

# Syllabus

## PHYS 100

Survey of Physics

Fall 2025

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### Lecture:

- Mondays, Zoom 1:30pm -2:20 pm:  
[https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/87344421145?](https://hawaii.zoom.us/j/87344421145?pwd=vhlrs9eICZc69mxYJTbceYkqFo69TF.1)  
pwd=vhlrs9eICZc69mxYJTbceYkqFo69TF.1, Passcode: 508650
- Wednesdays and Fridays: Watanabe Hall, Rm. 420, 1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

### Student Hours:

Wednesdays: Watanabe Hall, Rm. 428, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

### **Final Exam:**

Watanabe Hall, Rm. 420, Monday, 11 May 2026, 2:15 – 4:15 pm

### **100L Labs:**

The 100L labs are administered by a different professor. Your grade in there will not be reflected in this course. **NO LABS DURING THE FIRST OR LAST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER.**

### **Course Description:**

Mechanics, electricity and magnetism, waves. Only algebra and geometry used. For non-science majors.

### **Schedule:**

Week	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	12-Jan	Appendices A,D, CH1	App A,App D, CH1	Appendices A,D, CH1
2	19-Jan	MLK, Jr. Day(No Class)	CH2 + (HW1 due)	CH2
3	26-Jan	CH3, CH4	CH3, CH4 + (HW2 due)	CH3, CH4
4	2-Feb	Review	Review + (HW3 due)	<b>Test 1</b> (Ap A+D, Ch1-4, Feb 6) + (EC 1 due)
5	9-Feb	CH5, CH6	CH5, CH6	CH5, CH6
6	16-Feb	President's Day(No Class)	CH7, CH8 + (HW4 due)	CH7, CH8
7	23-Feb	CH9	CH9 + (HW5 due)	CH9
8	2-Mar	Review	Review, + (HW6 due)	<b>Test 2</b> (CHs 5-9; Mar 6) + (EC 2 due)
9	9-Mar	CH11, CH12	CH11, CH12	CH11, CH12
	16-Mar	Spring Break (No Class)	Spring Break (No Class)	Spring Break (No Class)
10	23-Mar	CH13, CH14	CH13, CH14+ (H7 due)	CH13, CH14
11	30-Mar	CH19, CH20	CH19, CH20 + (H8 due)	CH19, CH20
12	6-Apr	Review	Review + (H9 due)	<b>Test 3</b> (CHs 11-14,19,20; Apr 10) + (EC 3 due)
13	13-Apr	CH22	CH22	CH22
14	20-Apr	CH23	CH23 + (H10 due)	CH23
15	27-Apr	CH24, CH25	CH24, CH25 + (H11 due)	CH24, CH25
16	4-May	Review	Review + (H12 due)	Study Day (No Class)
17	11-May	May 11: <b>Final Exam (Cumulative)</b> : 2:15-4:15 pm + (EC 4 due)		

## Required Textbook:

- Conceptual Physics, by Paul G. Hewitt, 13th edition
- **This course will be participating in the Bookstore's Interactive Digital Access Program (IDAP).** Through this program, you will access your textbook and homework online. Help with accessing the course materials for the first time is listed below.

## Setting Expectations:

This is often a student's first introduction to the topics discussed and is paced to cover a significant amount of content in a very short period of time. The university expects that the **average** student will spend two hours outside of class for every hour in the classroom. This is a three credit course, thus the **average** student should expect to spend six hours per week outside of class reading and studying the textbook and completing homework assignments. *You* may find that you need to spend *more* time.

## Grading:

Your grades will be determined from your combined score on the Homework, Reading Quizzes, Tests, and the Final Exam.

