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Class:	MWF 9:00-10:40 in	STEM 195				
Materials:	University Physics Volume 2 from OpenStax					
Web page:	http://physics.uwyo.edu/~ddale/teach					
Prerequisite:	MATH 2205 Calculu	is II				
USP:	This course satisfies the PN category of the University Studies Program					

Course Content

I am excited to teach you! This course is intended to be an introduction to electricity, magnetism, and thermodynamics. These phenomena dominate our modern world and have wide-ranging applications; physics is the foundation which underlies disciplines as diverse as astronomy, biology, chemistry, electronics, engineering, geology, medicine, and meteorology. We will approach the material from both theoretical and applied approaches, and cover topics ranging from the infinitesimally small (the electric field of an electron) to the extremely large (the magnetic field of the entire Earth).



Class Meetings

This course will be taught in the studio style, whereby lecture, lab, and discussion are all folded together. I love this style since it has been shown to improve student learning. It also gives me the opportunity to make deeper connections with each of you.

Since ideas and definitions from the text will be used freely in class, it is necessary for you to read and study the assigned chapters before class. I will help you by prompting you with questions to contemplate before and/or during class. I will avoid presenting the same examples in your text. Instead, class meetings will address the difficult points in the text as well as help place the readings in a larger context. The more actively engaged you are during class, the more you will learn and the better you will perform.

Group work and labs are built into the class meetings. Participation in these activities is essential for the successful completion of this course. If you must miss a class, it is your responsibility to let me know well in advance of your absence.

Labs will be carried out in teams but each student must write their own lab report. Guidelines and an example report are provided on the course website. Points will automatically be deducted from late work. Thus, it is better to do work late rather than not at all, but it will be difficult to do well in this course if you are consistently late.

Exams

Homework will contain mostly quantitative problems, whereas class meetings will provide you with many conceptual, multiple-choice questions to tackle in class. Hence, the exams will contain both quantitative and conceptual problems, and have both multiple-choice and written formats. Exams will be closed book and closed notes, although you will be allowed to bring a calculator. Relevant formulas will be provided, so you need not memorize equations. Practice exams will be available. *No make-up exams will be given.*

Partial credit: The multiple-choice format can suffer from its "all or nothing" nature. You may earn partial credit on a multiple-choice exam problem by selecting two or three of the possible answers. For example, if you answer both A and C on a question that has the possible choices of A,B,C,D, you will earn half credit if either answer A or C is correct.

All examinations are required and none of the scores will be dropped or replaced. The exams will be held at the following times, and cover the following chapters:

Exam 1 – Thursday Feb 22 Exam 2 – Thursday Apr 04 Exam 3 – Wednesday May 08 17:00-19:00 Ch 01-04 in PS 239 17:00-19:00 Ch 05-08 in PS 239 08:00-10:00 Ch 09-13 in PS 239



Homework

To truly learn physics, it is absolutely critical to attempt to solve lots of quantitative problems. Diligently paying attention in lecture is simply not enough. Try doing many of the problems found at the end of each chapter in the text.

Students are encouraged to work together, but each student must submit their own work. You should give credit to any sources or people you find helpful. For example, if you work on a problem in a group, the names of all the group members should be given. Also, by citing references, your writings will be more useful to you in the future. To receive full credit, your work must be turned in on time and be legible with the logic easy to follow.

Grading (Subject to revis	sion):
Exams:	65%
Attendance/Participation:	5%
Homework:	10%
Lab:	<u>20%</u>
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Historically, the average grade in my physics courses has been equivalent to a B-. Note that grades only reflect performance over a short period; grades are not a holistic reflection of you. Because of the limited scope of this class, your grade cannot possibly represent your full range of abilities in communication, writing, enthusiasm, logic, creativity, perseverance, entrepreneurial spirit, and a host of other talents that will be important to reaching your career and life goals.

In-class polling

We will discuss and vote on conceptual questions using phones or laptops. Please bring your cell phone or laptop to each class meeting. You won't need to create an account or register yourself; you can join each polling session via <u>pollev.com/danieldale559</u> or by texting danieldale559 to 37607.

Additional help

The STEP program in Cole Library provides tutoring help for PHYS 1220 (uwyo.edu/step), anytime between 5:00-9:00 pm SMTWR. Additional tutors are available nearly all day every weekday in EN1070: uwyo.edu/ceas/resources/current-students/tutoring.html.





What you should expect from me:

- To teach in a clear, organized manner to help you become competent and confident problem solvers. At the expense of skipping some of the later topics, I will reserve the option of slowing down the pace of the course according to the students' needs.
- To administer multiple feedback questionnaires, to better gauge your perceptions of the course and attend to your recommendations for my instruction.
- To encourage active/group learning. Research on how people learn physics STRONGLY indicates that lecture alone is NOT an effective way to learn.
- To provide numerous demonstrations given that students learn in a variety of ways.
- To expeditiously grade and return the exams to you.

What you can do to succeed:

- To attend and participate in each class session. It is your responsibility to obtain and understand the material presented, even if you are not in attendance.
- To work both independently and in groups of your peers who can help you understand the course material. I can connect you with a study group, if desired.
- To take exams at scheduled times. It is your responsibility to inform me of conflicts well before the date of the exam.
- To make a good effort and to be prompt in completing assignments and labs.
- To typically spend 12-15 hours per week on the class. If you are spending more time than this, please see me so that I can ensure that you spend your time efficiently.
- To work as many problems as you can beyond the assigned homework. As with everything in life, practice, practice, practice, ...
- Check your UW email





Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Chapter	Lab	Notes
01/15/20	Ch 01		Jan 15 MLK Day Jan 19 Popcorn Day
01/22/20	Ch 02	Lab 01: specific heat	Jan 27 Chocolate Cake Day
01/29/20	Ch 02 & Ch 03		Feb 02 Groundhog Day
02/05/20	Ch 03 & Ch 04	Lab 02: Ideal Gas Law	Feb 09 Toothache Day
02/12/20	Ch 04 & Ch 05		Feb 17 Cabbage Day
02/19/20	Ch 05	Lab 03: applied & induced charge distributions	Feb 19 Semester break—no class Exam 1 Feb 22 @ 5:00 p.m.; Ch. 01-04 Feb 23 Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
02/26/20	Ch 06		Feb 27 Polar Bear Day
03/04/20	Ch 07		Mar 10 Middle Name Pride Day
03/11/20	Spring Break!	Spring Break!	Mar 14 Napping Day
03/18/20	Ch 08		Mar 23 Melba Toast Day
03/25/20	Ch 09	Lab 04: capacitance	Mar 28 Something on a Stick Day
04/01/20	Ch 09 & Ch 10		Exam 2 Apr 04 @ 5:00 p.m.; Ch. 05-08 April 7 Beer Day
04/08/20	Ch 10 & Ch 11	Lab 05: RC circuits	Apr 14 Look up at the Sky Day
04/15/20	Ch 11 & Ch 12		Apr 18 Animal Crackers Day Apr 19 Semester break—no class
04/22/20	Ch 12	Lab 06: magnetic fields	Apr 24 Pinhole Photography Day
04/29/20	Ch 13		May 04 Star Wars Day
05/06/23	Finals Week		Exam 3 May 8 @ 8:00; ch. 9-13 May 09 Lost Sock Memorial Day