

To: PHY251 Students

The course web site is <http://www.pa.msu.edu/courses/PHY251>

You can find the syllabus on the web site, but I have attached it here as well.

The lab Manual can be found in local bookstores. You cannot take the lab without purchasing the lab manual for Fall 2009. Attend only the section in which you are registered. There are two lab rooms 1255 and 1258, so check the Schedule of Courses and know in which room your section meets.

In the lab Manual, read and study Appendices A, B, & C, and Experiment 1. PHY251 Labs start on September 14, with Experiment 1; there will be a QUIZ.

Please read CAREFULLY the section of the syllabus regarding "MISSING LABS/MAKE UP LABS". In this way, if you need a makeup later in the semester you won't be surprised by the policy. Some of the information is repeated below.

If you have missed a lab for a legitimate reason, a makeup is offered only the week of that lab, and you must promptly (see Syllabus) contact YOUR TA and provide a list of sections (with less than 20 registered students) that you can attend. Your TA will indicate which section to attend. As soon as labs start, the Email address of YOUR TA can be found on the course web site. A suitable excuse NOTE (e.g. Infirmary visit receipt) will be required. Your TA can deny repeated requests for makeup labs.

The TA of the makeup lab section will be notified and should be expecting you. BEFORE the makeup lab STARTS it is your responsibility to ask the TA of the makeup lab section to place you at an apparatus. It is your responsibility to insure that the TA in your makeup lab knows your normal lab section and TA (write it on your Quiz and Worksheets). The following week, ask your normal TA if your makeup lab work has been received and provide the excuse note.

If there is any problem in the makeup transfer process it will be your responsibility to track it down and resolve the problem. The best way to avoid problems is COMMUNICATE with YOUR TA, and with the TA of the makeup lab section before leaving the lab.

If you do a makeup lab but have not followed ALL makeup instructions stated here or in the Syllabus, your TA is authorized to give you a zero for that lab.

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