

# PHYS 1303 – 002 Introductory Mechanics

## RULES

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- The course webpage contains all information (the course does not use Blackboard)

[http://www.physics.smu.edu/~sdalley/1303\\_F14/1303home.htm](http://www.physics.smu.edu/~sdalley/1303_F14/1303home.htm)

- **Cell phones must be turned off and put away** at all times during lectures and tests. If you need to take or make an emergency call, please leave the room.
- I will use your official SMU e-mail address to communicate with you, so please check it regularly.
- You are required to bring your own scientific calculator to class.

Communication via any method (phones, tablets, laptops, speech, gestures, writing, sharing, etc.) is not allowed within, from, or to the classroom during an exam or test.

This course operates a policy of zero tolerance toward **Academic Dishonesty** in any form in any test, quiz, or homework. It will usually result in an F grade for the course and a filing with the Dean of Student Life (Honor Code Violation).

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## Grading Policy

- Quizzes, **20%** of total grade  
(lowest 2 quizzes dropped)
- Homework, **20%** of total grade  
(lowest hw dropped, late hw not accepted)
- In-class tests, **30%** of total grade  
(lowest test dropped)
- Final Exam, 30% of total grade

Absences for any reason will count toward drops

## Grade Boundaries

A > 90% > A - > 85% > B + > 80% > B > 75% > B - > 70% > C+ > 65% > C > 60% > D > 50% > F.

Scores are not rounded up to the next grade boundary. Requests to increase your grade for moral reasons, such as 'I think I deserve it' or 'I attended all the classes', etc., will not be entertained.

## PRE-CLASS QUIZZES

You are expected to spend time before class reading the textbook materials to research the topic that will be addressed in class. To guide your reading, simple Multiple Choice Quizzes are assigned (see syllabus).

Responses are due via the link on the course website before 9 am on the due date. No exceptions for late submissions!

*Recommended Time Burden = 1 hour per class with a quiz*

## HOMEWORK

Homework is assigned from the end-of-chapter Problems (not the Questions).

You are given the final answer and must write a clear and correct solution. Each homework question will be graded on the basis: one point = full correct working shown; half point = partially correct or partial working shown; zero points = no relevant working shown.

*Recommended Time Burden = 3 hours per week*

## TESTS

Each week there is a one-question test lasting 20 minutes, on the relevant homework topics, as shown on the syllabus. The homework is minimal preparation for the test.

Partial credit for working is given. You may use only the standard formula sheet provided and your own calculator. All data are provided in the question.

## FINAL EXAM

The Final exam is comprehensive, multiple choice questions similar in content to those on all the tests and homeworks, and lasts 3 hours.

Credit for working is not given. You may use only the standard formula sheet provided and your own calculator. All data are provided in the questions.