## Grade Determination:

Homework	25%
Midterm Tests	50%

Final Exam (cumulative)                      25%

### Course Grades:

The letter grade will be assigned according to the tentative grading scale:

95 - 100% A+

90 - 95% A

85 - 90% A-

80 - 85% B+

75 - 80% B

70 - 75% B-

65 - 70% C+

60 - 65% C

55 - 60% C-

50 - 55% D+

45 - 50% D

40 - 45% D-

Below 40% F

## Online Homework:

- Homework is on the Pearson Mastering Physics website.
- **Homework assignments are due at 11:59 PM each Wednesday.**
- **Late homework will be accepted for a week past the due date with up to a 14% deduction per day on only those problems that are late.**
- Once the late homework period ends, homework will not be accepted; this is in fairness to students who submitted homework before the deadline.
- Updates to assigned problems and/or assignment due dates will be posted as needed and will be discussed in class.
- These assignments are related to topics covered in class of the current week and/or previous weeks. Homework problems have a mixture of conceptual and numeric answers. Many of the homework problems will be mathematically more difficult than exam questions. The reason for this is that in a timed exam it is unfair to ask that you spend 20 minutes solving a single problem.

## Midterm Tests:

- To receive a non-zero score on the test you must be in class (or KOKUA office) that day. **There will be no make-up and no taking the exam early.** The **only** exception to this policy includes special arrangements for students who are UH athletes or have other university required absences (e.g., UH Band, research conferences for your work with a professor, etc). Being sick is not a university required absence.
- **The midterm test with the lowest score will be dropped.** Dropping a midterm allows for the individual experiences of students (e.g., being sick, family emergency, or other absence) while keeping the tests fair for all students.

- There will be three midterm tests.
- Dates of the exams are given in the calendar below.
- Each test covers class lectures and the corresponding chapters of the textbook since the last exam.
- Each exam will be in our classroom during the normal class time.
- Those who meet the university required absence requirement must: 1. tell me at least a week in advance (university policy); and 2. must have a university official that will proctor the exam while you are gone. If conditions 1 and 2 are not met then you will be expected to take a zero.
- All midterm exams are implicitly cumulative.

### Final Exam:

- **No early or late exams will be given.** You must be in the classroom (or KOKUA office) during the university scheduled date and time. (Do not plan to go home before the exam.)
- The final exam is explicitly cumulative, though approximately half of the questions will be from the last four chapters.
- **The final exam cannot be dropped.**
- In accordance with university policy, students who have otherwise attempted all of the homework and tests, but find that they are sick, or have an emergency that I deem creditable, on the day of the final, may, with my approval, take an Incomplete grade for the course and take a modified final after the end of the semester.

### Rules for all Tests and the Final Exam:

- You **MUST** turn in the SCANTRON, as it is the official record of your answer.

- You will need a scientific calculator. Graphing capability is allowed but not required.
- NO phones, tablets, computers, smart watches, earphones, or other connected devices are allowed.
- NO hats, hoodies, or sunglasses.
- All other books, notes, handouts, or materials are forbidden.
- No collaboration. The exam must reflect your individual work.
- You may have one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper with handwritten notes (in pencil) on it. **Any notes that have been printed off of a device will be confiscated and your exam will be zero points.**
- You receive ONE question's worth of points for correctly filling in your name (i.e., family name, given name) on the SCANTRON in PENCIL. If I find you have not done so correctly, these points will be deducted.
- Sit with at least one open space between you and the next person in the row.
- Keep all test materials on the desktop of the chair you are sitting in. If you are left-handed, please sit in a left-handed desk.
- **No bathroom breaks. To leave the classroom you must turn in your exam.**
- You must present your **Student ID** to the instructor in order to turn in your SCANTRON.

### Rational behind Midterm Tests and Final Exam:

This is a physics course and not a mathematics course. Exams will focus on testing your understanding of concepts you are learning. Some questions will involve relatively simple math and some will be purely conceptual. Exam questions will be like those given in the homework and presented in class as Think-Pair-Share questions.

**Extra Credit:** There will be limited opportunity for extra credit. All extra credit listed below will be added to the homework grades. Planned extra credit includes:

- Exam Review Questions. Turned in via Pearson's Mastering Physics. Due at 11:00 am on the day of the exam. **NO LATE EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### How to do well in the class:

- **REQUIRED: *Read the textbook.*** Time requirement: A few hours a week. Like MOST college courses, we will not cover everything in class; there is just not enough scheduled in-class-time to cover all of the material. Even if I could covering everything, you should still read the book. Because you already have the book, I purposefully try not to do the examples from the book in class.
- **REQUIRED: *Submit homework on time.*** Time requirement: two hours per week (based on Pearson's statistics)-likey more in reality. Many students wait until the night before it is due. But you will learn and remember more of it if you do a few homework questions every day.
- ***Participate in class.*** Time needed: three hours per week. I use active learning methods in class. Compared to sitting through a traditional lecture you may feel more like you are confused by the subject, but you have an opportunity to ask questions to clarify your understanding. I were to use a straight traditional lecture format you are more likely to sit in class and feel like you understand the subject and then find that you don't when you start the homework. Decades of research demonstrates that you

will learn the material better from the active learning methods as compared to a traditional lecture.

