

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
The City University of New York  
**GENERAL PHYSICS II (PHY 204) SYLLABUS**

**\*\*\* Overview for both LECTURE and LAB Curricula \*\*\***

**Spring Semester, 2013**

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Semester Credit Hours: 4 per Semester

Prerequisites: Physics 203, Math 242

This is the second semester of a two semester introductory course designed to provide the student with a rigorous command of the fundamental principles and problems comprising both classical and modern physics. The umbrella topics covered this semester are waves and fields—specifically those relating to sound, electricity, magnetism, radiation and optics. The central theme is the transfer of *information* and its relationship to principles of relativity. The ultimate purpose is to extend the predictive power of the relativity principles to the retrodictive program of modern forensic science.

**Textbook:**

Halliday, D., Resnick, R. & Walker, J. *Fundamentals of Physics*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** Qualified students with disabilities will be provided reasonable academic accommodations if determined eligible by the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). Prior to granting disability accommodations in this course, the instructor must receive written verification of a student's eligibility from the OAS which is located at L66 in the new building (212-237-8031). It is the student's responsibility to initiate contact with the office and to follow the established procedures for having the accommodation notice sent to the instructor.

**Statement of the College Policy on Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one's own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism. It is the student's responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrase, summary, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. Students who are unsure how and when to provide documentation are advised to consult with their instructors. The Library has free guides designed to help students with problems of documentation.

## Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, a successful student should be able to:

- 1) **KNOWLEDGE:** Solve the simple differential equation governing simple harmonic motion; derive the fundamental wave equation and apply it to sophisticated examples regarding standing waves, overtones, optics and Doppler effects. Extend such knowledge to demonstrate a rigorous command of the distinction between the motion of particles and the propagation of information—particularly as such information relates to the study of forensic science.
- 2) **REASONING:** Relate and apply all four of Maxwell's integral equations in order to solve problems regarding electrostatic fields, magnetostatic fields and electromagnetic induction, thereby deploying a rigorous command of the relationship between electricity and magnetism.
- 3) **PRACTICAL SKILLS:** Design, build, measure, analyze and trouble-shoot circuits involving resistors and capacitors in both series and parallel configurations.
- 4) **REASONING:** Synthesize the relationship among Maxwell's equations with the wave equation, in order to derive the electromagnetic-radiative nature of light.
- 5) **PRACTICAL SKILLS:** Extend the nature of light to solve fundamental problems in reflection, refraction and diffraction, thereby demonstrating familiarity with the use of optical instruments in forensic science.
- 6) **REASONING:** Synthesize the wave behavior of light with Galileo's Principle of Relativity (as mastered in the prerequisite Physics 203) to find Einstein's First and Second Postulates of Special Relativity, thereby demonstrating a familiarity with the character of physical law in the modern arena of high-speed particles.

## Course Web-Page:

[www.yaverbaum.org](http://www.yaverbaum.org)

Consult **regularly**—every day—for syllabus, assignments, course information and updates. The Web-Page is used for the assignment calendar, supporting documents, exam preparation: in short, everything. Blackboard provides a link to the above site.

\*\*\* The course Web-Page is dynamic; it responds in real-time to the flow and needs of a particular class. The advantage is that the class becomes that much more student-driven. The disadvantage is that students are required to be flexible. Be prepared for frequent changes in the sequence of assignments. Check the web frequently and do not try to work many weeks in advance of assignments. Always understand that you will be tested on the correct solutions to problems that are presented on the chalkboard in class—as opposed to explanations in the text or to solutions attempted by students in response to homework assignments. \*\*\*

Read the course web-page from left to right. The left-most column refers to the date of a particular class or lab—depending on which page you look at. The next column provides a brief title for the subject matter to be covered in class that day. The assignment column tells you **WHAT IS DUE THAT DAY** (*not* what is assigned that day). The last column highlights relevant equations or expressions for that topic.

The assignments and labs are quite often links to original documents. You are always expected to **print out and bring** whatever is due and relevant for a particular class meeting.

You are then expected to complete all assignments on separate sheets of paper.

## Course Policies

### Labs and Lab Grading.

1) Every lab activity is done in a group of four (4) people. The groups will change two (2) to three (3) times in the semester. The lab-group change dates will be indicated on the lab web-page.

2) ONE LAB WRITE-UP PER GROUP will be submitted EVERY WEEK and graded on a 1-10 scale. IT CANNOT BE HAND-WRITTEN.

