

# PHYSICS 1420

## Fall 2009 Tutorial Experiments Syllabus

*Failure to read the syllabus will not be an excuse for an exception to any policy stated within the syllabus.*

**The passing grade in the Tutorial section is 75%. You MUST pass the Tutorial section in order to pass your physics course.**

The **objectives** of the **Tutorial Experiments (TE's)** are for you to

- Gain **conceptual** understanding of fundamental physics.
- Gain **operational** understanding of physical quantities.
- Be able to **interpret**, in simple but clear language, representation of physical quantities such as numbers, equations and diagrams.
- Be able to solve physics problem via interactions with other students and teaching assistants (TA's).

**Tutorial Experiments Announcements:** All announcements regarding the tutorial experiments will be posted on *Blackboard* (webpage: [my.baylor.edu](http://my.baylor.edu)). A copy of this syllabus can be downloaded from the Baylor Physics Labs webpage: [www.baylor.edu/physics/labs](http://www.baylor.edu/physics/labs)

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**Office Hours:** Monday 1-2 PM, Tuesday 2-2:30 PM, Wednesday 2-3 PM

**Required Texts:** For PHY 1420 & PHY 1430: *Tutorials in Introductory Physics (with Homework book)* by Lillian McDermott, Peter Shaffer etc.

**Note:** If you are buying these textbooks for the first time, make sure that you buy a **new** copy. These books are workbooks and used versions are useless for these classes.

### Safety

1. You are expected to be familiar with the entire safety section in the lab manual. Failure to follow these rules may result in your removal from the Tutorial Experiments room and will have a negative impact on your grade.

2. **Food and beverages are not allowed in the Tutorial Experiments room.** You must leave these things outside or keep them in your closed backpacks. This includes personal water bottles! *Students with food or beverage containers in the TE room will be asked to leave the TE room and will receive a zero for that TE. NO exceptions. This is your warning.*

3. **You must wear closed-toed shoes in lab, no sandals.** If you forget to wear closed-toed shoes, and the teaching staff judges the risk of injury to be greater than 20%, then you will be required to leave the TE room, and you will receive zero for that experiment. If the teaching staff judges the risk of injury to be less than 20%, then your TA may allow you to stay. Your TA will note the permission and the point deduction on the grade-roll. *If Dr. Nazzario visits the TE room, and you are not wearing the appropriate footwear, and if you have not acquired permission from the TA to stay without closed-toed shoes, then you will have to leave the TE room and will receive a zero for that experiment.*

## Tutorial Grade:

1. The Tutorials carry 5% of your total grade in the physics course you are taking. However, **you must pass the tutorial experiments section in order to pass your physics course. The passing grade in the tutorial experiments is 75%. You must get 75% in the Tutorials to pass your physics course.**
2. Your numerical tutorial average is provided to your lecturer at the end of the semester.
3. Your weekly tutorial grades will be entered on *Blackboard*. **Check your grades frequently to ensure that your grades have been recorded correctly.** If your grades are not posted or the grades are posted incorrectly, notify your TA or Dr. Nazzario.
4. **Save all your graded work until the end of the semester**, then your TA or Dr. Nazzario can verify the correct grade and revise the recorded grade accordingly.
5. **No Tutorial grades will be changed after 4 pm on December 9, 2009.**

**Tutorial Experiments:** There are two components: 1. The tutorial experiments. 2. Homework assignments.

Tutorial experiments: During the tutorial experiments you will work in groups of 3 to 5 students and complete the relevant chapter of the workbook *Tutorials in Introductory Physics*. You must carefully follow all instruction given in the book. You will work *together*, while the TAs will assist you to be on the right track by engaging you in dialogue. The point of the Tutorial Experiments is to work constructively and cooperatively in groups. Your grade for this part of the class is based on your participation. Participation means trying your best to understand the material yourself and convince others of your answers through active and patient dialogue. You will **not** be able to get the full grade if you do not participate in discussions with the others and the TA's. Your participation will be graded by your TA at the end of each Tutorial session according to the following guideline:

| Participation Level  | Participation Grade |
|--|---------------------|
| Actively participates in discussion with other members of the group and the TA's | 3                   |
| Reluctantly participates and tries to understand the materials                   | 2                   |
| Passively participates   | 1                   |

You are expected to show up to your classes on time. If you are late to class by 5 minutes you lose 1 participation point, and if you are late to class by 10 minutes you lose 2 participation points. No one is admitted 15 minutes after classes start.

Homework assignments: At each tutorial experiment session you will be assigned two homework problems from the Homework book of the Tutorials in Introductory Physics. These homework assignments are due at the beginning of your next Tutorial Experiment class. **Homework cannot be turned-in after the class has already begun.** The homework assignment will carry 3 points. Only one of your homework problems will be graded (chosen randomly). The graded homework will carry 2.5 points, while the other homework will carry 0.5 points. All parts of the other (ungraded) homework must be completed for you to be given the 0.5 points. You are strongly encouraged to work on your homework assignments in groups as you do in the TE classes. However, under no circumstances should you copy another's homework. Points will be taken off if evidence is found that you copied your homework from someone else. You are strongly

encouraged to finish your homework assignments well before they are due. Past experience has shown that last minute or rushed homework assignments hardly ever get good grades.

