

Physics 121 Course Syllabus - Fall 2017

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General Information:

Description: Physics 121 is a calculus-based introduction to electricity and magnetism, emphasizing fundamental concepts and applications. It is the second course in a three course sequence. The topics covered are listed below.

Pre-requisites (all with grade of C or better):

- Physics 111 or 111H, and Math 111, 111H, or Math 132 (Calculus-I).

Co-requisites:

- Physics 121A (the lab course) and Math 112 (Calculus-II).

Physics 121A Laboratory must be taken along with Physics 121 unless it has been passed previously. A student who drops Physics 121 automatically drops the lab (and vice versa, no exceptions). Physics 121A is otherwise a totally separate course from Physics 121 in that the lab instructors set the requirements and grades. The lab manual (Physics 121A Laboratory Manual 7th Edition) can be purchased at the NJIT bookstore. The most up-to-date lab schedule will be posted at <http://web.njit.edu/~smm8166>.

Learning Expectations, Goals, Outcomes:

Students will be expected to demonstrate understanding and mastery of calculus-based classical electricity and magnetism up to AC circuits, not including Maxwell's Equations or beyond. The topics covered include electric charge, electric and magnetic fields, forces on stationary and moving charges and currents due to electrostatic and magnetic fields, electrostatic potential and potential energy, Gauss' Law, capacitance, current, resistance, DC circuits, the Biot-Savart Law, Ampere's Law, Faraday's Law, inductance, RC circuits, LR circuits, LCR circuits, AC circuits including "phasor diagrams" and resonant oscillations.

In any/all of the above subject areas, students should be able to do the following:

- Recall and use the conceptual and mathematical definitions and be able to explain them.
- Understand the conceptual and mathematical relationships between quantities used.
- Explain and manipulate equations and techniques developed in the text, lectures, problem examples, and in the course of working problems.
- Use symmetry arguments, sketches and diagrams, graphs, field maps, algebra, trigonometry, and basic integral and differential calculus methods for reasoning about nature and in setting up and solving textbook-level problems.
- Critically evaluate the soundness and precision of your own answers, explain and interpret your solutions to problems in a way that shows understanding, and identify and appraise the range of applicability of your results, and their limitations.
- Apply the skills above to successfully solve textbook-level problems with numeric, symbolic, or conceptual answers.

Learning outcomes are assessed by means of 3 common exams, a final exam, scores on homework assignments, in-class quizzes, and small class participation scores.

Materials for Physics 121:

- Textbook (Abbreviation: Y&F): "University Physics", 13th Edition, authors Young & Freedman (Pearson 2012). We use Chapters 21 to 31 in Volume 2, which are published as bound books or 3 hole binder or E-text versions. We will not be using the 14th Edition of the text. The NJIT bookstore will have hard copy texts bound with the access code and E-text kit - ISBN = 0321928814 or 9780321928818). Any other version of the text containing Chapters 21 - 31 is OK. Many students use the E-text.
- Mastering Physics Online Homework System: Each student must obtain an access code kit that permits use of the online homework system. In addition to having an access code, each student must enroll in the Mastering

Physics (MP) course for his/her Physics 121 section using a course identifier code to be supplied by each instructor.

Homework assignments will be posted on-line in Mastering Physics and will be automatically graded. Specific information will be available directly from all the instructors, and/or their web sites. Any access code kit must be for the right text, specified above, so check before you buy.

- **Classroom Response System** called “iClickers”: Each student needs an “iClicker” (about \$40 at the bookstore). All used models are OK. Some older used clickers have illegible ID’s (an 8 character string on the back) so check before you buy. Bring your clicker to each class. Some instructors do not use clickers - ask your instructor.
- **Web Sites:** Instructors may post lecture notes, problems, grades, etc. on their web sites. So check there often.
- Some instructors use **Moodle** - Ask your instructor during the first week of class.

Grading

Final Letter Grades will be based on a **term average** for the semester’s work that includes the three common exam scores, the final exam, the term’s homework score, in-class quiz scores, and measures of participation related to clicker use and attendance. Here are the approximate weights to be used for calculating term averages:

- **48%** for all three common exams (16% each)
- **32%** for the final exam
- **20%** for the total of homework plus short in-class quizzes plus participation measures, with the total 20% value distributed at instructors’ discretion and announced during the first week of class. Homework will be worth about **10% to 20%**.

The conversion of term average values to letter grades will use the following cutoff values:

- **85% for A, 75% for B+, 65% for B, 56% for C+, 50% for C, and D or F below 50%.**

Examinations: There will be three multiple choice Common Exams plus a comprehensive multiple choice Final Exam. Extra credit problems will no longer be offered on any of these. The schedule is:

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| ▪ Common Exam 1: Monday, October 2 | 4:15 - 5:45 PM |
| ▪ Common Exam 2: Monday, October 30 | 4:15 - 5:45 PM |
| ▪ Common Exam 3: Monday, November 27 | 4:15 - 5:45 PM |
| ▪ Comprehensive Final Exam after December 14 | 2.5 hours long |

The final exam will emphasize the weeks of work after common exam 3, but also cover the whole course. In-class quizzes covering preceding or current work may also be given during lectures and/or recitations, and the grades may count toward your final course grade. There will be no make-up quizzes and normally no make-up common exams.

