

PHYS 2121-002, General Physics Laboratory II

Fall Semester 2007

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The tentative schedule of 13 meetings this semester includes 11 lab exercises and a make-up lab, and is outlined below:

- LAB 1 (8/29): Re-Introduction to Data Analysis
- LAB 2 (9/5): Computer Experiments
- LAB 3 (9/12): Electric Potential and Field Mapping
- LAB 4 (9/19): Resistivity
- LAB 5 (9/26): Ohm's Law – Resistors in Series and Parallel
- LAB 6 (10/3): Introduction to the Oscilloscope
- LAB 7 (10/10): RC Circuits
- LAB 8 (10/17): Magnetic Force
- LAB 9 (10/24): Magnetic Induction
- LAB 10 (10/31): RLC Circuits
- LAB 11 (11/7): Reflection and Refraction of Light
- LAB 12 (11/14): Capstone Exercise
- Lab 13 (11/21): Make-up Lab

Meeting Place and Time: This Laboratory meets every Tuesday of the Fall semester (except the first week and after the final lab) in room NSCI 301, from 2:00pm to 4:50pm. Every effort should be made to be on time, since we will start at exactly 2:00pm. Although some of the labs may not last until 4:50pm, it is important to be on time and prepared to stay the entire period.

Objectives: To enable students to have a hands-on experience with the physical laws, especially those dealing with electricity and magnetism (the focus of this Laboratory). This lab will also strengthen students' skills in the use of a laboratory, skills which include choosing an approach, solving a problem, following safety procedures, etc.

Lab Reports & Attendance: The lab report will be due at the end of class. Groups of 2-3 students will work at each experimental setup. Each group will turn in a lab report in the format described in class. Attendance is required and a roll will be taken. No grade is given for lab periods where the student does not have a valid excuse for missing class. A student can make up one missed lab by the end of the semester (note the make-up lab scheduled on 11/21).

Grading: The course grade will include 11 lab reports, 10 points per report, plus a final capstone experiment at 20 points, for a total of 130 points. The outline of the report will be given in the introduction of the classroom period. There is one report each week per group. The lab report will be typed on MS Word and will be due at the end of the class period. The standard grading scale will be used: 90-100% = A; 80-89% = B; 70-79% = C; 60-69% = D; < 60% = F.

Prairie View A&M University Policy Statements

Attendance Policy: Prairie View A&M University requires regular class attendance. Excessive absences will result in lowered grades. Excessive Absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, may result in a student's course grade being reduced or in assignment of a grade of "F." Absences are accumulated beginning with the first day of class.

Student Academic Appeals Process: Authority and responsibility for assigning grades rests with the faculty. However, in those instances where students believe that miscommunication, errors, or unfairness of any kind may have adversely affected the instructor's assessment of their academic performance, the student has a right to appeal by the procedure listed in the Undergraduate Catalog and by doing so within thirty days of receiving the grade or experiencing any other problematic academic event that prompted the complaint.

ADA Statement: Students with disabilities who believe they may need an adjustment in this class are encouraged to contact the Office of Disabilities Services at (936) 857-2693/2694 as soon as possible. Once you receive a letter of adjustment from the office, kindly make an appointment with me to discuss appropriate adjustments for this class.

Cheating and Plagiarism: Prairie View A&M University is dedicated to a high standard of academic integrity among its faculty and students. In becoming part of the Prairie View A&M academic community, students are responsible for honesty and independent effort. Disciplinary action will be taken against any student who alone or with others engages in any act of academic fraud or deceit.

Grade of "I": A grade of "I" may be given in cases of documented emergencies or tragedies that prohibit a student from completing a course. In order to receive a grade of "I", approval must be granted by the Department Head and Dean.