- *Make friends in class.* Your peers in class will be the most accessible and most understandable sources for help late at night. It is also nice to have friends.
- *Ask questions.* PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, ask questions in class, come ask question after class, attend student hours and get homework help, email me, or if you see me around campus stop me.
- *Get help.* Regularly complete homework in one of the provided help settings. See below.

### Supplies You Will Need:

- A scientific calculator-you will not be able to use your cell phone calculator during tests.
- A notebook and writing utensil to take notes in class.

### Learning Outcomes:

After successfully completing this course students will be able to:

- Formulate and use the scientific method.
- Develop analytical skills for problem solving.
- Survey a broad landscape of physical phenomena and descriptive models.
- Understand how diverse physical properties fit into unifying physical theories.

## **University-Sponsored Event Absences:**

For regularly-scheduled events, students are to notify instructors within the first two weeks of the semester. For special events or tournaments, students are to notify their instructors as soon as they learn of the anticipated absence. In both cases, students who must miss class for such events will be responsible for completing all assigned work as expeditiously as possible. If you are going to be absent for a test or the final exam, you must email me. If you will miss a recitation, email both me and your TA.

## **Weekly Engagement Question:**

Some courses on campus have weekly engagement questions to answer in Lulima. We do NOT have those. You are expected to engage with the Pearson online homework weekly.

## **Academic Honesty:**

The student is expected to take tests without outside assistance. Any student caught cheating (or enabling another student to cheat) on a test will automatically receive a zero for that test and will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. In all cases of cheating, the materials involved will be confiscated. Cheating is defined as (i) the use of any unauthorized aid during a test, (ii) obtaining help from another student during a test, (iii) knowingly giving aid to another student during a test, and (iv) duplicating or substituting another person's work as one's own work (plagiarism).

## Class Conduct:

The following rules constitute a minimum of expected behavior in class.

- Arriving late for class is distracting for other students and the instructor, so please be on time.
- iPads for note taking are allowed. Laptops and cell phones are not allowed in class. Experience has demonstrated that students on laptops during class are not using them to take notes. If you are on a laptop or phone while in class you may be asked to leave.
- CLASS ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. We will be using active learning methods in class, part of which requires you to interact with your fellow students. If you cannot make it to class for whatever reason, make sure that you talk to a classmate to find out what happened during the lecture that you missed.
- If you have to leave a class early, please be considerate and sit near the door.
- Be Honest, Respectful, and Prepared.

## Changes:

I reserve the right to modify any aspect of this syllabus at any time if I believe that such a change will allow the students in this class to better meet the course objectives.

**Getting Help:** The following resources are available free-of-charge to current UH Manoa students:

- Physics Lab TAs (mostly graduate students in Physics) hold ~30 hours/week of drop-in office hours in Watanabe Hall Rm. 421

(our Physics Library & Study Center). Although lab TAs must give first priority to students with lab-related questions, they can also assist with lecture homework problems or other physics questions as time permits. Scroll halfway down this page for a master schedule of all TA names/days/hours:

[https://www.phys.hawaii.edu/~philipvd/23\\_spring\\_intro\\_labs\\_uhm.html](https://www.phys.hawaii.edu/~philipvd/23_spring_intro_labs_uhm.html)

- The Natural Sciences Learning Emporium in Bilger Addition 209 is open daily for all students to seek free, drop-in assistance with lower-division math or science classes. Schedules of tutors for physics (coming soon) and other STEM subjects are posted online here:

<http://uhnatsci.org/emporium/tutorschedules.php>

- The Learning Assistance Center offers free one-on-one tutoring by appointment for physics and many other introductory math & science courses. Make an appointment online at least 24 hours in advance: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/Learning/tutoring-by-appt/>
- The Housing Success Center is open Sunday–Thursday, 6:00–9:00pm, for free walk-in assistance for physics and other introductory math & science courses. Check their online schedule of tutors & subjects:  
<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/undergrad/Learning/walk-in-tutoring/>
- Come to my Student Hours

