

PHYS 1303 – Fall 2016 - Introductory Mechanics

RULES

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

http://www.physics.smu.edu/sdalley/1303_F16/1303home.htm

- Cell phones must be turned off and put away during 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 will need a device with web or text message capability in order to participate in classes. On test days, you will need a simple scientific calculator – on these particular days a wireless communication device may not be used in place of a calculator. Communication via any method (phones, tablets, laptops, speech, gestures, writing, sharing, etc.) is not allowed within, from, or to the classroom during a test.

This course operates a policy of zero tolerance toward **Academic Dishonesty** in any form in any test, survey, 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).

Grading Policy

- Pre-Class Surveys, **20%** of total grade
(lowest 2 surveys dropped, late surveys not accepted)
- In-class Tests, **8%** of total grade each
(lowest test score dropped, no make-up tests)

Corrected Test, **2%** of total grade each
(lowest correction score dropped, no late corrections accepted, in-class test score counts for corrected version if no correction submitted)
- Final Exam, **20%** 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 SURVEYS

You are required to spend time *before* class preparing for discussion of the topics as indicated on the syllabus. You should consult the *textbook*, view the *Video* and *Animated Illustrations*, *Video Mini-lectures*, and *Demonstration Videos* according to your taste. Multiple-choice Surveys are assigned, as shown in the syllabus, which must be submitted for credit by 9 a.m. on class day at www.polleEV.com under username **dalleyphysics** (you will then need to login yourself).

Recommended Time Burden = 1-2 hours per class

HOMEWORK

Suggested homework problems are shown on the syllabus. These should be used to practice in preparation for tests. If you initially find the problems too difficult, try some of the relevant problems in ORION on WILEYPlus to build your proficiency. You can also consult some of the *Video Sample Problems*.

Recommended Time Burden = 2 hours per week

TESTS

Every other week there is an in-class test lasting 50 minutes, as shown on the syllabus. The suggested homework is minimal preparation for the test. Most of the credit in the tests is for clear working. You may use only the standard formula sheet provided and your own calculator. All data are provided in the questions.

You will receive your graded test back and have the opportunity to correct it in your own time for credit, provided it is submitted **within one week** of the test. Corrections should be inserted in or appended to your original test **in a different color**. The original test will count for the additional credit if no correction is submitted.

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.