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PHYSICS 107-TV THE IDEAS OF MODERN PHYSICS FALL 1995 Prof Bernice Durand			
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Lecture tapes on reserve in College, Steenbock, Physics Libraries			
Prof's Discs 3331 Sterling M 1:20, 7:30; T 2:25, 4:35; Th 11, 1:20 start Sep 11			
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**Reference** *Physics for Poets, 3rd Ed.*, R.H. March, McGraw-Hill, 1992. Not required, but recommended and very useful. The reference book used to be required as a text, but over a quarter of the lectures are not covered in the book, so don't count on the book to bail you out!

**Schedule** See the gray schedule sheet (syllabus). Please become familiar with it.

**Goals** Physics 107 is a concepts course designed to acquaint you with

- the vocabulary of physics
- the personalities and methods of some great physicists
- the two great ideas of twentieth century physics, relativity and quantum theory
- the physics subjects you will most likely be reading about in the future.

My aim is for you to understand the concepts and how to apply them in a very simple way, not for you to become an expert problem solver. I will not ask you to be creative in physics!

**Description** There are three units. Unit 1 sweeps from Aristotle through Maxwell, covering more than 2000 years in four weeks. While partly historical, and heavily descriptive, this unit does include simple mathematical formulas associated with some of the physics accomplishments of Galileo, Kepler, Descartes, and Newton. In Unit 1 you will learn much of the necessary vocabulary and methodology for the course, so the whole class will have the same background as we start 20th Century physics.

Unit 2 is the longest unit. It starts with the classical subjects of waves and chaos, then it centers on Einstein's theory of special relativity, published in 1905 and one of the two great concepts of modern physics. During these three weeks you will not only grasp the logic behind the relativistic distortion of space and time, but also learn to calculate the magnitude of that distortion. We close the unit with general relativity, also Einstein's theory, then modern cosmology, or how the whole universe evolves. This is a difficult and rewarding unit, which has cured most students of math anxiety.

Unit 3 first races through basic quantum mechanics, the second great concept of twentieth century physics, in just two weeks. Since Planck introduced the "quantum" in 1900, physics has exploded, as has the number of physicists. We will become familiar with the work of many Nobel Physics laureates. In our final three weeks we come up to date with a crash course in modern applications of quantum physics, quantum field theory, and particle physics.

**Lectures** MWF 9:00-10:00 am, Cable Channel 15, starting Wed, Sep 6; and T 3:00-6:00 am, Channel 21 ("VCR Semester"), starting Tue, Sep 5 with Lectures 1, 2, 3. Every Tuesday on Channel 21 the Wed, Fri, Mon lectures for the next week will be shown. I recommend that you tape the lectures. This course was videotaped in the spring of 1995, to be shown this semester on TV. In addition to the lecture hall presentations, which include demonstrations (experiments) and my commentary on the concepts and physicists we are studying, each televised lecture has an opener of a demonstration I couldn't do in the lecture hall, or a visit to a lab, or an interview.

**Tips** Tape the lectures, or use tapes on reserve in one of the libraries (see other side of this sheet). That way you can replay parts you miss. Don't try to copy quotes (for interest only) or take many notes on the introductory scenes. I say what I write on the board as I write it, so if you miss what's written, listen to my words. The titles of sections in the lecture will appear on your screen to help you find subjects.

**Discussion Sections** DISCUSSION SECTIONS START MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. These are really HOMEWORK HELP SESSIONS, and they are optional but *very useful*. If you make an appointment with me to get help just before homework is due, and you haven't been to discussion sections, I won't be happy. Homework is due and exams are given on Thursdays, and there are six discussion times leading into Thursdays. I will start each discussion by answering questions about lectures or text material, then *I will go systematically through the homework which is related to the lectures since the previous discussion*. I will do similar math problems, discuss essay questions, and answer all questions except "what exact words should I use?" Discussions all meet in Room 3331 Sterling, and I (Prof. Durand) will lead all of them. They start Monday, September 11. The schedule is