Missed Exams: Students who miss a common exam will receive a score of zero for that exam unless they present a valid excuse within 7 days of the exam. Students with two or more missing, unexcused common exams automatically fail the course. Students expecting to be absent from a common exam should discuss their situation with their instructor **PRIOR TO** their absence. In order to qualify for a (rare) “make-up” common exam a student needs to document the reason for not being able to take the test as scheduled (for example, due to an exam conflict or documented illness). Under NJIT policy, the documentation should be presented to the student’s Physics 121 instructor **AND** to the Dean of Students, both of whom must agree to permit a “make-up” exam. Conflict make-up common exams are usually held from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on the exam day.

Course Policies

Attendance will be taken at all classes and exams. More than 3 unexcused absences (in total) is excessive. If you have excusable absences contact your instructor or the Dean of Students (973.596.3466, Room 255 Campus Center).

Withdrawal: If you must withdraw from the course, do it officially through the Registrar before the last withdrawal date. If you simply stop attending and taking exams your instructor will have to assign a course grade of “F”.

Honor Code Violations or Disruptive Behavior: NJIT has a zero-tolerance policy for cheating of any kind and for disruptive student behavior. Violations will be reported to and judged by the Dean of Students. The penalties range from failure in the course plus disciplinary probation up to expulsion from NJIT. Avoid situations where your own behavior could be misinterpreted as dishonorable.

- Students are required to agree to the NJIT Honor Code on each exam.

- Turn off all phones, wireless devices, laptops, and messaging devices of all kinds during classes and exams.
- Please do not eat, drink, or create noise in class that interferes with the work of other students or instructors.

Course Work

The Class Schedule (page 4) lists the topics covered, text readings, and homework assignments, exam dates, etc. week by week throughout the term. Some of the information should be tailored to your own section's schedule. Be sure to do the homework problems: it is almost impossible to succeed in physics courses without working a lot of problems. It will not help to use someone else's solutions, although it sometimes helps to form study groups so long as there is real discussion and independent thought.

Each work unit begins with a lecture and includes a related homework assignment and perhaps some (optional) tutorials. The homework problems are usually covered in recitation class and the latest submit date is about a week after material is introduced in lecture class.

- Read the assigned sections of the text before the lecture covering that material.
- Read the instructor's lecture notes before class (if provided) and bring them to class.
- Work on homework problems before they are covered in recitation and certainly before they are due.
- The Mastering Physics online system shows the applicable homework due dates.
- **Students who do not submit homework are automatically lowering their term average by 10 - 20%.**

Practice Problems: Two sets of solved "practice problems" (abbreviated "PP") are posted for each week. These are solved homework assignments from earlier textbooks. They are referred to as **PP01** for week 01, **PP02** for week 02, etc. You can find them at: [http://web.njit.edu/~janow/Physics 121 Fall2017/ Fall2016.html](http://web.njit.edu/~janow/Physics_121_Fall2017/Fall2016.html).

Class Participation: Students are expected to participate regularly in class discussions by asking and answering questions, working actively with others during in-class group assignments, participating in clicker exercises. When students participate in an active learning environment engagement increases, as does understanding of the material and success in the course.

Specific Information for Mastering Physics (MP) homework system:

You will have to create an account on the MP system if you do not have one already. You can not sign up for the course your instructor sets up on MP until you have a valid Mastering Physics access code. So acquire one early and contact your instructor if this is a problem. Your instructor will announce a Mastering Physics course identifier for you to use when enrolling in your specific class. Use your NJIT email address as the logon ID for your account.

- The Mastering Physics login is <http://www.masteringphysics.com>. Click on "Student" in the upper left of the box. Respond "yes" that you have an access code (create an account if you do not already have one). Input your name exactly as it appears on NJIT's records: last name first, followed by a comma and your first and possibly middle name. Likewise, enter your 9 digit NJIT ID where indicated.
- For your own reference, record the unique course number announced by your instructor, and your login ID and password. Instructors cannot access forgotten logins or passwords.

Help: If you are having trouble in this course visit or email your instructor; do not simply hope for a miracle and fall further behind. All instructors hold office hours (see their schedules) and will meet with students at other mutually convenient times.

Tutoring:

The Physics Dept may provide drop-in tutoring on a regular schedule (to be posted). More information will be available from your instructor or the Physics Department office on the 4th floor of Tiernan after the term starts. Physics tutoring is also available through the Learning Centers.

Academic Support and Students Affairs, Academic Advising Centers:

These organizations assist students who need to make academic decisions, sometimes needing support to progress toward successful graduation.

