

**The University of Texas at Tyler**  
**Syllabus**  
**Spring 2025**  
**University Physics I**  
**Physics 2325**

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**Course Topics:** This course will introduce the student to some basic concepts and principles in physics. Problem solving will be a major component of this class. Major topics covered will include Kinematics, Newton's Laws, Energy, Momentum, Rotational motion and Gravity.

**Text:** The textbook for this course is Physics for Scientists and Engineers: A Strategic Approach with Modern Physics, 5th edition by Knight and you need Modified Mastering Physics access for the homework. I recommend you buy the access code for Modified Mastering Physics and that will come with an eText of the book. Below is a link to the Pearson website where you can purchase access to the homework site and it comes with an eText of the book.

<https://www.pearson.com/en-us/subject-catalog/p/physics-for-scientists-and-engineers-a-strategic-approach-with-modern-physics/P200000006998/9780137319541>

Modified Mastering Physics with Pearson eText -- ISBN-13: 9780137319541

**Prerequisite:** Math 2413 is required.

**Homework (HW) :** Homework will be done on <https://mlm.pearson.com/northamerica/masteringphysics/>

The course ID is back56298. Homework is one of the most important parts of this class. You must spend significant time on the homework to really understand this material.

**Tests:** There will be four tests given during the semester: Test 1 – February 5, Test 2 – February 28, Test 3 – April 2, Test 4 – April 25. The tests will be given in class. No calculators allowed on the tests.

**Final Exam:** The Final exam will be in class on April 30 and cumulative for the entire semester. No calculators allowed on the final. The final can replace your lowest test score.

**Make-up: No late work will be accepted.** If you have an excused absence you must make up the work before the due date.

**Grading:** The components of your final grade are given below

4 Tests - 70 %

HW- 15 %

Final – 15 %

Your final letter grade will be given based on the following percentages: A (90%-100%), B (80%-89%), C (70%-79%), D (60%-69%),F (<60%).

**Disability Statement:** "If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request disability support services/accommodation(s), please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting disability support services/accommodation(s) must provide appropriate documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. In order to assure approved services the first week of class, diagnostic, prognostic, and prescriptive information should be received 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester services are requested. For more information, call or visit the Student Services Center located in the University Center, Room 282. The telephone number is 566-7079 (TDD 565-5579)." Additional information may also be obtained at the following UT Tyler Web address: <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>.

**Social Security Statement:** It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number.

**Note Regarding Student Absence due to Religious Observance:** Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor by the second class meeting of such absences.

#### **Grade Replacement**

If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the Census date. Failure to file an intent to use grade forgiveness will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to

calculate your overall grade point average. A student will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three (undergraduate student) or two (graduate student) course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler. (2006-08 Catalog, p.35)

### **Student Academic Conduct**

In this course students are encouraged to work in groups when doing homework and preparing for quizzes and tests. However, during quizzes and examinations a code of honor will apply under which students are to work alone and neither give help to others nor receive help from any sources. Cheating will not be tolerated.

### **Concealed Campus Carry**

We respect the right and privacy of students who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at

<http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.

**A more complete description of University policies is listed at the following website:**

<http://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/syllabuspolicies.pdf>

The Census day is January 27

Last Day to withdraw from a course is March 31

### **Course Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Critical Thinking Skills (includes creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information)  
The student will demonstrate their critical thinking skills by using mathematical models and physical concepts to analyze physical systems. This Student Learning Outcome (SLO) will be assessed using test questions.

2. Communication Skills (includes effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication)

The student will communicate an understanding of the physics principles discussed in class on free response test questions. The questions will require the student to express a qualitative understanding through written communication of the physics concepts covered in class. This SLO will be assessed using test questions.

### **Departmental statement on cell phones and electronic devices.**

Cell phones, smart watches, and any similar electronic devices must be turned off and put away during exams. If they observed out in a visually accessible place (*i.e.* between legs, on the floor, *etc.*), it will be assumed that they are being used to cheat; your exam will be taken away, you will receive a zero score (0 points) for the test, and you will be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs.