**Campus Security: (808) 956-6911**

**Disabilities Accommodations Statement:** Reasonable accommodations

will be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, systemic, cognitive, learning and psychiatric disabilities. Students will only be given accommodations afforded them by a Kokua Program counselor (<https://www.hawaii.edu/kokua/>). If you believe you have a disability requiring accommodations, please notify Kokua Program office at (808) 956-7511, (808) 956-7612 (Voice or TTY), or [kokua@hawaii.edu](mailto:kokua@hawaii.edu).

**Student Code of Conduct:** UHM supports a positive educational environment that will benefit student success. In order to ensure this vision, UHM has established the UHM Student Code of Conduct to ensure the protection of student rights and the health and safety of the community, as well as to support the efficient operation of all programs. All currently enrolled students at UHM are required to abide by the UHM Student Code of Conduct. A copy of the most current Student Code can be found on the university's website:  
[http://www.studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/policies/conduct\\_code/](http://www.studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/policies/conduct_code/)

**TITLE IX:** The University of Hawaii is committed to providing a learning, working and living environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect and is free of all forms of sex discrimination and gender-based violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, gender-based harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these, the University has staff and resources on your campus to support and assist you. Staff can also direct you to resources that are in the community.

**Assessment:** A sample of your work may be anonymously used to assess student achievement of the program learning outcomes for the General Education standards.

**Additional Title IX information:** Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding. Specifically, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination; sexual harassment, and gender-based harassment, including harassment based on actual or perceived sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; sexual assault, sexual exploitation; domestic violence; dating violence; and stalking. For more information regarding your rights under Title IX, please visit: <http://www.hawaii.edu/titleix>

As a member of the University faculty, I am **expected to immediately report** any incident of sex discrimination or gender-based violence to the campus Title IX Coordinator. Although the Title IX Coordinator and I cannot guarantee confidentiality, you will still have options about how your case will be handled.

**Non-Discrimination Statement:** The University of Hawai'i System Executive Policy EP 1.204, declares and reaffirms its commitment to the University's equal education and employment opportunity policy. The University is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, handicap, domestic violence, marital status, arrest and court record, gender identity, and veteran status. This policy covers admission and access to, and participation, treatment, and employment in the University's programs and activities.

**UH Email:** Please check your hawaii.edu email daily. Instructors, administration and other campus programs will send important information frequently including notifications for class cancellations and important deadlines.

**Accessing the textbook and online homework for the first time.**

**1. Enable popup windows for these websites in your web browser:**

[courses.vitalsource.com](https://courses.vitalsource.com)

[openvillum.ecollege.com](https://openvillum.ecollege.com)

[plus.pearson.com](https://plus.pearson.com)

[tpi.bb.pearsoncmg.com](https://tpi.bb.pearsoncmg.com)

[login.pearson.com](https://login.pearson.com)

[mlm.pearson.com](https://mlm.pearson.com)

[session.masteringphysics.com](https://session.masteringphysics.com)

**2. Click on “VitalSource”**

**3. Click Launch Courseware**

The cost for the digital course material through IDAP will be automatically added to your MyUH account. Thus, if you are asked to pay for access you are doing something wrong.

#### 4. Please use your name as it is given in Lamaku.

I have to manually transfer grades from IDAP to Lualima in order to submit your final grades. If you use the same name both in IDAP and Lualima it helps me make sure you get the A+ grade you deserve.

**Access Code:** If Pearson asks you for an access code, then it is likely that your web browser settings are a little restrictive, or that you need to clear the cache.

How to Clear Browser Cookies and Cache:

1. If possible, it is recommended to use Chrome or Firefox.
2. Clear the cookies and cache from the browser (CTRL+SHFT+DEL while in a PC browser, CMD+SHFT+DEL on a MAC ).
3. Close ALL browser windows.
4. Launch into the course and try again.

If errors persist, students should contact 24/7 Tech Support:

<https://support.pearson.com/getsupport/s/contactsupport>