In summary, your total grade for each tutorial is going to be out of 6 (3 for participation in class + 3 for homework assignments).

**The Baylor University Honor Code will be strictly enforced.** Details of this policy can be found on <http://www.baylor.edu/student%5Fpolicies/index.php?id=32287>

### **Absences:**

1. **Scheduled Absences:** If you think you will be absent from a tutorial experiment for a *university sanctioned* event (athletic contest, band trip, debate, etc.), then email Dr. Nazzario at least one week before leaving for the event. It is not possible to arrange make-ups for the tutorial experiments. However, if you are excused from attending a particular tutorial experiment for a *university sanctioned* event then that grade will be dropped. Homework assignments are not excused and they are due on time. If you think you will be absent on a certain day make sure that you turn-in your homework through a friend or have it reach Dr. Nazzario before the due class starts. Circumstances that absolutely prevent you from giving one week's notice will be considered. This does not include club-related events.

2. **Unscheduled Absences:** If you miss a tutorial experiment for *any reason*, then email the Dr. Nazzario within **two days** after the absence. He will consider dropping the tutorial that you have missed *only* with the support of valid documentation (e.g. Doctor's or Counselor's note.)

**Note that missed Tutorial Experiment grades will be dropped only after you present valid documentation. No Tutorial Homework grades are dropped.** So for example if you were suddenly taken ill you should have your homework sent by a friend and make sure that you go and see a doctor and get a document saying that you were ill on the day of the missed class. You are strongly encouraged to have your homework assignments finished well before they are due so that in case of an unforeseen unscheduled absence you don't lose your homework grade.

**Lab Equipment:** The equipment used in these laboratories is often expensive and difficult to replace. If you damage lab equipment, we will send you a bill. Do not put your book packs on the equipment!

**Special Circumstances:** If you have specific physical or learning disabilities and require special accommodations, please tell Dr. Nazzario early in the semester, so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. Letters from the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation should be presented to Dr. Nazzario, not your TA.

**Free Physics Tutors:** Physics tutors are available through the physics department. The tutor schedule is on physics webpage. The tutoring area is between room E.331 and Stairway # 7 in the Baylor Science Building.

**Conflicts:** If you have any problem with this course, you should first discuss it with your TA. They are there to help. You will find that they are generally willing to assist in any way that they can. In the event that you encounter a problem that you are unable to resolve with your TA, feel free to contact Dr. Nazzario.

**Comments and Complaints:** If you have comments or complaints about your TA's or the Tutorials in general please send them to Dr. Nazzario.

**Tutorial Survey:** Around the middle of the semester you will be asked to fill out a survey form on Blackboard about your experience in the Tutorial. You will be awarded 3 points (equal to one homework assignment) if you do so. The survey is not graded. We value your feedback and survey is an important tool to improve the tutorials in the future.

## Tutorial Schedule for PHYSICS 1420:

Your Tutorial Group is (please circle): T1    T2    T3    T4    T5

The names and e-mails of your Tutorial TA's are:

# Robert Enzweiler (Bj\_Enzweiler@baylor.edu)

# Jared Greenwald (Jared\_Greenwald@baylor.edu)

# Jonathan Perry (Jonathan\_Perry@baylor.edu)

Location: BSB E.305

Time: T1 – Mondays 3:35-4:25 PM

T2 – Mondays 4:40-5:30 PM

T3 – Tuesdays 1:25-2:15 PM

T4 – Tuesdays 2:30-3:20 PM

T5 – Tuesdays 5:45-6:35 PM

T6 – Tuesdays 12:20-1:10 PM

| Tutorial no.               | Week of  | Tutorial Experiment Name                      |
|----------------------------|----------|---|
| 1                          | Aug. 24  | Velocity                                      |
| 2                          | Aug. 31  | Acceleration in One Dimension                 |
| <b>Sept. 7 and Sept. 8</b> |          | <b><i>No tutorial – Labor day holiday</i></b> |
| 3                          | Sept. 14 | Motion in Two Dimensions                      |
| 4                          | Sept. 21 | Forces  |
| 5                          | Sept. 28 | Newton's Second and Third Laws                |
| 6                          | Oct. 5   | Conservation of Momentum in One Dimension     |
| 7                          | Oct. 12  | Work and the Work-Energy Theorem              |
| 8                          | Oct. 19  | Changes in Energy and Momentum                |
| 9                          | Oct. 26  | Rotational Motion                             |
| 10                         | Nov. 4   | Dynamics of Rigid Bodies                      |
| 11                         | Nov. 9   | Superposition and Reflection of Pulses        |
| 12                         | Nov. 16  | Reflection and Transmission                   |