

Physics 253 - Section 1

General Physics I Fall Semester 2004

- Room/Time:* Seaver Hall 101 – MWF 9:00 - 9:50 am
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- Text:* Coletta - College Physics & Study Guide – Mosby
This book is out of print. Please see Dr. Saleh (Seaver 104) to purchase copies of textbook and lab manual.
- Chapters:* From Chapter 1 to Chapter 11.
- 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 9/15, M 10/4, W 10/27, F 11/12, and M 11/29 (tentative dates).
- Final Exam:* TBA, Exam week Dec. 13-17.
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 % |] | Four best tests |
| Test 3 | 13 % |] | out of five (see above) |
| 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 !