

# Physics 253 - Section 1

## General Physics I Fall Semester 2001

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*Time:* MWF 9:00 - 9:50 AM – T 9:25 – 10:15 AM
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- Text:* Coletta - College Physics & Study Guide - Mosby  
*Chapters:* From Chapter 1 to Chapter 11, and tentatively also Chapter 15.
- Tests:* There will be five tests during the semester. Your lower test grade will be dropped, so only your four best tests are counted toward the final grade. There will be **no make-up tests** given; if you miss any one of the five tests, that will automatically be your dropped test. The tests are closed-book, but you may bring in a sheet of equations.
- Test Dates:* W 9/12, W 10/3, F 10/19, W 11/7, and W 11/28 (tentative dates).
- Final Exam:* Wednesday, Dec 12, 8:00 AM, Seaver 111.  
The final exam is cumulative and is equivalent to 2 tests.
- Homework:* Weekly homework assignments will be given. Problem sets will be collected, usually the following Monday or Tuesday, and will be partially graded. The graded problems will "influence" your overall grade. Solutions will be discussed in class, typically during the Tuesday lecture.
- Laboratory:* The laboratory is an integral part of this course. The experiments will complement the topics of the lectures. The laboratory will count for 16% of your final grade. **Missing 2 or more lab sessions will result in a failing grade for the course.** See lab schedule for detailed information.
- Grading:*
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| Laboratory | 16 % |
| Test 1     | 14 % |
| Test 2     | 14 % |
| Test 3     | 14 % |
| Test 4     | 14 % |
| Final Exam | 28 % |
- Test Grading (approx.):* <50%=F; 50-54%=D; 55-69%=C range; 70-84=B range; >84=A range.
- Have a good semester. Good luck !