

Physics 1501A - Enriched Introductory Physics I - Fall 2024 course outline

This course will cover the same material as other first-year physics courses, but with an eye to how these simple principles apply to and define many fascinating phenomena in our Universe. We will explore questions like...

- How and why does NASA use the gravity of a planet to send its spacecraft efficiently on to their destinations?
- How can an octopus use physics to jet along at high speed without moving its arms?
- How much do we know about the nature of space and time?
- How does a car transmission work and why is it needed?
- What is energy, and why is our society so concerned about running out of it?

If these questions sound interesting, then this is the first-year physics course for you.

Calendar description: A calculus-based laboratory course for students intending to pursue further studies in science, particularly the physical sciences. Newton's laws, energy, linear momentum, rotations and angular momentum, gravitation and planetary motion.

Antirequisite(s): Physics 1021, 1028A/B, 1301A/B, 1401A/B, the former Physics 1020, 1024, 1026.

Prerequisite(s): Grade 12U Physics (SPH4U); Grade 12U Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U) or Mathematics 0110A/B.

Corequisite(s): Calculus 1000A/B or 1100A/B or 1500A/B or Applied Mathematics 1413.

Extra Information: 3 lecture hours, 3 laboratory/tutorial hours, 0.5 course.

Note: This course, together with Physics 1502A/B, is a suitable prerequisite for all modules in the Faculty of Science, for all modules offered by the basic medical science departments and for professional schools having a Physics requirement.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean's Designate (Department/Program Counsellors and Science Academic Advisors) to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

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You can reach me via e-mail at pwiegert@uwo.ca. When contacting me by e-mail, please use your UWO e-mail account. Other accounts (such as gmail and yahoo) are often tagged as spam and may not reach me.

Office Hours: Office hours are when the professor is in their office and happy to have you stop by to ask questions. My usual office hours will be announced on the OWL website. You are welcome to drop

by at the posted times. In held online, the zoom meeting will have a waiting room so you will not immediately connect if someone is already in the zoom meeting with me, but you will be admitted as soon as possible. If the usual office hours are not convenient, you can also send me e-mail if you would like to arrange an alternate meeting time.

Teaching Assistants: The TA(s) for this course, their contact info and their office hours will be posted on the course OWL web site.

Course Syllabus, Schedule, Delivery Mode:

Format: This course is expected to take place primarily in person; however, it may transition to an online format if required.

The online portion will be conducted primarily through Western's OWL Learning Management System. Students should check OWL Brightspace (<http://westernu.brightspace.com>) on a regular basis for news and updates. If students need assistance with OWL, they can seek support on the OWL Help page. Alternatively, they can contact the Western Technology Services Helpdesk. They can be contacted by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800.

Tutorials: Tutorial sessions are computer-based sessions where you will get to work through and experiment with physics computer simulations. Physics 1501A has tutorials hosted by the course's Teaching Assistants. They usually occur in the weeks between labs. You should bring a laptop to the tutorials if you can, but you can also work with a classmate on their computer. The tutorials will be held on Monday afternoons about every second week. The schedule is subject to change, but five tutorials are expected to take place. The tutorials are expected to take place in-person but may instead take place via zoom, should conditions require it. In tutorials, after some introductory material from the instructor or TAs, students will then break up into small groups to work on the tutorial worksheets together in real-time. You are expected to attend tutorials.

Laboratories: *In order to pass the course, you must pass the laboratory component!*

A laboratory orientation lecture will be posted on the OWL site by the first week of September. You must visit the course OWL site and familiarize yourself with the contents of this lecture before attending your first lab session. Labs are expected to be done in-person (except for the first Measurement lab, see more below) at this time but could transition to an online format.

The Physics 1501A laboratory timetable will be posted on the course OWL site. You must find your correct lab section, lab subsection, and the correct laboratory timetable before attending the first lab. Please attend the correct lab class on the correct date, as we do not give permission to attend lab classes outside your laboratory schedule. If you have difficulty following the timetable scheduled for your lab sub- section, please contact the laboratory coordinator at physlab1@uwo.ca

There are four labs to be completed. The first lab on Measurement, is to be done entirely online through the OWL website. There are also three in-person labs. These are tentatively scheduled for Monday Sep 23, Monday Oct 21 and Monday Nov 4. The due dates are usually one week later via online submission through Gradescope.

Other lab information: There are first year laboratory manual packages which need to be purchased from the Western bookstore. Information on how to purchase the Lab Manual will be posted on the course OWL website. Note that different first-year physics courses may have different Lab Manuals. Make sure you buy the correct laboratory package for Physics 1501 since it is not refundable.