All lab reports must conform to a FOUR PART format that is contained and explained in detail in the first lab assignment. All details of this four part format, as explained in the first lab assignment, must be met in every lab report, unless explicitly otherwise stated. In brief, the four parts are:

- i. Title Page,
- ii. Methods & Findings Section  
  
--always includes, among other requirements,  
  
a fully labeled diagram (not photograph),  
a thorough uncertainty analysis and  
a clear and concise conclusion
- iii. Special Instructions and Questions (“Triple-Starred”) that apply to a given particular lab and/or were found in the particular lab hand-out,
- iv. Appendices

3) Lab Activities known as “Board Meetings” are highly specialized discussion formats— involving the presentation of student work on white “Boards”. For these discussions, no lab report is assigned. The lab report grade is instead assigned as follows:

0 = Absent from discussion.

8.5 = Present for discussion, but not actively participating.

10 = Present for discussion and contributed at least one substantive and respectful comment.

3) There will be no lab mid-term; there will be at least one “Lab Practicum”.

4) We supply student laptops for laboratory investigations.

5) If you know in advance that you have to miss a lab, you obtain permission of your lab instructor to join another lab period. If the instructor for that lab period gives you permission, you will complete your lab work in a different lab section that week.

6) You may miss and make up exactly one lab by the method described in (5), above.

7) For any missed labs beyond the one, you will not be able to receive a grade for the associated work.

8) Instructors have the discretion not to assign a passing grade—for the entire course—to any student who is missing for more than three lab periods.

9) ***The average of all your weekly 10-pt lab write-ups (approximately fourteen) will count for essentially 20% of your entire Physics 204 grade.*** (See below for precise details.)

## General Grading:

1) Every assessment which is scored out of 100% (one final exam, two midterm exams, and one final lab grade) is given equal weight. One arithmetic mean is computed from all such assessments. This is your pre-assignment class average. When all is said and done, these assessments will together constitute essentially 80% of your final grade. (If, with sufficient notice, the instructor adds or eliminates a formal assessment, then every 20% piece changes accordingly—in order to maintain equal weight.) The rest of this formula explains how the remaining 20%—homework and extra credit—get factored in.

2) Every collected homework assignment is scored **out of 4** and the homework scores are added together. Every zero may result in the deduction of up to 3 points from this total. The sum is divided by a constant weighting factor (such as 5). This weighting factor may differ from semester to semester and is dependent on the overall class dynamic, participation and calendar.

3) The result from step (2) is treated as pure percentage points and added to your pre-assignment class average, step (1). This produces your pre-participation class average.

4) All points gained on written "Extra Credit" Assignments as well as 0 or 1 points of "Class Participation" points are added to your pre-participation class average. This class participation evaluation is based on signs of your vocal and auditory engagement in lecture, group-work ethic in lab and general assignment trend (e.g. a great many "4"s have an impact that goes beyond the straight numerical sum). The sum of steps (1), (2) and (3) is your Final Class Average.

5) Please do note: The seeming complexity of the above system is in place so that your homework grade reward CONTINUAL EFFORT AND THOROUGHNESS above all else—even above accuracy of results. As a result of this system, the weighting percentages will not always be precisely 20%, 20%, 20%, etc. From semester to semester, they fluctuate slightly around such round numbers. The grading weights will, however, always be precisely **uniform from student to student and from lab section to lab section.**

The BOTTOM GRADING LINE:

**Each formal assessment is given equal weight in a straight average.**

**The sum total of all homeworks and extra credits amount to raw points added straight onto your class average.**

**For example, homework itself can easily amount to approximately 7 extra points on your class average.**

**You cannot "lose" points on homework unless you literally do not submit it.**

That's it. Now let's spend the rest of our time thinking about physics.

May the net force be with us.

# Physics 204 LECTURE: Spring, 2013

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DATE	LECTURE	READING	ASSIGNMENT	EQUATIONS
January 28	First Principles: 1. Particles & Information 2. Hooke's Law Review		Welcome (Back): <a href="#">UnThingy Things</a>	$F = -kx$
January 30	Simple Harmonic Motion: Homogeneity of Time	HRW: Chapter 15	1. Complete Review Problem #1 (on ChalkBoard): <a href="#">A Thing On A Spring</a> 2. page 405: Problem 9. PLUS: "Assume the mass of this oscillator is 30 kg. If an ideal spring is causing the simple harmonic oscillation, find the 'K' (force constant) for that spring." 3. page 406: Problem 29. 4. page 406: Problem 31.	
February 4	Differential Equation: A General Solution	Chapter 16	<a href="#">Oscillations &amp; Waves</a>	
February 6	A Uniformly Dense Sphere: A Particular Solution		p. 468: Problem 1, p. 469: Problem 21, p. 470: Problem 27, p. 471: Problem 39, p. 471: Problem 55.	



