final) can be made up during the semester. (A make-up is defined as taking an exam at a different time from the rest of the students, whether it is taken before or after the regularly scheduled time.) **You cannot make up an exam that you've already taken.**
3. **It is your responsibility to check your grades on Canvas frequently throughout the semester and to notify me immediately if there are any errors** (incorrect point values, missing grades, etc.) in the grade book. **After semester grades have been submitted for the course, no corrections will be made without documentary proof of the error. No assignments of any kind will be accepted or made up on or after the day that semester grades are due to be submitted.**

Graded Work and Assessments

1. **The "Total" column of the Canvas grade book does not accurately show your current, overall course grade.** The Canvas grade book shows accurate grades for individual assignments only.
2. **You are responsible for keeping all your graded work in good condition throughout the semester**, just in case I need it later as proof of your performance (see item 3 in the previous section).
3. Please look over your exam results and ask questions about your grades during my office hour (not during class) if you think there's a grading error, or if you don't understand what you did wrong.

Grading Scale

A	90-100%
B	80-90%
C	70-80%
D	60-70%
F	<60%

Semester Assessment

Regular Exams	60%
Homework	20%
Final Exam	20%

Student Academic Conduct

During an exam, students are to work alone and not help each other, look on each other's papers, or refer to outside sources of information. After an exam, students are not to provide information about the exam to any student who hasn't yet taken it. Cheating will not be tolerated.

Tentative Semester Schedule

Please note: numbers in parentheses given after lists of topics in the schedule below refer to the appropriate sections in the book *College Physics*, 4th ed., Knight, Jones, and Field.

Week 1	Aug 25: Introduction to the course. Aug 27: Motion diagrams; definitions of position, displacement, time, average speed, and average velocity. (1.1 – 1.3) Aug 29: Significant figures; scientific notation; units; unit conversions; introduction to graphical addition and trigonometric analysis of vectors. (1.4 – 1.5)
Week 2	Sept 1: No class for Labor Day. Sept 3: Motion graphs; equations of uniform motion; definitions of instantaneous velocity and acceleration. (2.1 – 2.4) Sept 5: Uniformly accelerated motion and 1-D kinematics. (2.5 – 2.6)
Week 3	Sept 8: Exam 1 Review. Sept 10: Exam 1. Sept 12: Free-fall (2.7)
Week 4	Sept 15: Graphical addition, scalar multiplication, and subtraction of vectors; vectors on motion diagrams. (3.1 – 3.2) Sept 17: Decomposing vectors into components; algebraic addition and subtraction of vectors; motion on a ramp. (3.3 – 3.4) Sept 19: Relative motion in 1-D and 2-D; projectile motion. (3.6)

Week 5	Sept 22: Solving projectile motion problems. (3.7) Sept 24: Exam 2 Review. Sept 26: Exam 2.
Week 6	Sept 29: More projectile motion problems; uniform circular motion; centripetal acceleration. (3.7 – 3.8) Oct 1: Newton's first law and the definition of force; net force; conceptual introductions to weight, spring force, tension, normal force, friction, drag, and thrust; identifying forces. (4.1 – 4.3) Oct 3: Newton's second law; free-body diagrams; the third law. (4.4 – 4.7)
Week 7	Oct 6: Equilibrium; dynamics. (5.1 – 5.2) Oct 8: Mass and weight; apparent weight; weightlessness. (5.3) Oct 10: Normal force; static and kinetic friction. (5.4 – 5.5)
Week 8	Oct 13: Objects in contact. (5.7) Oct 15: Exam 3 Review. Oct 17: Exam 3.
Week 9	Oct 20: Ropes and pulleys. (5.8) Oct 22: Velocity and acceleration in uniform circular motion. (6.1) Oct 24: Dynamics of uniform circular motion; apparent forces. (6.2 – 6.3)
Week 10	Oct 27: Circular orbits, weightlessness; Newton's law of gravity, orbits. (6.4 – 6.6) Oct 29: Angular position and velocity; rotational motion of a rigid body; tangential acceleration. (7.1 – 7.2) Oct 31: Torque; center of gravity; gravitational torque. (7.3 – 7.4)
Week 11	Nov 3: Rotational dynamics and moment of inertia; Newton's second law for rotation. (7.5 – 7.6) Nov 5: Exam 4 Review. Nov 7: Exam 4.
Week 12	Nov 10: Torque and static equilibrium. (8.1) Nov 12: Stability and balance; springs; Hooke's law; stretching/compressing materials. (8.2 – 8.4) Nov 14: Impulse and the force curve; the impulse-momentum theorem. (9.1 – 9.3)
Week 13	Nov 17: Momentum conservation; inelastic collisions; explosions. (9.4 – 9.5) Nov 19: Collisions in 2-D; conservation of angular momentum. (9.6 – 9.7) Nov 21: Energy transfers and transformations; work; zero-work forces; kinetic energy (translational and rotational). (10.1 – 10.3)
Week 14	Nov 24: No class for Thanksgiving. Nov 26: No class for Thanksgiving. Nov 28: No class for Thanksgiving.
Week 15	Dec 1: Gravitational potential energy; elastic potential energy; thermal energy and friction; conservation of mechanical energy. (10.4 – 10.6) Dec 3: Conservation of energy with friction; elastic collisions; power. (10.6 -10.8) Dec 5: Final Exam Review.

