

**PHYS260**  
Summer II 2014

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**Title:** General Physics: Oscillations, Waves, Thermodynamics, and Electrostatics

**Lecture:** Monday through Friday 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM, PHY 1204

**Section 0201**                      **TA: Tigist Getaneh Shibeshi (3103B Toll, x5-5982, [tigistgetaneh@yahoo.com](mailto:tigistgetaneh@yahoo.com))**

**Discussion:** Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 – 10:50 AM, PHY 1204

### **PHYS261 (Lab)**

Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 PM, PHY 3219

**Textbook:** Randall D. Knight: *Physics for Scientists and Engineers, 3e*

Physics 260 is the second of a three semester introductory course on physics for engineers.

### **Math Background**

You are expected to know differentiation, integration, elementary algebraic manipulations, and trigonometric rules. If you do not know any math step discussed in class, be sure to ask and we can clear that up in the discussion sessions.

### **Homework**

To help facilitate the competing needs to give timely input and spend more of class time discussing new material rather than just going over homework, your assignments will be online. The online exercises are accessed through MasteringPhysics. I have observed in the past that there is a strong correlation between the steady effort needed to successfully complete homework and performance on examinations. Solutions to all homework assignments will be available on ELMS after their due date. I strongly encourage you ask questions about the homework during the discussion! To access Mastering Physics, see below

### **Assessments**

- 20% of your semester grade is based on doing homework. Quizzes will come directly from the homework.
- 20% will be based on your ***correct method*** on the weekly quizzes. If you use correct procedure and calculate a reasonable answer with correct units, then you will receive full credit.
- 20% will consist of the labs. How the lab a graded is up to the TA, but the prelab is mandatory and must be turned in at the beginning of the lab. You must perform all labs to pass the class.
- 20% is from unit tests as listed on the schedule. Your grade is mostly determined by correct method as the quizzes, but also on correctness
- 20% from the final exam.

### **Extra Help**

Feel free to call my office phone anytime. The best way to communicate is via email.  
Your TA will post office hours

Week	Date		Subject	Assignment	Lab		
<b>1</b>	M	July	14	Mechanics Review	MP01		
	Tu		15	Oscillatory Motion	MP02		
	W		16	Fluids	MP03		
	Th		17	Waves	MP04		
	F		18	Superposition of Waves	MP05		
<b>2</b>	M		21	Standing Waves	MP06		
	Tu		22	Doppler Effect & Beats	MP07		
	W		23	Matter	MP08		
	Th		24	<b>Waves Test</b>			
	F		25	1st Law of Thermodynamics	MP09		
<b>3</b>	M		28	Statistical Mechanics	MP10		
	Tu		29	2nd Law of Thermodynamics	MP11		
	W		30	Boltzmann Distributions	MP12		
	Th		31	Electric Force	MP13		
	F	Aug	1	<b>Thermodynamics Test</b>			
<b>4</b>	M		4	Electric Fields	MP14		
	Tu		5	Gauss's Law	MP15		
	W		6	Electric Potential	MP16		
	Th		7	Potential & Capacitance	MP17		
	F		8	Capacitance & Dielectrics	MP18		
<b>5</b>	M		11	<b>Electrostatics Test</b>			
	Tu		12	Current & Resistance	MP19		
	W		13	DC Circuits	MP20		
	Th		14	Kirchoff's Rules	MP21		
	F		15				
<b>6</b>	M		18	RC Circuits	MP22		
	Tu		19	<b>Circuits Test</b>			
	W		20				
	Th		21	Review			
	F		22	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>			

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In this course you will be using MasteringPhysics™, an online tutorial and homework program that accompanies your textbook.

## What You Need:

- ✓ **Your UMD email address**
- ✓ **A student access code** (Comes in the Student Access Kit that may have been packaged with your new textbook or is available separately in your school's bookstore. Otherwise, you can purchase access online at [www.masteringphysics.com](http://www.masteringphysics.com).)
- ✓ **The ZIP code for your school:** 20742
- ✓ **A Course ID:** **MPBUEHRLE05544**

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- To register using the Student Access Code inside the MasteringPhysics Student Access Kit, select **Yes, I have an access code**. Click **Continue**.

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## Physics 261 - General Physics Lab: Vibrations, Waves, Heat, Electricity and Magnetism Spring 2012 Syllabus

**Course Description:** General Physics: Vibrations, Waves, Heat, Electricity and Magnetism (Laboratory); (1 credit) Grade Method: REG/P-F/AUD. The lab includes experiments on mechanics, vibrations, waves, heat, electricity and magnetism. PHYS260 and PHYS261 (lab) must be taken in the same semester and the grade for the courses will be combined into a single grade for both. To pass, students must complete, with a passing grade, work in both PHYS260 and PHYS261. Students must pay a \$50.00 laboratory materials fee.