Counseling:

The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services is committed to assisting students experiencing high levels of personal challenge and stress.

Physics 121 Class Schedule for Fall 2017 (Rev. 0.0)

(For sections 003, 005, 013, 015 - other sections' schedules may differ slightly)

** PP = Solved practice problems posted on <http://web.njit.edu/~janow> (then navigate)

Lecture Topics and Classes	Text (Y&F) Readings	Recitations & Assignments** (exact due dates to be announced)	Labs
Monday, September 04	No Class	Labor Day Holiday	
Week 01 (Sept 5 to Sept 10) Lecture 01: Vectors, Intro to Fields	Instr. Notes	Begin HW01 Use recitation periods for Lecture 01	INTRO MATLAB I
Week 02 (Sept 11 to Sept 17) Lecture 02: Electric Charge & Force	Sec. 21.1 - 3	Begin HW02, PP02 Recitations: HW01/02 Joint Session	MATLAB II
Week 03 (Sept 18 to Sept 24) Lecture 03: Electric Field	Sec. 21.4 - 7	Begin HW03, PP03 Recitations: HW03.	200E Charge & Force
Week 04 (Sept 25 to Oct 01) Lecture 04: Gauss' Law	Sec. 22.1 - 5	Begin HW04, PP04 Recitations: HW04. Review Session	201 E-field
Common Exam 1: October 02 Monday, 04:15 - 5:45 P. M.		Covers Lectures + HWs 01, 02, 03, 04 Vectors & Fields + Ch. 21 + Ch 22	-
Week 05 (Oct 02 to Oct 08) Lecture 05: Electric Potential	Sec. 23.1 - 5	Begin HW05, PP05 Recitations: HW05.	202 Gauss Law
Week 06 (Oct 09 to Oct 15) Lecture 06: Capacitance	Sec. 24.1- 6	Begin HW06, PP06 Recitations: HW06.	203 Potential
Week 07 (Oct 16 to Oct 22) Lecture 07: Current, Resistance, DC Circuits, Intro to Kirchhoff's Rules	Sec. 25.1 - 5, Sec. 26.1 - 2	Begin HW07, PP07 & PP08A Recitations: HW07.	205 Capacitance
Week 08 (Oct 23 to Oct 29) Lecture 08: Multi-loop and RC Circuits	Sec. 26.2 - 5	Begin HW08, PP08B Recitations: HW08. Review Session	215 Ohms Law
Common Exam 2: October 30 Monday, 04:15 - 5:45 P. M.		Covers Lectures + HWs 05, 06, 07 Chapters 23, 24, 25, & 26.1	-
Week 09 (Oct 30 to Nov 05) Lecture 09: Charges & Currents in Magnetic Fields	Sec. 27.1 - 8	Begin HW09, PP09 Recitations: HW09	217 RC Ckts.
Monday November 06		Last Day to Withdraw	
Week 10 (Nov 06 to Nov 12) Lecture 10: Sources of Magnetic Field. The Biot-Savart Law, Amperes Law	Sec. 28.1- 7	Begin HW10, PP10 Recitations: HW10	212 e/m for Electron
Week 11 (Nov13 to Nov 19) Lecture 11: Faraday's Law of Induction	Sec. 29.1 - 5	Begin HW11, PP11 Recitations: HW11 Review Session	210 Helmholtz
Week 12 (Nov 20 to 26) Thanks giving Recess	Tues 11/21 Wed 11/22 No class	Follow Thursday Schedule Follow Friday Schedule Thurs 11/23 & Fri 11/24	-
Week 12 (Nov 20 to 26) Lecture 12: Inductance, RL Circuits (normal Monday Lectures)	Sec. 30.1 - 4	Begin HW12, PP12. Cancel Wed recitations for sections 13/15	223 Faraday's Law
Common Exam 3: Nov 27 Monday, 04:15 - 5:45 P. M.		Covers Lectures & HW 08, 09, 10 Chapters 26.2-5, 27, 28	-
Week 13 (Nov 27 to Dec 03) Lecture 13: LC & LCR Circuits, EM Oscillations, AC Circuits	Sec. 30.5 - 6 Sec. 31.1 - 2	Begin HW13, PP13/14 Recitations: HW12	218 RL Ckts.
Week 14 (Dec 04 to Dec 10) Lecture 14: AC Circuits, Resonance	Sec. 31.3 - 6	Begin HW14 Recitations: HW 13	221 LC Ckts.
Week 15 (Dec 11 to Dec 13) Use final Monday lecture periods as Recitation 14	Sec. 31.3 - 6	Recitations: HW14 on Monday Cancel Wed periods for Sections 03/05	221 LC Ckts.
Reading Day: Wednesday Dec 14	No classes	Review Sessions	
Final Exam: after Reading Day		Comprehensive final exam: Chapters 21 - 31	