

PHYS 2310 Mechanics

University of Guelph
Department of Physics
Winter 2017

Class Schedule

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m to 10:20 a.m

Lecture Room

[MCKN](#), Room 115

Tutorials

Thursdays 07:00PM - 09:50PM

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Instructor

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Office hours

Tuesday from 1:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m (or by appointment).

Teaching Assistant: Ryan Westernacher-Schneider

Pre-requisites:

The course also relies on a working knowledge of basic mechanics concepts such as 2-D kinematics, forces, Newton's laws, circular motion, energy, conservation of energy, momentum, collisions, rotational motion, rotational energy, moment of inertia, torque, angular momentum, and simple harmonic motion. I will also assume that students have mastered mathematical concepts such as derivatives, integrals, differential equations, and have been introduced to complex numbers.

Textbook

Classical Mechanics, John R. Taylor, University Science Books, 2005.

Recommended texts

T. Thornton and J. Marion, Classical Dynamics of Particles and Systems, Cengage Learning, 2003.

The University of Guelph Library has a wonderful resource of e-books at [Scholars Portal books](#).

You can login in with your University credentials and have access to countless books with problems to practice. As an example, you will find:

Greiner, Walter, Classical Mechanics: systems of particles and Hamiltonian dynamics, New York: Springer, 2010.

Strauch, Dieter, Classical Mechanics: an introduction, Berlin: Springer, 2008.

Course description

This course will place the concepts of introductory mechanics in a formal setting, as well as expanding on topics of classical mechanics. Some of the topics will cover are: two and three dimensional motion, damped and forced harmonic oscillator, gravitation and orbital motion, special relativity, noninertial reference frames, and rigid body dynamics.

Lecture Content

- **Review of Newton's Laws.** Reference frame, multi-particle systems, coordinate systems.
- **Air resistance.** Linear air resistance, trajectory.
- **Conservation laws.** Momentum, angular momentum, center of mass, torque, moment of inertia, energy.
- **Oscillations.** Harmonic motion, damped oscillations.
- **Central forces.** Relative coordinates, equation of motion, Kepler's laws.
- **Noninertial frames.** Angular velocity, centrifugal force, Coriolis force.
- **Rigid bodies.** Rotation about a fixed axis, inertia tensor, Euler's equations.
- **Special relativity.** Galilean relativity, postulates of special relativity, time dilation, length contraction, Lorentz transformation, four-vectors, four-momentum, energy.

Grading

There will be two midterms and one final exam. They will be closed-book exams.

We will also have weekly homework. The assignments should be returned a week after they are posted. Later assignments will not be accepted unless special arrangements are made ahead of time. The Teaching Assistant will be responsible for marking the homework assignments. Note that although you are permitted to discuss the homework problems with your classmates, you must write up the solutions yourself. At this stage of your career you should develop your answers independently of anyone else. Copying will not be tolerated. The homework problems are exercises that give you practice, and keep you up-to-date with the course material. However, you need to work on more problems on your own in order to master the content of the course.

The final mark of the course will be calculated with the following scheme. No other marking schemes will be considered.

| | Assignments | First midterm | Second midterm | Final exam |
|--------|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Scheme | 15% | 25 % | 30 % | 30 % |

First midterm date and time: Wednesday February 15th 2017 from 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m, place TBA.

Second midterm date and time: Friday March 17th 2017 from 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m, place TBA.

Final exam date and time: April 19th from 8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m. Place TBA.

Drop date

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is March 10, 2017. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the [Academic Calendar](#).

Course Policy regarding use of electronic devices and recording of lectures

Electronic recording of classes is expressly forbidden without consent of the instructor. When recordings are permitted they are solely for the use of the authorized student and may not be reproduced, or transmitted to others, without the express written consent of the instructor.

Academic Consideration

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the academic calendar for information on regulations and procedures for [Academic Consideration](#)

Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community, faculty, staff, and students to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring.

University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection. Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the [Undergraduate Calendar](#)

Accessibility

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Course Evaluation Information

Please refer to the [Course and Instructor Evaluation Website](#)