
PHY 140Y - FOUNDATIONS OF PHYSICS
2001-2002
FALL TERM SYLLABUS

| TOPIC | TEXTBOOK CHAPTERS |
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| I. Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• units and dimensional analysis• scalars and vectors• differentiation and integration | 1, 3 |
| II. Classical Kinematics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• motion in a straight line• the acceleration of gravity• motion in more than one dimension• projectile motion• uniform and nonuniform circular motion• relative motion | 2, 3, 4 |
| III. Force and Energy in Classical Mechanics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton's laws of motion• inertial vs. noninertial reference frames• forces - gravity, tension, normal forces• friction• work, energy, and power• conservation of energy• force and potential energy | 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| IV. Simple Harmonic Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• definition of simple harmonic motion• springs and pendulums• energy in simple harmonic motion• damped and driven harmonic motion, resonance | 15 |
| V. Special Relativity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the special theory of relativity• implications of special relativity• time dilation, the twin paradox, Lorentz contraction• Lorentz transformations | 38 |
| <i>If there is time...</i> | |
| VI. Wave Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• wave types and wave properties• the wave equation• sound waves | 16, 17 |

More detailed textbook page references for each section will be provided in class.

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SPRING TERM SYLLABUS - TENTATIVE

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| • Gravitation | 9.1 - 9.7 |
| • Electrostatics, Coulomb's Law | 23.1 - 23.5 |
| • Gauss's Law | 24.1 - 24.5 |
| • Electrostatic Potential | 25.1 - 25.3 |
| • Rigid-body Rotation, torque and moment of inertia | 12.1 - 12.5 |
| • Angular momentum, 3D rotation and gyroscopes | 13.1 - 13.6 |
| • Black body radiation, photoelectric effect and the Bohr atom | 39.1 - 39.4 |
| • Matter waves and the uncertainty principle | 39.5 - 39.7 |
| • Quantum mechanics, particle in a square well, quantum oscillators and tunnelling | 40.1 - 40.7 |
| • Atomic physics | 41.1 - 41.4 |
| • Nuclear Physics | 43.1 - 43.6 |
| • Fission | 44.1 - 44.3 |
| • Quarks and Cosmology | 45.1 - 45.5 |