Monday at	1:20	Tuesday at	2:25	Thursday at	11:00
	7:30 pm		4:35		1:20

- Reserve Materials** Tapes of all lectures, all handouts, and a copy of the reference book will be on reserve in the Physics Library, 4220 Chamberlin, hours M-Th 8-9, F 8-5, Sat and Sun 1-5, 262-9500. Tapes of all lectures will also be on reserve at the College and Steenhook Libraries, along with a copy of the text. Tell the librarian or me if you have a problem with a tape.
- To Get Help** Read this sheet for course information. Go to discussions for lecture and homework help. See me for help beyond discussion section or for special problems. **ASK ME—I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER!** Call or email.
- Office Hours** I prefer that you make an appointment, since if you need to see me beyond discussion sections it is probably for something pretty serious. I don't want to sit at my desk for some fixed time each week with no students showing up, when I might need to be doing something elsewhere. I am usually in my office, but call to check. I answer messages on my answering machine or email as soon as I get them.  
Before exams and if necessary before homework is due I will hold "open house" office hours, to be announced in discussion and by email. I also have a review session the evening before every exam.
- Grade** 60% from three hour exams, 40% from eight homework sets. There will be no comprehensive final exam, but the third hour exam will be given at the assigned final examination time. The three hour exams will be performance weighted: your best exam counts the most and your poorest counts the least. The weights will be 25% - 20% - 15%. My curve is likely to be A 90-100, AB 87-89, B 75-86, BC 72-74, C 60-71, D 50-59.
- Homework** 40% of your grade will be based on required homework questions, about one from each lecture. Homework assignments are on blue paper. You should do each question right after the lecture related to that question, so if you don't understand it you can get help in discussion section. Much of the homework will be short essays and some will be math problems. Don't be lulled—writing a paragraph about a concept is not easy! For help, come to discussion sections. For serious math or physics anxiety help, make an appointment with me. The exams will draw heavily on homework. The graders will try to have your work back to you by the dates on the schedule.
- Working together** I encourage you to work together on homework, but *you must ultimately write your own answers*. **IT IS CHEATING TO TURN IN IDENTICAL ANSWERS!** These include identical essay answers AND glaringly identical numerical answers, so **WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWERS!** You will get zero for identical solutions and may end up with a written reprimand in your university record. We will form study groups from those who indicate an interest on their initial blue sheet.
- Exams** **THE FIRST TWO EXAMS WILL BE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15 PM, OCTOBER 12 AND NOVEMBER 16. SEE, CALL, OR EMAIL ME IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT. THE THIRD EXAM IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 2:45 PM. DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL PLANS TO LEAVE BEFORE THEN. THERE WILL BE NO LATE EXAMS GIVEN, EXCEPT FOR VALIDATED MEDICAL OR FAMILY EMERGENCIES. ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY ALTERNATIVE EXAM TIMES OR EXTENDED TIME ON EXAMS MUST BE MADE WELL IN ADVANCE!** See me *soon* if you have serious test anxiety, or other problems which necessitate special exam arrangements. Extended time Exams 1 and 2 will be in Room 1313 Sterling at 7:00 pm. The first two exams will be 60% objective, 40% short answer. The third exam will be all objective. Your green review sheet before each exam is taken from recent exams (with answers), to help you prepare for the exam. You may bring *one*  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  page of notes (both sides) to each exam. The notes must be your own, not my handouts. You may bring outlines for essay questions, but not complete paragraphs. Do not photocopy reduced versions of my handouts for your notes!
- Exam Reviews** The night before all three exams I will hold a question-and-answer review session in Room 1300. The week before the exam you will receive a review sheet, and we will go over that plus other questions at the review session.
- Math** There will not be much emphasis on math as a tool, but to understand physics conceptually you must use some high-school level math. Homework, essays, and exams will emphasize writing more than mathematics. See me *soon* if you have serious math anxiety.
- Regrades** If you don't understand how a homework or exam question was graded, first read my solution—you may then understand. If not, write me a note stating which question you want me to regrade, and why. Staple or clip the note to your *whole* homework set or exam, and give it to me. I will process it as soon as possible. (I may not raise the grade, but I'll explain why.) Also give your homework or exam to me if the score is mis-added.
- Tutors** *I do not recommend getting a tutor for this course.* The University Physics Society, Room 2321 Sterling, 263-2805, does have a tutoring service, but unfortunately many physics majors have not yet studied the material in Units 2 and 3, or are unlikely to be able to discuss the material in words instead of equations. Please just ask me for help, and start early to get help!
- Physics Museum** Two museum rooms, to the right as you enter Sterling Hall, have demonstrations of physics phenomena which are both fun and instructive. There is an interactive computer animation of some Physics 107 demonstrations, on one of the Macintoshes in the second room.

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Gr	W Dec 20	Final Grades posted, noon, 4205 Chamberlin	Grades	

## THURSDAYS ARE BIG DAYS IN PHYSICS 107-TV!

Important dates for you are when you hand in homework or take exams. Those all happen on Thursdays this semester, except the third exam on a Tuesday. You must hand in your own homework, to me at discussion or at my office (4205 Chamberlin, under the door if I'm not there), or mail it — all so I get it by 4:00 Thursday afternoon. Call me (262-3827) or email me by the deadline if something happens which makes you late. Follow the homework instructions. New assignments and graded exams or homework may be picked up in discussion or at my office, ready by the dates indicated below. Call me if you can't pick it up. Graded work will be accompanied by solutions. Sometimes I'll have graded work ready sooner, which I'll announce in discussion and on email.

