

Wayne State University – General Physics – PHY 2140

Winter 2017 – January 9 to May 2

Course information

Lectures	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm in State Hall 0208
Discussion sections	Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 8:50 pm in Old Main 0134 (section 005 [25980]) Thursdays 7:00 pm – 8:50 pm in Old Main 0134 (section 010 [26522])
Textbook	The textbook is the same as the textbook previously used for PHY 2130. College Physics, 10th Edition, Serway and Vuille, Cengage [ISBN: 9781305367395]
Clickers	All students will need an i>clicker 2 (“clicker”). These are the same clickers used in some other courses at Wayne State. Clickers can be purchased from the campus bookstore and must be registered via the course Blackboard website. i>clicker 2 [ISBN: 9781429280471]
WebAssign	All students will need a WebAssign access code which can be purchased directly from the Webassign website (www.webassign.net). The class key for this course is wayne 2740 7505.
Course description	Continuation of PHY 2130. Electricity, magnetism, optics, and introduction to modern physics.
Corequisite	PHY 2141
Credit hours	4.0

Instructor

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Office hours	Office hours are by appointment. Please send me an e-mail to request a meeting and include several days and times when you’re available.

Learning outcomes

When confronted with problems involving electricity, magnetism, optics, and/or modern physics, students will be able to:

- Recognize which physical phenomena or principles are relevant for the problem;
- Think critically and use appropriate concepts to qualitatively analyze the problem; and

- Use appropriate mathematical techniques and concepts to obtain quantitative solutions to the problem.

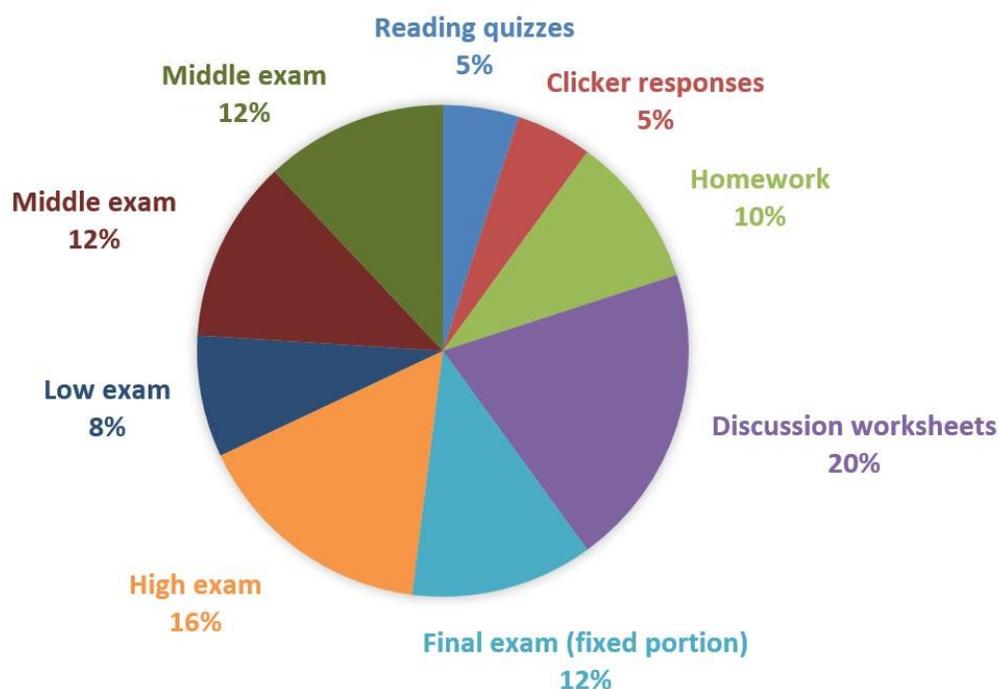
More broadly, students will be able to:

- Describe, explain, and discuss basic physical principles, theories, laws, and their interconnections, as well as recognize the changing nature of science;
- Explain and discuss the role of physical principles in the life sciences;
- Communicate scientific problems, concepts, data, applications, and solutions orally and in written form;
- Make connections between physical concepts and how they connect to other sciences;
- Apply appropriate concepts to analyze and model problems and situations by invoking fundamental principles of physics;
- Compose graphical representations of physical situations and problems;
- Formulate and use appropriate concepts, connections, and mathematical/computational techniques to derive symbolic or quantitative solutions to problems in physics; and
- Based on sound scientific reasoning, argue and defend conclusions.