**Pre-requisite:** None

**Co-requisite:** PHYS260

**Textbook:** PHYS261 Laboratory Manual, Fall 2010 Edition.

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**TA** Tigest G. Shibeshi, [tigestgetaneh@yahoo.com](mailto:tigestgetaneh@yahoo.com)

Office hours: 8:00a.m.-11:00am (Phys260 & Phys261)

Office: 3103B John Toll Physics Building

**Time** Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 PM, PHY 3219

### Grading:

Regular labs	65%
Culminating lab	35%

Each individual lab will be graded as follows:

prelab questions (due before your lab session starts!)	15%
data (due at the end of your lab session!)	40%
analysis (due at the end of your lab session!)	30%
post lab questions (due at the end of your lab session!)	15%

Your score from the Physics 261 Lab will be combined with your score from the Physics 260 Lecture part of the course to produce one, overall, common score for both Physics 260 and Physics 261. The score from Physics 261 will be weighted 20% and the score from Physics 260 will be weighted 80% to produce this final score.

## Course Outline:

You will generally attend lab twice a week. See the Schedule below.

### Schedule for Physics 261- Summer 2013

Week#	Date	Experiment
1	July 15, 2014	Lab I: Introduction to Data and Error Analysis
1	July 17, 2014	Lab II: The Pendulum
2	July 22, 2014	Lab V: Position, Velocity and Acceleration
2	July 24, 2014	Lab III: Forced Harmonic Motion
3	July 29, 2014	Lab IV: The Vibrating String
3	July 31, 2014	Lab VII: Ideal Gas Law and Absolute Zero
4	August 7, 2014	Lab VI: Centripetal Force and Acceleration
5	August 12, 2014	Lab VIII: Equipotentials and Fields
5	August 14, 2014	Make-up/Practice for Culminating Lab
	August 19, 2014	Culminating Lab/Final Exam

There are eight main experiments (Labs I -- VIII). Each lab session lasts three hours, and will begin with a 10 minute discussion of the lab by the TA. Don't be late. Each week you must turn in answers to the Prelab Questions just before the class starts. The prelab questions are found in the lab manual.

At the end of your lab session, you need to turn in a lab report. This report is to be turned in to the Physics 261 area in CANVAS. The report itself consists of an Excel spreadsheet that will contain all data taken, as well as an analysis and answers to the post lab questions. **The spreadsheet itself must be turned in at the end of the lab session (upload it to the Physics 261 site on CANVAS).**

**Post Lab Questions:** At the end of each lab there is typically a set of "Final Questions". These are to be completed and turned in with your lab report spreadsheet at the end of each lab session.

**Culminating Lab:** This lab is a closed book practical exam, in which you answer questions about the experiments you have completed, and may require you to take data using the equipment from the prior lab sessions. To give you a better idea of what is involved, there is a practice lab for the Culminating Lab even though you are not required to attend this practice.

**Missing Labs:** In order to pass the class all labs, including the culminating lab, must be completed, without exception. Students are permitted to perform labs in make-up sessions only if

they have a legitimate reason for failing to attend a lab session. In the event that you miss a lab session, e-mail the instructor (in addition to your TA).

# Physics 261 Labs, Summer II, 2014



Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:50

Instructor: David Buehrle,  
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Wk	Date	Expt #	Experiment Title
1	Tue July 15	1	Introduction to Error Analysis
1	Thu July 17	2	The Pendulum
2	Tue July 22	5	Position Velocity and Acceleration
2	Thu July 24	3	Forced Harmonic Motion
3	Tue July 29	4	The Vibrating String
3	Thu July 31	7	Ideal Gas Law and Absolute Zero Temp
4	<b>Tue Aug 5</b>		<b>No Lab</b>
4	Thu Aug 7	6	Centripetal Force and Acceleration
5	Tue Aug 12	8	Equipotentials and Fields
5	<b>Tue Aug 14</b>	<b>1 - 8</b>	<b>Make-up Labs / Practice for Culminating Lab</b>
6	<b>Tue Aug 19</b>	<b>1 - 8</b>	<b>Culminating Lab / Final Exam</b>
6	<b>Thu Aug 21</b>	<b>~ ~</b>	<b>No Lab</b>
6	<b>Fri Aug 22</b>	<b>~ ~</b>	<b>Last day for SS-II</b>