General Physics II Lab - PHYS 216L

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Online

"Office" Hours: By email or appointment. If you would like to arrange to speak on Zoom or another virtual method, please first send an email to set up a time. Otherwise, we can communicate via email.

Schedule of Labs (subject to change)

Lab 1: Ohm's Law & DC Circuit Fundamentals

Lab 2: Series and Parallel Circuits

Lab 3: Capacitors
Lab 4: Kirchoff's Laws

Lab 5: Alternating Current (AC) Circuits
Lab 6: Faraday's Law (EM Induction)
Lab 7: Reflection and Refraction

Lab 8: Lenses and Mirrors

Lab 9: Diffraction and Interference

Attendance

Based on prior experience, there will not be synchronous class meetings. I will post introductory videos twice a week giving some background information about the lab and walking through a rough outline of how the lab will be performed.

Grading

Each lab report will be weighted equally in determining the final grade, and I will drop your lowest lab. There is no final exam. Lab reports are due each Friday at 5:00 PM (with the exception of the final lab). As the summer session only lasts 5 weeks, there will generally be 2 reports due each week. Late reports will be penalized 20% of the maximum score and must be turned in by the end of the following week. Your score will be determined using the attached rubric. Your report and results should reflect that all reasonable care was taken to perform the experiment correctly, but the grade does not depend on getting a perfect result. If you will not be able to complete a lab on time, and you have a legitimate excuse, please let me know as soon as possible.

	Poor	Adequate	Exceptional
Completion of lab	Student attempted only a small portion of the lab. (0 - 5 pts)	Student did not fully complete the lab activity. (6 - 15 pts)	Student completed the lab activity. (16 - 20 pts)
Results	Results show little evidence of effort or carefulness. Units are not used (when needed) or are used incorrectly. (0 - 5 pts)	Some results are outside acceptable uncertainty/error bounds. Some units may be missing. (6 - 15 pts)	Results are reasonable and contain appropriate units. Some errors may be present. (16 - 20 pts)
Analysis	Analysis is incorrect and shows little understanding of the physical principles. (0 - 10 pts)	Analysis varies in correctness and/or completeness. (11 - 30 pts)	Analysis is correct and expressed coherently. Some errors may be present. (31 - 40 pts)
Conclusion	Conclusion questions are missing or contain no meaningful discussion (e.g. single-word answers) (0 - 5 pts)	Conclusion contains significant errors in discussion of results and sources of uncertainty. (6 - 15 pts)	Conclusion gives reasonable interpretation of results and contains valid sources of uncertainty. (16 - 20 pts)

Academic Integrity

Each lab report must be the sole product of each student's brain and effort, even when completed in a group (in other words, all cheating or plagiarism will be reported and handled as detailed in the Student Handbook). There will of course be significant similarity in the reports within a group, but each student should use their own words. For my part, I will not discriminate against any student for any reason and will make any reasonable accommodations necessary to meet a student's needs. No discriminatory or hostile behavior toward fellow students will be tolerated. If you experience or witness discriminatory, abusive, or other unwanted behavior, you should contact me and/or the Title IX Coordinator, as appropriate.