DATE	TURN IN	PICK UP
Now	Aug 28 or asap	blue sheet Information Packet
Tue	Sep 19	Homework (HW) 1B Assignment
Thu	Sep 21 by 4:00 pm	Homework 1A
Thu	Sep 28	Graded HW 1A, HW 2A Assignment
Thu	Oct 5 by 4:00 pm	Homework 1B Review Sheet 1
Wed	Oct 11 7:00 pm	Graded Homework 1B
Thu	Oct 12 7:15 pm	Take Exam 1
Tue	Oct 17	Homework 2B Assignment
Thu	Oct 19 by 4:00 pm	Homework 2A Graded Exam 1
Thu	Oct 26	Graded Homework 2A
Tue	Oct 31	Homework 2C Assignment
Thu	Nov 2 by 4:00 pm	Homework 2B
Thu	Nov 9 by 4:00 pm	Homework 2C Graded HW 2B, Review Sheet 2, HW 3A Assignment, Unit 3 Packet
Wed	Nov 15 7:00 pm	Graded Homework 2C
Thu	Nov 16 7:15 pm	Take Exam 2
Tue	Nov 21	Homework 3B Assignment
Thu	Nov 30 by 4:00 pm	Homework 3A Graded Exam 2
Tue	Dec 5	Homework 3C Assignment
Thu	Dec 7 by 4:00 pm	Homework 3B Graded Homework 3A
Thu	Dec 14 by 4:00 pm	Homework 3C Graded HW 3B, Review Sheet 3
Mon	Dec 18 7:00 pm	Graded Homework 3C
Tue	Dec 19 2:45 pm	Take Exam 3
Wed	Dec 20 noon	Grades Posted at my Office



# PHYSICS 107-TV

## INFORMATION PACKET

### FALL 1995

## Professor Bernice Durand

Welcome to Physics 107-TV, the Ideas of Modern Physics for nonscience majors. I rely on printed handouts to communicate with you about homework, exams, etc. Printed materials will always be available in discussion or at my office. I will also send you email messages once the course gets going.

First, fill out and leave in the Physics Department Office the single blue sheet with your name, email address, phone number, and other important information. I must have this now! Also pick up the information on how to get an email account, which you must have for this course. (Call me if this is a problem, and we'll work out some alternative.) The gray part of this first packet tells you the schedule and basic facts about this course, including a sheet to remind you of important dates. The blue part is your first homework assignment.

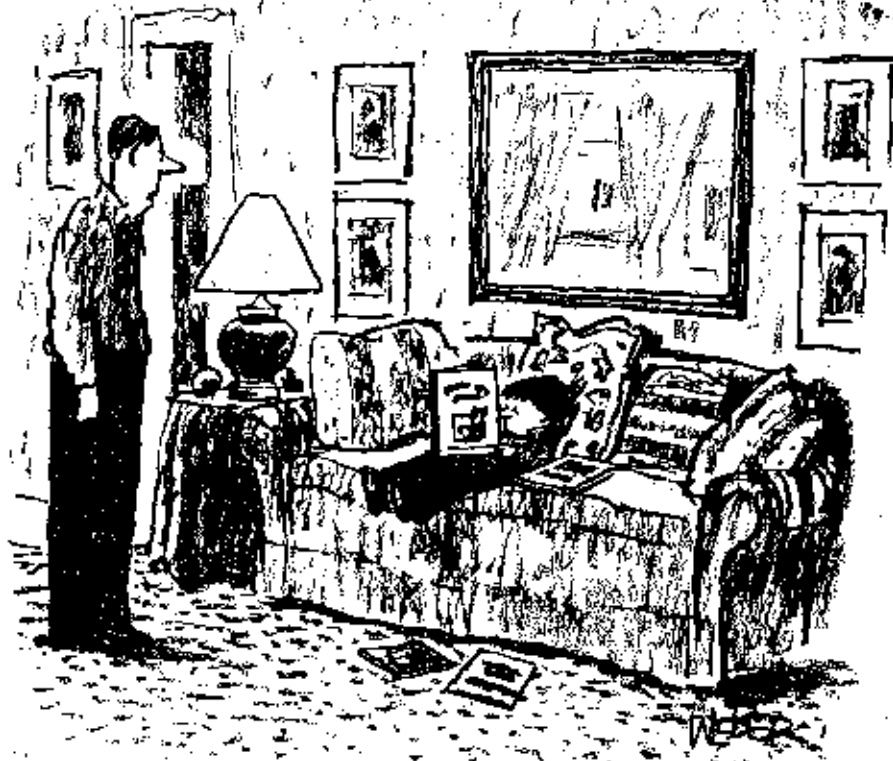
I hope I can get to know many of you. Please come to discussions, one or more per week, and don't be shy about asking questions. Also, I will answer telephone and email questions promptly. A good rule on this campus is to always start by clearly telling your name. Now: read on! Everything I could think of about the course follows.

#### COLOR CODING FOR HANDOUTS

Gray—Course information  
Gold or White—Special announcements  
Buff—Supplementary reading material  
Blue—Homework assignments  
Yellow—Homework solutions  
Green—Review sheets for exams  
White—Exams  
Pink—Exam solutions, Grades

#### TODAY'S HANDOUTS

1-page blue to hand in now  
3-page gray information  
1-page white email information  
2-page blue homework  
1-page gray summary schedule



*"Timothy, if you never watch TV you'll never know what's going on in the world."*

