

COURSE SYLLABUS -- Physics 1403-002, *General Physics I, Fall, 2009*
11:00am – 12:20pm Tuesday & Thursday, Science Room 007

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Lab Co-Requisite: You ***must be enrolled concurrently*** in a section of 1403 (no-credit) Lab!

Textbook: *Physics*, by D.C. Giancoli (Prentice Hall). The 6th Edition is required!!!

Textbook Web site: http://wps.prenhall.com/esm_giancoli_physicsppa_6. This has many helpful items: Topical Outlines of chapters, Extra Problems & Exercises (with answers), Homework Problems (graded online!), Help resources

Course Topics: Ch. 1-12 of text.

Exams:

Exam I	20% of grade	Chapters 1-4	<i>Wed. Sept. 23, 7:00-9:00 PM</i>
Exam II	20% of grade	Chapters 5-8	<i>Wed. Oct. 21, 7:00-9:00 PM</i>
Exam III	20% of grade	Chapters 9-10	<i>Wed. Nov. 18, 7:00-9:00 PM</i>
Final Exam	40% of grade	Comprehensive	<i>Fri. Dec. 11, 4:30–7:00 PM</i>
Homework & Quizzes	15% of grade	On-line!	
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The lowest exam grade (excluding the Final!) will be dropped.

NO MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN! (Exceptions: medical problems with Dr.'s excuse & absences on official TTU business.)

Homework: homework problems will be assigned regularly on-line. Problems will be worked & graded through the **Mastering Physics** website (see separate handout for details).

Quizzes: To encourage attendance and preparation for class at home, a short (~10 min.) **Quiz** will be given at different days during the semester. Quizzes will be over things that we already covered **AND** things that we are covering that day.

Lab Grade: The *Lab* Grade is calculated by your TA & is given to me at the end of the semester.

Course Grade: The Course Grade is obtained from the **Lecture Grade** (80%) & **Lab Grade** (20%).

APPROXIMATE(!) Grade Scale: 100 ≥ A ≥ 88 > B ≥ 76 > C ≥ 64 > D ≥ 52 > F ≥ 0

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Academic dishonesty (cheating, etc.) will not be tolerated! Students caught in this type of behavior will be punished to the extent allowed by TTU. See Student Handbook or Catalogue.

CLASSROOM CIVILITY: *You are expected to assist in maintaining an environment which is conducive to learning. To assure that all have an opportunity to gain from class time, you are prohibited from using cell phones/beepers, eating/drinking in class, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping or engaging in any form of distraction. This includes talking to others while I'm lecturing! Inappropriate behavior shall result in, minimally, a request to leave class.*

Any student who, because of disabling conditions, may require some special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible so that necessary accommodations can be made. Proper documentation must be presented from the Dean of Students Office!