Tests: The course will include two tests. Note that a makeup is not held for the tests: if you must miss a test due to a serious medical or other issue, the marks from the test will be transferred to the final exam.

Contingency plan for an in-person class pivoting to 100% online learning

In the event of an emergency that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, affected course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme may change; any changes will be communicated through the OWL website. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

Course materials:

Textbook: The required textbook is either the paper or online version of University Physics with Modern Physics, 15th edition, by H. D. Young and R. A. Freedman (Pearson) available from the Western Bookstore. Though either paper or electronic versions are acceptable, you also require access to the Mastering Physics website. The textbook and MasteringPhysics will be available from the Western bookstore as a single bundle: information on how to purchase the textbook and MasteringPhysics access will be posted on the course website.

MasteringPhysics: The textbook publisher provides a web-based instructional platform called MasteringPhysics which is required for this course. A portion of the class marks will come from performing Mastering Physics assignments. Access to MasteringPhysics will be included with your textbook if you buy it through the Western bookstore.

Students will need to set up an account on MasteringPhysics, and will need two pieces of information to do so: the course ID is wiegert80177 and their student identifier from their Western email. For example, if your email is jsmith22@uwo.ca then your student ID is jsmith22. If jsmith22 is unavailable, use jsmith22@uwo.ca. If neither is available, contact your instructor. Students should log into <https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/masteringphysics/> and create an account with their student ID and join the course ID above. Creating an account with an incorrect login ID may result in your grades not linking properly with the university grade book.

Zoom: At this time classes, tutorials and labs are expected to be in-person. However, if a change to online learning becomes necessary, participation in online activities will require a webcam/microphone

and a stable internet connection. If you anticipate any problems along these lines, please contact your professor. A link will be provided to any zoom events, which should be clicked on and the zoom app downloaded at the appropriate time. Students do not need to create a separate Zoom account.

Professionalism and netiquette: It is expected that students will display the same standard of behaviour in all online interactions as they would in the regular classroom. Video interactions will be done in respectful language, in a quiet environment, without the presence of non-class members in the background, in appropriate clothing, etc. Failure to abide with these requirements may result in the barring of the student from such interactions and the loss of any associated marks. For a refresher on netiquette see <https://www.rasmussen.edu/student-experience/college-life/netiquette-guidelines-every-online-student-needs-to-know/>

The integrity of the course and the privacy of its participants is expected to be preserved. It is illegal to distribute, share in any public domain, or sell any course materials without prior written consent of the instructor.

Gradescope: Written tutorial worksheets and lab write-ups in the course will be submitted via the gradescope.ca website. Students will receive an email when their accounts are set up with login information. The gradescope.ca website should be accessed directly from the OWL course website. Gradescope will accept scans, annotated PDFs or photos of handwritten assignment pages. These will be accessed by the TAs to grade, and marks and feedback will be returned to the student via Gradescope.

Calculators: Though no specific calculator brands or models are required for tests and exams in this course, Wi-Fi-enabled devices *cannot* be used (you cannot use your smartphone as a calculator)

Methods of Evaluation:

Grading:

Tests [2 x 12.5%]: 25%

MasteringPhysics [5 x 2%]: 10%

Tutorial worksheets [5 x 2%]: 10%

Laboratories [4 x 2.5%]: 10%

Final exam: 45%

Note: to pass this course, you must get a grade of at least 50% on the Laboratories component.

Please note: The Department of Physics and Astronomy may, in exceptional cases, adjust the final course marks to conform to Departmental policy. Final grades will be rounded to the nearest integer, and grades ending in 9 (eg. 69) are not automatically “bumped up” by 1 mark.

General information about missed coursework

Students must familiarize themselves with the *University Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs* posted on the Academic Calendar:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration_Sep24.pdf,

This policy does not apply to requests for Academic Consideration submitted for **attempted or completed work**, whether online or in person.

The policy also does not apply to students experiencing longer-term impacts on their academic responsibilities. These students should consult [Accessible Education](#).

For procedures on how to submit Academic Consideration requests, please see the information posted on the Office of the Registrar's webpage:

https://registrar.uwo.ca/academics/academic_considerations/

All requests for Academic Consideration must be made within 48 hours after the assessment date or submission deadline.

All Academic Consideration requests must include supporting documentation; however, recognizing that formal documentation may not be available in some extenuating circumstances, the policy allows students to make one Academic Consideration request **without supporting documentation** in this course. However, the following assessments are excluded from this, and therefore always require formal supporting documentation:

- Examinations scheduled during official examination periods (Defined by policy)

When a student *mistakenly* submits their one allowed Academic Consideration request **without supporting documentation** for the assessments listed above or those in the **Coursework with Assessment Flexibility** section below, the request cannot be recalled and reapplied. This privilege is forfeited.

