

To: PHY251 Students, Fall 2010

I have attached the Syllabus. Please bring it (hard-copy or electronic) to the first class of the semester. You will not need the lab manual for the first class.

If you have a MONDAY lab, you will be expected in class on WEDNESDAY, Sept 1. Tuesday – Thursday labs will meet on the normal day starting Sept 7.

The lab Manual can be found only in the Spartan Bookstore (campus). You cannot take the lab without purchasing the lab manual for Fall 2010. 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 Lab Experiments start on Sept. 13, 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 instructor and provide a list of sections (with less than 20 registered students) that you can attend. Your Instructor will indicate which section to attend. As soon as labs start, the Email address of YOUR Instructor can be found on the course web site. A suitable excuse NOTE (e.g. Infirmary visit receipt) may be required. Your Instructor can deny repeated requests for makeup labs.

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

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 Instructor, and with the Instructor 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 Instructor is authorized to give you a zero for that lab.

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