Grading

The grading scale used for final grades and the breakdown of the final course grade are shown here.

Percent	Letter grade
90-100	A
85-89	A-
80-84	B+
75-79	B
70-74	B-
65-69	C+
60-64	C
55-59	C-
50-54	D+
45-49	D
40-44	D-
0-39	F



Grade adjustments

Exam scores and final grades will not be curved. The grading scale above should not be used to determine a letter grade on an individual exam or quiz; it is used for final grades only.

Extra credit

There are no extra credit opportunities for this course.

Exams

Exam information

There will be three in-class exams on the following days:

Thursday, February 2
Thursday, March 2
Thursday, April 6

There will be a final exam on Friday, April 28 from 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm. The in-class exams will be held in the same room as the lectures. The final exam will be the same for all sections of PHY 2140 and all sections will take the exam at the same time.

Exam grades

Of the four exams (three in-class exams and the final exam), your highest exam score will count as 16% of your course grade; your lowest exam score will count as 8% of your course grade; and the other two exams scores will each count as 12% of your course grade. Your score on the final exam will be counted twice, once as either 8%, 12%, or 16% of your course grade (depending on your other exam scores) and a second time as a fixed 12% of your course grade.

Make-up exams

Students who miss an exam for any reason (planned or unplanned) should notify the instructor immediately, preferably in advance. In-class exams cannot be rescheduled; the final exam may be rescheduled only in situations described in the final exam information sheet found at http://reg.wayne.edu/finals/final_exam_schedule_winter_2017_100716.pdf. No make-up exams will be given, and a missed exam will count as a 0. Any student who misses two or more exams will automatically receive a final grade of F.

Exam rules

You must bring your Wayne State ID to the exam and present it to the exam proctor if asked. Only a scientific calculator is allowed during the exam. No graphing calculators and no other electronic devices (including calculators on smartphones) are allowed during the exam. An equation sheet will be provided on the exams. Students are not allowed to bring any notes or other materials into the exam.

Homework

WebAssign

The homework will be online through WebAssign, www.webassign.net. For more information about Webassign, please see the Course information page on Blackboard.

Due dates and extensions

Homework assignments will be due on Wednesdays at 11:59 pm during the weeks listed on the schedule. No extensions on homework assignments will be granted. Your lowest assignment grade will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Submissions

You can submit answers to a WebAssign question a maximum of ten times. You will receive full credit if you get the correct answer on one of your first three submissions. You will be penalized 5% of the points for each submission after the third. If you do not have the correct answer after your tenth and final submission, you will get zero points for the problem.

Rounding

WebAssign has a default tolerance of $\pm 2\%$ for most submitted numerical answers. Exceptions are problems which explicitly ask about significant figures and problems requiring an integer answer.

Homework questions If you have a question about a homework problem, please ask me in person or e-mail me directly. Do not send messages through WebAssign – I do not frequently check WebAssign and am unlikely to see your message.

Clicker responses and reading quizzes

Clickers information All students will need to bring their own clicker to every lecture. Clickers will be used to answer questions during lecture, and student responses will be recorded. Using another student's clicker, or letting another student use your clicker, is not allowed and is considered cheating. The minimum penalty for clicker misuse is zero credit for clicker responses for the entire semester.

