

DE ANZA COLLEGE – PHYSICS 50 – WINTER 2015

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Lecture Hours: M –TH, 8:30 – 9:20AM (S34)
Final Exam Date: Wednesday, March 25, from 7:00 – 9:00AM
Text: PHYSICS 4th Edition Vol. 1 by James S. Walker
Prerequisites: Advisory: Mathematics 43 and Physics 10.

Note: Last day to drop a class with a “W” is Friday, February 27. Students who do not drop by this date will be given the appropriate grade for their achievement in the class at the end of the quarter.

OBJECTIVE

This is an algebra-based course in Classical Mechanics. The main objective of the course is for the student to understand the laws/theories and principles of Classical Mechanics in order to be able to describe the motion of a system so that we can better understand the physical world around us. The foundation laws of Classical Mechanics are Newton’s Laws of Motion. Thus, we can equivalently state that the main objective is for the student to learn and understand Newton’s Laws of Motion from a conceptual and practical viewpoint. This course will also help you develop the problem-solving skills as a preparation for Physics 4A. Classical Mechanics is often divided into two parts:

- a) Kinematics – The description of the motion of an object without regard to the forces causing the motion. We will describe the motion of an object (system) moving in 1-D and 2-D.
- b) Dynamics – The description of the motion of an object with regard to the forces that cause the motion. We will use Newton’s Laws of Motion to help us describe the motion of an object (system) with regard to the forces acting on an object.

In our study of kinematics we will learn how to analyze the motion of a particle in 1-D and 2-D. In dynamics we will learn to analyze the motion of a particle (system) by using Newton’s Laws of Motion.

ATTENDANCE

You are expected to be in class at the beginning of each class for the rest of the quarter. An attendance sheet will be passed at the beginning of class. If you miss signing the attendance sheet five or more lectures you may find yourself dropped from the class. However, it is your responsibility to ensure being dropped or withdrawn from the course in order to avoid an “F” in the course if you stop attending lecture.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis but will NOT be collected. **However, it is your responsibility to have the homework completed before the following lecture.** It is essential to your success in this course that you put a solid effort into the homework. This is how you will learn physics and succeed in the class. (The quizzes you will be taking will generally be based on the homework problems assigned). If you are having difficulties with the class/homework, here are some things that I recommend to help you succeed in the class:

1. Ask for help during class and attend office hours.
2. Work together and discuss problems with other students in the class
3. Math & Science Tutorial Center.

On the homework, quizzes, as well as on the exams, you need to show all your work in complete detail in order to receive full credit. Your solutions should show your step-by-step process and logic that was used to obtain the answer. **No credit will be given if no work is shown even if you obtain the correct answer to the problem.** Answers to homework even problems will be posted on my homepage.

De Anza College Academic Integrity

“The following types of misconduct for which students are subject to disciplinary sanctions apply at all times on campus as well as to any-off campus functions sponsored or supervised by the college: cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information in the classroom or to a college officer”

QUIZZES

There will be a quiz every Thursday at the end of class. The quizzes will generally be based on homework problems and lecture material from Thursday of previous week to Wednesday of the current week. If you miss a quiz you will get a **ZERO** for that quiz. **NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES!** Lowest quiz score will be dropped at end of quarter.

EXAMS

There will be three one-hour in-class exams and a comprehensive final. Exact dates for exams will be given at least four days prior to each exam. The exam format may be work-out problems, multiple-choice, conceptual, or a combination of the three. I will let you know before the exam if you can use calculators. The key to the success on the exams is preparation; **DO THE HOMEWORK**, attend the lectures, read the textbook and make sure you understand it, and ask questions if you don't understand. There are no make-up exams. If you miss an exam you will get a **ZERO** for that exam. At end of quarter I will take the average of the three in-class exams scores and replace the lowest with the average. You must take all three exams in order to replace the lowest exam score by the average of the three scores!

Note: If there is a dispute in the grading of any exam homework, quiz, or exam I will consider looking at them a second time **only** if it is handed back to me **within 2 school days** after I return them.

GRADING

Grades will be based on the following components with the weights shown:

Quizzes	20%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
Final Exam	20%

Grades will be determined as follows:

88% --->	100% = A
76 %--->	87% = B
65% --->	75% = C
54% --->	64% = D
0 --->	53% = F