Evaluation Scheme for Missed Assessments

Laboratories, MasteringPhysics assignments and tutorial worksheets that are not submitted by the deadline will be accepted late up to 48 hours after the due date without penalty. If students miss one of the two tests, the marks will be transferred to the final

When a student misses the Final Exam and their Academic Consideration has been granted, they will be allowed to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam). See the Academic Calendar for details (under [Special Examinations](#)), especially for those who miss multiple final exams within one examination period.

Essential Learning Requirements

Even when Academic Considerations are granted for missed coursework, the following are deemed essential to earn a passing grade.

- a minimum lab mark of 50%

If a student who misses too many labs due to illness to receive course credit, they may be given an opportunity to complete those labs after they recover. However, for logistical reasons, that opportunity will be with the next offering of the course, in which case the student will receive a grade of Incomplete (INC) and their maximum course load may be reduced during the term in which they complete their course requirements.

Coursework with Assessment Flexibility

By policy, instructors may deny Academic Consideration requests for the following assessments with built-in flexibility:

Flexible Completion

Tests. This course has 2 tests. Should extenuating circumstances arise, students do not need to request Academic Consideration for missing a test: the marks in all cases will be moved to the Final Exam.

Deadline with a No-Late-Penalty Period

Assignments. Students are expected to submit each of the laboratory, tutorial and MasteringPhysics assignments by the deadline listed. Should extenuating circumstances arise, students do not need to request Academic Consideration and they are permitted to submit their assignment up to 48 hours past the deadline without a late penalty. Assignments will not be accepted more than 48 hours past the deadline. Academic Consideration requests may be granted only for extenuating circumstances that started before the deadline and lasted longer than the No-Late-Penalty Period (48 or 72 hours).

Accommodation and Accessibility:

Religious Accommodation

When conflicts with a religious holiday that requires an absence from the University or prohibits certain activities, students should request an accommodation for their absence in writing to the course instructor and/or the Academic Advising office of their Faculty of Registration. This notice should be made as early as possible but not later than two weeks prior to the writing or the examination (or one week prior to the writing of the test).

Please visit the Diversity Calendars posted on our university's EDID website for the recognized religious holidays:

<https://www.edi.uwo.ca>.

Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Accessible Education, which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The policy on Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities can be found at:

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic Accommodation_disabilities.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Accommodation_disabilities.pdf).

Academic Policies

The website for Registrar Services is <https://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>.

In accordance with policy,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies_procedures/section1/mapp113.pdf,

the centrally administered e-mail account provided to students will be considered the individual's official university e-mail address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at their official university address is attended to in a timely manner.

During tests and examinations, only calculators and no other electronic devices may be used. Calculators may be of any type that is not wifi-enabled: smartphones may not be used.

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Support Services

Please visit the Science & Basic Medical Sciences Academic Advising webpage for information on adding/dropping courses, academic considerations for absences, appeals, exam conflicts, and many other academic-related matters: <https://www.uwo.ca/sci/counselling/>.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<https://uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Western is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence and providing compassionate support to anyone who has gone through these traumatic events. If you have experienced sexual or gender-based violence (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at https://www.uwo.ca/health/student_support/survivor_support/get-help.html.

To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca.

Please contact the course instructor if you require lecture or printed material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Accessible Education at http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/accessible_education/index.html if you have any questions regarding accommodations.

Learning-skills counsellors at Learning Development and Success (<https://learning.uwo.ca>) are ready to help you improve your learning skills. They offer presentations on strategies for improving time management, multiple-choice exam preparation/writing, textbook reading, and more. Individual support is offered throughout the Fall/Winter terms in the drop-in Learning Help Centre, and year-round through individual counselling.

Western University is committed to a thriving campus as we deliver our courses in the mixed model of both virtual and face-to-face formats. We encourage you to check out the Digital Student Experience website to manage your academics and well-being: <https://www.uwo.ca/se/digital/>.

Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC, <https://westernusc.ca/services/>.

This course is supported by the Science Student Donation Fund. If you are a student registered in the Faculty of Science or Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, you pay the Science Student Donation Fee. This fee contributes to the Science Student Donation Fund, which is administered by the Science Students' Council (SSC). One or more grants from the Fund have allowed for the purchase of equipment integral to teaching this course. You may opt out of the Fee by the end of September of each academic year by completing the online form linked from the Faculty of Science's Academic Advising site. For further information on the process of awarding grants from the Fund or how these grants have benefitted undergraduate education in this course, consult the Chair of the Department or email the Science Students' Council at ssc@uwo.ca.

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