Grading clicker responses The clicker questions will be worth 5% of the total course grade. There are no make-up opportunities or second chances for missed clicker responses for any reason (absence from class or otherwise). However, only 75% of the total number of clicker questions in all the lectures combined will be counted toward your grade. You do not need to have the correct response to receive credit. Your clicker must be registered via Blackboard to receive credit for your responses.

Reading quizzes Reading assignments are listed in the course schedule. Students should read the assigned sections before each class. Short quizzes to accompany the reading assignment will be posted on Blackboard. These will consist of three multiple choice questions and one short answer question. You will have approximately 24 hours to take the quizzes but they must be completed by 4 pm on the day of class.

Grading reading quizzes For each quiz, you will earn 70% of the points for completing and submitting the quiz. For each multiple choice question that you answer correctly, you will earn an additional 10% of the points for that quiz. The reading quizzes will be worth 5% of the total grade for the course. The three lowest reading quiz grades will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Discussion sections

Introduction The discussion sections give you the opportunity to practice applying concepts to computational problem solving and work on homework problems. You will work together in groups (guided by teaching assistants) on worksheets and have an opportunity to get help on homework questions from each other and the teaching assistants.

Graded worksheets Attendance and participation in the discussion sections is required and will be recorded. Each student must turn in their own worksheet at the end of each week's discussion section for grading. The discussion section worksheets will be worth a total of 20% of your final grade. The lowest worksheet grade will be dropped.

Materials Students should bring their textbook, calculator, laptop (if you have one), and pencil and paper every week. Students who don't bring the required materials will not receive attendance and participation points.

Notes

Course drops and withdrawals

In the first two weeks of the (full) term, students can drop this class and receive 100% tuition and course fee cancellation. After the end of the second week there is no tuition or fee cancellation. Students who wish to withdraw from the class can initiate a withdrawal request on Pipeline. You will receive a transcript notation of WP (passing), WF (failing), or WN (no graded work) at the time of withdrawal. No withdrawals can be initiated after the end of the tenth week. Students enrolled in the 10th week and beyond will receive a grade. Because withdrawing from courses may have negative academic and financial consequences, students considering course withdrawal should make sure they fully understand all the consequences before taking this step. More information on this can be found at: <http://reg.wayne.edu/pdf-policies/students.pdf>.

Last day to drop with tuition cancellation

January 23

Last day to withdraw

March 26

Religious holidays

Because of the extraordinary variety of religious affiliations of the University student body and staff, the Academic Calendar makes no provisions for religious holidays. However, it is University policy to respect the faith and religious obligations of the individual. Students with classes or examinations that conflict with their religious observances are expected to notify their instructors well in advance so that mutually agreeable alternatives may be worked out.

Studying resources

The Physics Resource Center is in Physics 172 and provides drop-in office hours with graduate teaching assistants. Supplemental Instruction and various workshops are available through the Academic Success Center (www.success.wayne.edu).

Student disabilities

If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services for coordination of your academic accommodations. The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located in the Adamany Undergraduate Library. The SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 or 313-202-4216 (Videophone use only). Once your accommodation is in place, someone can meet with you privately to discuss your special needs. Student Disability Services' mission is to assist the university in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experience at Wayne State University.

Students who are registered with Student Disability Services and who are eligible for alternate testing accommodations such as extended test time and/or a distraction-reduced environment should present the required test permit to the professor at least one week in advance of the exam. Federal law requires that a student registered with SDS is entitled to the reasonable accommodations specified in the student's accommodation letter, which might include allowing the student to take the final exam on a day different than the rest of the class.

Academic dishonesty –

Academic misbehavior means any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the institution or subvert the education process. All forms of academic

cheating and plagiarism

misbehavior are prohibited at Wayne State University, as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct (<http://www.doso.wayne.edu/student-conduct-services.html>). Students who commit or assist in committing dishonest acts are subject to downgrading (to a failing grade for the test, paper, or other course-related activity in question, or for the entire course) and/or additional sanctions as described in the Student Code of Conduct.

Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use, or intentionally providing or attempting to provide, unauthorized materials, information or assistance in any academic exercise. Examples include: (a) copying from another student's test paper; (b) allowing another student to copy from a test paper; (c) using unauthorized material such as a "cheat sheet" during an exam.

Fabrication: Intentional and unauthorized falsification of any information or citation. Examples include: (a) citation of information not taken from the source indicated; (b) listing sources in a bibliography not used in a research paper.

Plagiarism: To take and use another's words or ideas as one's own. Examples include: (a) failure to use appropriate referencing when using the words or ideas of other persons; (b) altering the language, paraphrasing, omitting, rearranging, or forming new combinations of words in an attempt to make the thoughts of another appear as your own.

Other forms of academic misbehavior include, but are not limited to: (a) unauthorized use of resources, or any attempt to limit another student's access to educational resources, or any attempt to alter equipment so as to lead to an incorrect answer for subsequent users; (b) enlisting the assistance of a substitute in the taking of examinations; (c) violating course rules as defined in the course syllabus or other written information provided to the student; (d) selling, buying or stealing all or part of an un-administered test or answers to the test; (e) changing or altering a grade on a test or other academic grade records.

In this course, the minimum penalty for the first instance of cheating by a student is a grade of 0 for the work in question (homework assignment, quiz, exam, etc.). This 0 grade may not be dropped or replaced. Repeated instances of cheating will result in a failing grade for the course. For all instances of cheating, the Department of Physics and Astronomy will be notified to ensure that the procedures described in the Student Code of Conduct are followed.

Schedule

THURSDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	January 10 Lecture 1 – 15.1-4	January 11 No homework due
NO DISCUSSION		
January 12 Lecture 2 – 15.5-7, 15.9	January 17 Lecture 3 – 16.1-4	January 18 Homework 1 due
DISCUSSION 1		
January 19 Lecture 4 – 16.6-7, 16.9-10	January 24 Lecture 5 – 17.1-4, 17.6, 17.8	January 25 Homework 2 due
DISCUSSION 2		
January 26 Lecture 6 – 18.1, 16.8, 18.2-3	January 31 Lecture 7 – none	February 1 Homework 3 due
DISCUSSION 3		
February 2 EXAM 1	February 7 Lecture 8 – 18.4-8	February 8 Homework 4 due
DISCUSSION 4		
February 9 Lecture 9 – 19.1-5	February 14 Lecture 10 – 19.6-9	February 15 Homework 5 due
DISCUSSION 5		
February 16 Lecture 11 – 20.1-4	February 21 Lecture 12 – 20.5-7	February 22 Homework 6 due
DISCUSSION 6		
February 23 Lecture 13 – 21.11-13, 24.9	February 28 Lecture 14 – 22.2-6	March 1 Homework 7 due
DISCUSSION 7		

THURSDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
March 2 EXAM 2	March 7 Lecture 15 – 22.7, 23.1-3	March 8 Homework 8 due
DISCUSSION 8		
March 9 Lecture 16 – 23.4, 23.6, 25.1	March 14 NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK	March 15 No homework due
DISCUSSION 9 (Thursday only)		
March 16 NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK	March 21 Lecture 17 – none	March 22 Homework 9 due
DISCUSSION 9 (Tuesday only)		
March 23 Lecture 18 – 25.2-4	March 28 Lecture 19 – 24.1-5	March 29 Homework 10 due
DISCUSSION 10		
March 30 Lecture 20 – 24.6-8, 25.6	April 4 Lecture 21 – 22.1, 27.1-4	April 5 Homework 11 due
DISCUSSION 11		
April 6 EXAM 3	April 11 Lecture 22 – 27.5-8	April 12 Homework 12 due
DISCUSSION 12		
April 13 Lecture 23 – 28.1-4	April 18 Lecture 24 – 28.5, 29.1-2	April 19 Homework 13 due
DISCUSSION 13		
April 20 Lecture 25 – 29.3-4, 29.7		
NO DISCUSSION		