**Course Syllabus**

**Physics 202**

**General Physics Lab (1 Credit)**

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**Instructor**

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**Textbook** Physics 202 Laboratory Book, from the Marshall University Bookstore.

**Times Lab Meets: Tuesday** 11:00 - 12:50 AM

 **Wednesday** 10:00 - 11:50 AM

If you have a problem and cannot come with your regular lab group, you need to make up your lab in the same week, preferably in advance, and with another group that I instruct.

**Location of Lab:** S 101, College of Science, First Floor.

**Office hours: Tuesday: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, Wednesday: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

*Any other time, you can drop by my office, or send me an email.*

**Lab contents:** The experiments cover one and two-dimensional motion, Newton’s laws, momentum and energy conservation laws, vibrations (simple harmonic motion), waves, heat and thermodynamics. The labs are designed to provide you with experience in applying the principles covered in the PHY 201 lecture class. The lectures will not always cover the theory necessary for understanding the labs *before*the lab meets. You should read the theory and procedures in the lab manual before coming to class. You will use a computer and interfaced apparatus to collect and display data. Then, you are required to make predictions, draw your own graphs, and compare the computer plots with your predictions. Usually you make predictions based upon a consensus with your partner(s). Cooperate closely with your lab partners during the lab. You must work through each exercise, make predictions when asked, and complete all lab requirements. Every member of the group must have their own copies of all graphs. You will need to work steadily for the full lab period if you expect to complete the lab. Each student at a table is expected to contribute to all parts of each experiment. You must take turns at using the computer each week.

**Lab objectives:** The lab is a hands-on, active environment, where you will work in teams, and carry out experiments that will allow you to apply, verify or discover concepts and laws of physics. The objectives of the lab are:

1. To increase understanding of physical laws;
2. To develop experimental skills and curiosity for the laws of nature;
3. To enhance investigative, and observational skills;
4. To enhance problem solving and critical thinking skills;
5. To develop logical reasoning, both qualitative and quantitative.

**Student Outcomes:** As a result of completing this lab, you will be able to:

* Make objective measurements and observations of physical data;
* Draw correct conclusions based on the observations and measurements;
* Analyze quantitative information using software, graphs, tables and statistics;
* Conduct an experiment in order to investigate a phenomenon;
* Conduct qualitative and quantitative discussions of the observations.

**Course Grades:** The grades will be weighted according to the following table:

**Presence & in-class activity 10%**

**Lab Reports & Conclusions 50%**

**Lab Exams (20% each) 40%**

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all labs and to be responsible for what they are doing in lab. This is not a course where you can come in later in the week to finish an experiment! Your presence only, will secure **5%** of the credit, the other **5%** depending on how you keep up with the class activities. If one laboratory partner is observed to be consistently letting his/her laboratory partners do all or most of the work, that person will be penalized with up to **5%** from the total at the end of the course. Absences will be excused only with proper documentation. However, if you do not turn in a lab report you will receive a **0 (zero)** for that lab. Plan to make up your labs in advance. If you miss a class with a valid reason and cannot make up the lab in advance, you must see me about a make-up time as soon as possible. ***You are to make every effort to make up your lab while the particular experiment is still set up***. The labs take about 90 minutes to complete. You can leave no more than 30 minutes earlier if you completed all your activities. Before you leave, I will sign your lab report, to acknowledge that you did all the work in class.

**Lab Reports:** Your reports should include all lab manual pages on which data is entered, calculation done, questions answered, homework and the **Conclusions**. The name of your lab partners must be entered on the first page of the lab report, below your name. The lab reports need to be filled in class, and the questions are to be answered after you talk them over with your lab partners. The homework problems and Conclusions are to be done with no collaboration with your partners. The Conclusions must be an analysis of the actual experiment that you did. It must be done on a separate sheet, typed with font size 12, and be about a half page long (250-350 words), which you attach to the report. ***Remember to include a discussion of the errors, otherwise you will be penalized***. The completed reports are to be stapled and turned in at the immediate beginning of the next lab class. You are not permitted to work on last week’s report or homework in lab*. Late submission will be penalized 10% for the first week. Lab reports returned two weeks late, will be penalized 20% of the grade. For more than two weeks late, you will be penalized a flat 50% of the grade. I do encourage you to make up and return late labs.*

**Lab Exams:**The exams will consist of conceptual questions, procedural questions, and problem solving, from the material covered in the reports.

*YOU MUST PASS ONE EXAM IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE!*

**Grade breakdown:** A 90% – 100%

 B 80% – 89%

 C 70% – 79%

 D 60% – 69%

 F below 60%

**Honesty:** Taking credit for work that someone else created, or plagiarism, is stealing and is a violation of **intellectual property law,** stealing. Marshall University *Academic Dishonesty Policy*: <http://www.marshall.edu/muonline/Academic_Dishonesty_Policy.pdf>.

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Location: the 2nd floor of Drinko Library.

Phone: 304-696-6254

Email: [writing@marshall.edu](https://legacy.marshall.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=77e1b3c159a14bda87736e1527467ba0&URL=mailto%3awriting%40marshall.edu).

Web Page: [http://www.marshall.edu/english/writingcenter/](https://legacy.marshall.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=77e1b3c159a14bda87736e1527467ba0&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.marshall.edu%2fenglish%2fwritingcenter%2f)

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