

Physics 253 - Section 1

General Physics I Fall Semester 2003

- Room:* Seaver Hall 111
Time: MWF 9:00 - 9:50 AM – R 8:25 – 9:15 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:* F 9/12, W 10/1, W 10/22, M 11/10, and W 11/26 (tentative dates).
- Final Exam:* Wednesday, Dec 10, 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, and partially graded. Solutions will be discussed in class.
- Laboratory:* The laboratory is an integral part of this course. The experiments will complement the topics of the lectures. The laboratory will count for 15% 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 | 15 % |
| Homework | 5% |
| Test 1 | 13 % |
| Test 2 | 13 % |
| Test 3 | 13 % |
| Test 4 | 13 % |
| 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 !