### **General Course Information**

1. You are responsible for all the material covered in class.
2. Physics builds on itself. It is very important that you do not fall behind on the material.
3. You should read the book multiple times. If you do not understand the material in the book you will not understand the material on the tests.
4. It is very important that you spend time reading the material and doing the homework. The only way you will understand the material is to spend time working the problems.
5. I strongly encourage you to ask questions any time you need help with physics.

### **Online Physics Resources**

1. <http://lightandmatter.com/>
2. <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/hframe.html>
3. <http://www.physicsclassroom.com/>
4. <http://ocw.mit.edu/courses/physics/8-01t-physics-i-fall-2004/lecture-notes/>
5. <http://ocw.mit.edu/courses/physics/>
6. <http://www.splung.com/>
7. <http://www.phyfun.com/>
8. <http://www.walter-fendt.de/ph14e/>
9. <http://www.falstad.com/mathphysics.html>
10. <http://physics.merlot.org/>
11. [http://www.edinformatics.com/il/il\\_physics.htm](http://www.edinformatics.com/il/il_physics.htm)
12. [http://galileo.phys.virginia.edu/classes/109N/more\\_stuff/Applets/home.html](http://galileo.phys.virginia.edu/classes/109N/more_stuff/Applets/home.html)
13. <http://webphysics.davidson.edu/Applets/Applets.html>

**Spring 2025**  
**PHYS 2325 Schedule**

Monday January 13- Introduction and Chapter 1 (Motion Diagrams)  
Wednesday January 15- Chapter 2 (position, displacement, velocity and acceleration)  
Friday January 17-Chapter 2 (Graphs)  
Monday January 20- Martin Luthor King Jr. Holiday  
Wednesday January 22 Chapter 2 (Kinematic Equations)  
Friday January 24- Chapter 2 & Chapter 3 (Kinematic Equations and vectors)  
Monday January 27- Chapter 3 & Chapter 4 (Vectors and motion in two dimensions)  
Wednesday January 29- Chapter 4 (Projectile motion)  
Friday January 31 - Chapter 4 (Projectile motion)  
Monday February 3- Chapter 4 (Centripetal acceleration)  
Wednesday February 5- **Test 1**  
Friday February 7 - Chapter 5 (Catalog of Forces)  
Monday February 10- Chapter 5 & Chapter 6 (Newton's first and second laws and friction)  
Wednesday February 12- Chapter 6 Friction  
Friday February 14- Chapter 7 (Newton's third law)  
Monday February 17- Chapter 7 (Newton's third law)  
Wednesday February 19- Chapter 7 (Newton's third law)  
Friday February 21- Chapter 8 (Centripetal Force)  
Monday February 24- Chapter 8 (Circular Motion)  
Wednesday February 26- Chapter 8 (Centripetal force and Circular motion)  
Friday February 28-**Test 2**  
Monday March 3- Chapter 9 (Work)  
Wednesday March 5- Chapter 9 (Work and kinetic energy)  
Friday March 7- Chapter 10 (Potential energy)  
Monday March 10- Chapter 10 (Conservation of energy)  
Wednesday March 12- Chapter 10 (Conservative and non-conservative forces)  
Friday March 14- Chapter 11 (impulse)  
Monday March 17- Spring Break  
Wednesday March 19- Spring Break  
Friday March 21- Spring Break  
Monday March 24- Chapter 11 (Impulse and conservation of momentum)  
Wednesday March 26- Chapter 11 Conservation of momentum  
Friday March 28- Chapter 11 (Conservation of momentum- 2D)  
Monday March 31-Chapter 11 (Conservation of momentum and energy)  
Wednesday April 2- **Test 3**  
Friday April 4- Chapter 12 (Rotational kinematics)  
Monday April 7- Chapter 12 (Rotational energy and moment of inertia)  
Wednesday April 9- Chapter 12 (Torque, static equilibrium)  
Friday April 11- Chapter 13 (Angular Momentum)  
Monday April 14- Chapter 13 (Newton's Law of Gravity)  
Wednesday April 16- Chapter 13 (conservation of energy)  
Friday April 18- Chapter 13 (Kepler's Laws)  
Monday April 21- Chapter 13 (Satellite Orbits)  
Wednesday April 23-Chapter 13 (Satellite Orbits)  
Friday April 25- **Test 4**  
Monday April 28  
Wednesday April 30 **Final Exam**