February 11	The Wave Equation: Derivation & Implication		Review for QUIZ <u>Quest from P204 Summer 2011</u>	
February 13	<b>QUEST</b>		<b>QUEST</b> 1) Derive the Wave Equation from first principles: You will be given a blank sheet of paper and asked to reproduce the derivation found on pp. 423-424 of <i>HRW</i> . 2) You will be asked to solve exactly one multi-part problem regarding oscillations and waves. It will sharply resemble one h.w. problem that we solved in class; only the numbers and similarly small details will be changed to protect the innocent.	
February 20 (jJay follows Monday Schedule)	Wave Speed			
February 25	The Doppler Effect	Chapter 17	<b>KETCHUP!</b> (No new problems: Catch Up on back assignments and/or sleep.)	
February 27	Interference		<b>KETCHUP!</b>	
March 4	Harmonics	Chapter 21	<u>Electric Charge &amp; Force</u>	
March 6	Standing Waves in 1 and 2 Dimensions	Chapter 22	***	
March 11	Electric Charge & the Electrostatic Force	Chapter 23	p. 598: 3, 9, 19, 31 p. 622: 3	
March 13	Insulators, Conductors & Electrostatic Equilibrium			
March 18	Mid-Term Review	Chapter 24	<u>Gauss's Law</u>	
March 20	Electric Fields	Chapter 25		

April 3	Continuous Charge Distributions: Electric Flux	SOLVE MORE PROBLEMS!	<u>PRACTICE MID-TERM</u>	
April 8	Gauss's Law for Electric Fields	Chapter 26		
April 10	Uncertainty & Findings	Chapter 27	<u>Measuring Along the Path From Pole to Pole</u>	
April 15	Gaussian Symmetries & Distance-Dependences			
April 17	<b>MID-TERM!</b>	Chapter 28	<u>SOLUTIONS to Practice Mid-Term</u>	
April 22	Electric Potential & Capacitance	Chapter 29	<u>Mid-Term EQUATION List</u>	
April 24	Fundamentals of Circuits: Current and Resistance	Chapter 30		
April 29	Devices in Combination	Chapters 32, 33	<u>Magnetic Field and Flux</u>	
May 1	The RC Circuit	Chapter 35 (Intentionally out of Sequence)		
May 6	Magnetostatic Directions: Dot Products, Cross Products &			
May 8	The Lorentz Force Law			
	Magnetostatic Magnitudes:	Chapter 34 (Intentionally out of	EXTRA CREDIT I:  Extra Credit: 1. Assuming the conservation of electric potential energy, type out a full derivation for the current as a function of time in an RC Circuit.  2. Assuming the numerical values presented BELOW for a particular RC Circuit (two resistors in parallel, one in series both with the pair and with the capacitor), find the amount of time for the current to decay to half its original value.	

May 8	The Biot-Savart Law & Gauss's Law Revisited	Sequence)	Emf = 9 Volts. C = 100 micro-Farads. R1 (in main loop of circuit, series with battery and capacitor) = 400 Ohms. R2 = 200 Ohms, R3 = 300 Ohms. R2 and R3 are both in parallel with each other. But that parallel configuration itself is in series with everything else.	
May 13	Ampere's Law			
May 13	Electromagnetic Induction	Chapter 37	p. 884, Problem 7, p. 888, Problem 59, p. 919, Problem 47, p. 920, Problem 59, p. 954, Problem 68	
May 15	Faraday's Law		<b>SOLUTIONS TO MIDTERM</b>	
May 15	Electromagnetic Radiation		<b>EXTRA CREDIT II DUE</b> BRING PRACTICE EXAM TO CLASS!	
May 20: Sections 3, 4 May 22: Sections 1, 2	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	in Lecture Room. Sections 3,4 --> 12:30 pm -- 2:30 pm Sections 1,2 --> 10:15 am -- 12:15 pm	<b>PRACTICE EXAM</b> <b>SOLUTIONS</b> (Solutions Updated/Corrected as of 7/23/12)	<b>Final</b> <b>EQUATION</b> <b>List</b>

Note: All assignments are 1) **highlighted**, 2) **DUE** the day on which they appear and 3) hyper-linked as we progress through the year.

<a href="#">Physics 204: LECTURE</a>	<a href="#">Physics 203: LECTURE</a>	<a href="#">Physics 204: LAB</a>
<a href="#">Skies of Yesternight</a>	<a href="#">Physics 203: LAB</a>	<a href="#">Elements</a>