

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA

PHYS 170, General Physics I, Spring 2026

- Instructor:* Prof. Klaus Sattler, WAT 306, Tel. 956-8941, sattler@hawaii.edu
Office Hours: Friday 1:30-2:30 pm, or by appointment
- Location, Time:* Lectures are in WAT 420, 9:30-10:20 MTW
Review Sessions: F 9:30-10:20, Wat 420
- Textbook:* University Physics, by Young and Freedman, 15th edition, Chapters 1-16.
- Homework:* We will not have graded homework. However, we request that you review the chapter every week before the Friday Review Session.
- Tests:* Tests will be given every four weeks, on a Monday. The tests begin at 9:30 straight; there is no handout of the sheets after 9:35. Close book, but equation sheets, physical constants and conversion factors are given. Pocket calculators are allowed, but no PCs, tablets and smart phones.
Test Dates: T1 (Mo Feb 9), T2 (Mo Mar 9), T3 (Mo Apr 13),
Final Exam: Monday May 11, 9:45-11:45 am, WAT 420
- Missing Exams:* There will be no make-up tests. We will have special arrangements for students who are UH athletes, are ill, or have other issues.
- Class Attendance:* We suggest attending the lectures and Review Sessions. Students who regularly come to class have a much better chance to receive good grades.
- Electronic Devices:* This is an electronics-free class. Cell phones are not allowed in class. Ipads for note taking are allowed.
- Class Protocol:* The lecture hall should be a place for learning while respecting each other. Behavior which distracts others will not be tolerated. There will be no talking other than in public dialogue; cell phones should be switched off; no eating, no skateboarding, no pets, no reading or sleeping; and no frequent leaving and returning to the classroom. Please pay attention and participate. If you don't come to class to learn physics, don't come.
- Being Late:* If you are more than 5 minutes late for the class or need to leave earlier, you should skip this class.
- Questions:* Please keep your questions till the end of the lecture.
- Grading:* Tests (Chapters 1-12): 75%
Final Exam (Chapters 13-16): 25%
- Grade Scale:* A (85-100%), B (70-85%), C (55-70%), D (40-55%), F (<40%)
- Class I.D.:* Every student is given a class identification number. Please place it on the examination sheets.
- Last day of class:* Wednesday May 6, 2026
The Syllabus may be changed by the professor at any time (will be announced in class).