

# Physics 121 Course Syllabus - Fall 2018

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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 or 111H.

### 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 9th 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, 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 their own reasoning and answers, explain and interpret their solutions to problems in a way that shows understanding, and identify and appraise the range of applicability of their results, and state the limitations of their solutions.
- 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 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 (identified above) so check before buying.

- **Classroom Response System** called “iClickers”: Each student needs an “iClicker” (about \$40 at the bookstore). All used models are OK but those with an LED screen are better. Some older used clickers have illegible ID’s (an 8 character string on the back) so check before buying. 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 participation measures for 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 20% value distributed at each instructor’s 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 not be offered on any of these. The schedule is:

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| ▪ Common Exam 1: Monday, October 8           | 4:15 - 5:45 PM |
| ▪ Common Exam 2: Monday, October 29          | 4:15 - 5:45 PM |
| ▪ Common Exam 3: Monday, November 19         | 4:15 - 5:45 PM |
| ▪ Comprehensive Final Exam after December 17 | 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 expecting to be absent from a common exam should discuss their situation with their instructor PRIOR TO their absence. Students who miss two or more common exams automatically fail the course unless they have acceptable excuses. 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). NJIT policy requires the documentation to be presented to a student’s Physics 121 instructor AND to the Dean of Students, both of whom must agree to permit a “make-up” exam. Conflict makeup common exams are usually held from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on exam days; contact Ms. Oertel ([christine.a.oertel@njit.edu](mailto:christine.a.oertel@njit.edu)) for arrangements.

## 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). Students may sign in only for themselves on attendance sheets.

**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 failing grade in the course.

**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 may 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. It can help to form study groups so long as each student participates in real discussion and independent thought.

Each work unit starts with a lecture and includes a related homework assignment. The homework problems are usually covered in recitation class and the final submit deadline 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 the solved homework assignments from earlier textbooks. They are referred to as **PP01** for week 01, **PP02** for week 02, etc. You can find them under Fall 2018 Physics 121 on Janow's web site (<http://web.njit.edu/~janow>)

**Class Participation:** Students are expected to participate in class discussions by asking and answering questions, participating in clicker exercises, working actively with others during in-class group assignments. When students participate in an active learning environment they become more engaged, learn more, enjoy the course more, and have better success in the course.

### Specific Information for the Mastering Physics (MP) homework system:

You will have to create an account on the MP system if you do not have one already. You need a valid Mastering Physics access code to sign up for the course your instructor sets up on MP. 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 identifier 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 also meet with students at other mutually convenient times.

### Tutoring:

The Physics Dept usually provides 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 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Tiernan shortly 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 2018 (Rev. 1.0)

(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
<b>Monday, September 3</b>	<b>No Class</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>	
<b>Week 01 (Sep 04 to Sep 09)</b> Lecture 01: Vectors, Intro to Fields	Instr. Notes	Begin HW01 Use recitation periods for Lecture 01	INTRO MATLAB I
<b>Week 02 (Sep 10 to Sep 16)</b> Lecture 02: Electric Charge & Force	Sec. 21.1 - 3	Begin HW02, PP02 Recitations: HW01/02 Two Assignments	MATLAB II
<b>Week 03 (Sep 17 to Sep 23)</b> Lecture 03: Electric Field	Sec. 21.4 - 7	Begin HW03, PP03 Recitations: HW03.	200E Charge & Force
<b>Week 04 (Sep 24 to Sep 30)</b> Lecture 04: Gauss' Law	Sec. 22.1 - 5	Begin HW04, PP04 Recitations: HW04. Review Session	201 E-field
<b>Week 05 (Oct 01 to Oct 07)</b> Lecture 05: Electric Potential	Sec. 23.1 - 5	Begin HW05, PP05 Recitations: HW05.	202 Gauss Law
<b>Common Exam 1: October 08</b> <b>Monday, 04:15 - 5:45 P. M.</b>		Covers Lectures + HWs 01, 02, 03, 04 Vectors & Fields + Ch. 21 + Ch 22	-
<b>Week 06 (Oct 08 to Oct 14)</b> Lecture 06: Capacitance	Sec. 24.1- 6	Begin HW06, PP06 Recitations: HW06.	203 Potential
<b>Week 07 (Oct 15 to Oct 21)</b> 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
<b>Week 08 (Oct 22 to Oct 28)</b> Lecture 08: Multi-loop and RC Circuits	Sec. 26.2 - 5	Begin HW08, PP08B Recitations: HW08. Review Sessions	215 Ohms Law
<b>Common Exam 2: October 29</b> <b>Monday, 04:15 - 5:45 P. M.</b>		Covers Lectures + HWs 05, 06, 07 Chapters 23, 24, 25, & 26.1	-
<b>Week 09 (Oct 29 to Nov 04)</b> Lecture 09: Charges & Currents in Magnetic Fields	Sec. 27.1 - 8	Begin HW09, PP09 Recitations: HW09	217 RC Ckts.
<b>Week 10 (Nov 05 to Nov 11)</b> 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
<b>Monday Nov 12</b>		<b>Last Day to Withdraw</b>	
<b>Week 11 (Nov 12 to Nov 18)</b> Lecture 11: Faraday's Law of Induction	Sec. 29.1 - 5	Begin HW11, PP11 Recitations: HW11	210 Helmholtz
<b>Common Exam 3: November 19</b> <b>Monday, 04:15 - 5:45 P. M.</b>		Covers Lectures & HW 08, 09, 10 Chapters 26.2-5, 27, 28	-
<b>Week 12 (Nov 19 to Nov 21)</b> Lecture 12: Inductance, RL Circuits Thanksgiving Week	Sec. 30.1 - 4	Begin HW12, PP12. 11/20: Thurs Schedule on Tuesday 11/21: Friday Schedule on Wednesday Cancel Recitation Class	223 Faraday's Law
<b>Week 13 (Nov 26 to Dec 02)</b> 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.
<b>Week 14 (Dec 03 to Dec 09)</b> Lecture 14: AC Circuits, Resonance	Sec. 31.3 - 6	Begin HW14 Recitations: HW 13	221 LC Ckts.
<b>Week 15 (Dec 10 to 16)</b> Use final Monday lecture periods as Recitation 14	Sec. 31.3 - 6	Recitations: HW14 on Monday Last NJIT classes on Wed Dec 12 Cancel Wed Rec periods	221 LC Ckts.
<b>Reading Days: Wed/Thur Dec 13/14</b>	<b>No classes</b>	<b>Review Sessions</b>	
<b>Final Exam: Dec 17 through Dec 21</b>		<b>Comprehensive final exam:</b> <b>Chapters 21 - 31</b>	