

# Physics 1100 - Section 04

## Introduction to Mechanics Spring Semester 2024

- Room/Time:* Lectures: MW 3:40 - 4:55pm, Seaver 101 (in person)  
Lab Sections (starting **third week**): in person T 3:40 – 5:20pm, Seaver 114-117
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*Office hours:* MW 2:00 - 3:00pm  
Other times available by appointment (in person, or Zoom)
- Course Webpage:* <https://brightspace.lmu.edu/d2l/home/235315> (for all course materials)  
*Personal Webpage:* <http://gvarieschi.lmu.build>
- COVID-19 info:** According to the [latest LMU guidelines](#), **masks are recommended, but not required**. Please visit: <https://www.lmu.edu/together/resources/matrix/> for additional information regarding LMU policies.
- Textbook:* Ling, Moebs, and Sanny – University Physics, Vol 1 – Openstax  
**Free textbook available for download at:**  
<https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-1>
- Objectives and Topics:* From Chapter 1 to Chapter 13 (tentatively). Physics, measurement and units. Motion in one dimension: velocity and acceleration. Vectors and components. Projectile motion and circular motion. Newton’s laws and applications. Free body diagrams. Kinetic and potential energy: conservation of energy. Linear momentum and collisions. Rotational motion and angular variables. Static equilibrium. Newton’s law of universal gravitation. Laboratory experiments pertaining to mechanics. Calculus based course for engineers and scientists.
- Prerequisite or concurrent enrollment:* *Math 131 – Calculus I.*
- Learning Outcomes:* Understand the phenomenology of mechanics. Understand the concepts of kinematics: position, velocity, acceleration and the related use of vectors. Conceptually understand the idea of force and the three fundamental laws of mechanics. Be able to solve problems of increasing complexity involving different forces and master the technique of free body diagrams. Understand the theoretical framework of conservation principles (such as conservation of energy and linear momentum). Understand more advanced applications of rotational dynamics and statics. This course serves as a prerequisite for PHYS 2100.
- Tests:* There will be **three tests** during the semester. **The lowest score will be dropped, so only the two best test grades will count toward your final grade.** There will be **no make-up tests** given. **If you miss a test, it will be automatically considered as the dropped one.** Tests are closed-book, but you may bring in a sheet of equations.
- Test Dates:* TBA
- Final Exam:* **SECTION 04: Tuesday – April 30, 2:00pm**  
The final exam is cumulative.
- Homework:* Weekly homework will be assigned and partially graded. Solutions will be discussed in class and posted online.

*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 below for more information.

**DOWNLOAD LAB MATERIALS AT:**  
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*Grading:*

<b>Laboratory</b>	<b>15 %</b>
<b>Homework</b>	<b>10 %</b>
<b>Test 1</b>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>Test 2</b>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>35 %</b>

*Course Grading:* **0-50%=F; 50-55%=D; 55-60%=C-; 60-65%=C; 65-70%=C+; 70-75%=B-; 75-80%=B; 80-85%=B+; 85-90%=A-; 90-100%=A.**

*Academic Honesty:* Academic dishonesty will be treated as an extremely serious matter with severe consequences that can range from receiving no credit for assignments/tests, failing the class, to expulsion. It is never permissible to turn in any work that has not been authored by the student, such as work that has been copied from another student or copied from a source (including Internet) without properly acknowledging the source. It is your responsibility to make sure that your work meets the standard set forth in the "[Academic Honesty Policy](#)".

*Special Accommodations:* Students with special needs who require reasonable modifications, special assistance, or accommodations in this course should promptly direct their request to the Disability Support Services (DSS) Office. Any student who currently has a documented disability (ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Learning, Physical, or Psychiatric) needing academic accommodations should contact the DSS Office (Daum Hall 2nd floor, 310-338-4216) as early in the semester as possible. All discussions will remain confidential. Please visit <http://www.lmu.edu/dss> for additional information.

*Syllabus changes:* If necessary, this syllabus and its contents are subject to revision; students are responsible for any changes or modifications announced in class.

**Have a nice semester. Good luck!**

## PHYS 1100 - Laboratory Schedule Introduction to Mechanics, S2024

Lab Instructor	Section	Day	Time	Rooms
Dr. G. Varieschi	<u>04</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>3:40 – 5:20pm</u>	S114 S117

	<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Classes begin – No lab this week</i>
	<i>Jan 15</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>University Holiday – No lab this week</i>
1.	<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Motion</b>
2.	<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Free Fall</b>
3.	<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Projectile Motion</b>
4.	<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law</b>
5.	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law - 2 Bodies</b>
	<i>Feb 26 – Mar 1</i>	<i>M-F</i>	<i>No Classes – Spring Break</i>
6.	<b>Mar 5</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Friction</b>
	<i>Mar 12</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>No lab</i>
7.	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Conservation of energy</b>
	<i>Mar 26</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>No lab this week (Easter - Mar 27-29)</i>
	<i>Apr 1</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>No classes (Cesar Chavez Day)</i>
8.	<b>Apr 2</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Energy – Non-conservative forces</b>
9.	<b>Apr 9</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Momentum</b>
10.	<b>Apr 16</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Rotation</b>
	<i>Apr 29 – May 3</i>	<i>M-F</i>	<i>Final Examinations</i>

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