Week 16	Dec 8: Final Exam 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM. Dec 10: No class. Dec 12: No class.
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Important COVID-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

It is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure a healthy and successful year. UT Tyler continues to urge you to protect yourselves against the flu, COVID and any new threats that may be developing. Be diligent about preventive measures such as washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, social distancing and vaccinations, which have proven to be successful in slowing the spread of viruses. Encourage those who don't feel well to stay home, and if they show symptoms, ask them to get tested for the flu or COVID. Self-isolation is important to reduce exposure ([CDC quarantine/isolation guidelines](#)). Please work with your faculty members to maintain coursework and please consult [existing campus resources](#) for support.

Recording of Class Sessions

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission. **I am not planning to record or telecast any lectures this semester, except to provide legally required accommodations or as necessary to compensate for COVID restrictions imposed by the university.**

UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of

the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability/Accessibility Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

- i. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:
 - copying from another student's test paper;
 - using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
 - failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
 - possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
 - using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
 - collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
 - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
 - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
 - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
 - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
 - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
 - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
- ii. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or

collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

- iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

Artificial Intelligence Statement

UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code. Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased. Consequently, an AI tool should not be considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course (see below) is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy.

The work submitted by students in this course will be generated by themselves. This includes all items in all exams (including the final exam) and all homework assignments. Any instance of the following constitutes a violation of UT Tyler's Honor Code: a student has another person/entity do any portion of a graded assignment, which includes purchasing work from a company, hiring a person or company to complete an assignment or exam, using a previously submitted assignment and/or using AI tools (such as ChatGPT).

UT Tyler Resources for Students

- [UT Tyler Student Accessibility and Resource \(SAR\) Office](#)

(Provides needed accommodations to students with document needs related to access and learning)

- [UT Tyler Writing Center](#) (For writing improvement and editing needs)
- [The Mathematics Learning Center](#) (Support for all math classes)
- [UT Tyler PASS Tutoring Center](#) (In person tutoring, Upswing or Knack)
- [UT Tyler Supplemental Instruction](#) (For selected classes with a reputation for being challenging)
- [Robert Muntz Library](#) and [Library Liaison](#) (Library assistance from a specialized librarian)
- [Canvas 101](#) (Learn to use Canvas and other campus software)
- [LIB 422](#) (Computer Lab where students can take a proctored exam)
- [The Career Success Center](#) (Career advice and employment assistance)
- [UT Tyler Testing Center](#) (For students needing testing accommodation)
- [Office of Research & Scholarship Design and Data Analysis Lab](#) (Resources available to UT Tyler Students)
- [UT Tyler Counseling Center](#) with [24/7 Crisis Line at 903.566.7254](#) (Available to all students)

- [Student Assistance and Advocacy Center](#) (Advocacy and intervention services to assist students in managing all aspects of their personal, social and academic success)
- [Military and Veterans Success Center](#) (Supports for our military-affiliated students)
- [UT Tyler Patriot Food Pantry](#) (Provides food and personal care items to members of the UT Tyler community)
- [UT Tyler Financial Aid and Scholarships](#) (Assistance with Financial Aid and scholarships)
- [UT Tyler Student Business Services](#) (Pay or set up payment plans, etc.)
- [UT Tyler Registrar's Office](#) (Transcripts, registration and [forms library](#))
- [Office of International Programs](#) (help for international students and study abroad)
- [Title IX Reporting](#) (Resources & online form for reporting)
- [Patriots Engage](#) (Information about getting engaged at UT Tyler.)
- [Interactive Map of Main Campus](#) (Find your way with turn by turn directions)

In addition to the resources listed above, each student will have unlimited access to Upswing, our 24/7 online tutoring service, at the link below:

Upswing Online Tutoring

<https://uttyler.upswing.io/>

The census date, which is the last day to drop without a W, is Monday, Sept 8.

Please do not offer me any gifts, because I am not allowed to accept them.

Course Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes

1. **Critical Thinking Skills** (includes creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information). The student will demonstrate the ability to think critically and to use appropriate concepts to analyze qualitatively problems or situations involving the fundamental principles of physics.
2. **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** (includes the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts and results in informed conclusions). The student will demonstrate the ability to use appropriate mathematical techniques and concepts to obtain quantitative solutions to problems in physics.