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**PHYSICS 3210 –CLASSICAL MECHANICS I**  
**Syllabus Fall 2022**

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**Office Hours: MF 1:50-2:50 pm or by appointment**

**Class time: MWF 1:00-1:50 pm**

**Class location: Physics Room 112**

**Recitation: W 2:00-2:50 pm**

Textbooks

**Required:** *Classical Mechanics*, by John R. Taylor, University Science Books, Mills Valley, CA 2005, ISBN-13: 978-1891389221

**Recommended:** *Analytical Mechanics*, by Fowles and Cassiday (7th edition, Thomson Brooks/Cole, 2005), ISBN 0-534-49492-7.

*Introduction to Classical Mechanics: With Problems and Solutions*, by David Morin (1<sup>st</sup> edition, Cambridge University Press, 2008), ISBN-13: 978-0521876223.

Prerequisites: Physics 2220. Math required: 1720 (Calculus II).

Content: This course will cover the motion of a particle in one, two, and three dimensions, conservation laws, mechanical oscillations, Lagrange's equations, central forces, non-inertial reference frames, and rotation of rigid bodies.

Objective To gain appropriate proficiency in the mathematical tools and in the physical formulations necessary to address important problems that arise in classical mechanics.

Homework Assignments will be given each week. Please feel free to discuss and work together with others on these problems if you wish. What is important is that you make a good faith effort on each problem set and that you eventually understand how to do the problems and submit your own work. The problem sets will be collected each week and graded simply pass/not pass. Exams will be largely based on the homework problems assigned.

Office Hours My office is on the third floor of the physics building (room 324), phone number is 565-3874, email is [shiner@unt.edu](mailto:shiner@unt.edu). Office hours are MW 9:50 - 10:50 am or by appointment.

Grading If you pass every homework assignment, your low exam score will be dropped. Scores for homework (1 = Pass, 0 = Not Pass), quizzes, and exams will be posted on Canvas. TA's: Khadijah Alnasser [KhadijahAlnasser@my.unt.edu](mailto:KhadijahAlnasser@my.unt.edu) and Chris Thomas (for September) [Christopher.Thomas3@my.unt.edu](mailto:Christopher.Thomas3@my.unt.edu) or [pokerbrat2k7@gmail.com](mailto:pokerbrat2k7@gmail.com)

Course Grade Exams: 60% (No makeup exams) Quizzes: 10% Final Exam: 30%

Final Thought: *We want to create a welcoming classroom for all. If you ever feel like this is not the case, please stop by my office and let's figure out how things could be improved.*

**You are responsible for modifications to this syllabus and any other information presented in class.**

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Drop information is available in the schedule of classes at: <http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/schedule/scheduleclass.html>

*The Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you on-line at the end of the semester and will provide you with an opportunity to provide feedback to your course instructor. SPOT is considered to be an important part of your participation in this class.*

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Date	Day	Subject (Chapter)	Assignment			Due
Aug. 29	M	Ch. 1: Newton's Laws of Motion	Ch. 1: 1, 4, 10, 19, 26, 29, 30, 38, 41, 46			
31	W	"				
Sept. 2	F	"				
5	M	Labor Day				
7	W	Ch. 2: Projectiles and	Ch. 2: 4, 5, 8, 19, 20 (qualitative only)			Ch. 1 due.
9	F	Charged Particles	26, 29, 41			
12	M	Ch. 3: Momentum and	Ch. 3: 3, 4, 7, 11, 15, 21, 25, 33, 36			Ch. 2 due.
14	W	Angular Momentum				
16	F	"				
19	M	Ch. 4: Energy	Ch. 4: 2, 7, 11, 12, 23, 26, 28, 36, 43			Ch. 3 due.
21	W	"	47, 49, 53			
23	F	"				
26	M	"				Ch. 4 due.
28	W	<b>EXAM 1: Chapters 1-4.</b>				
30	F	Ch. 5: Oscillations	Ch. 5: 2, 8, 14, 16, 22, 26, 44			
Oct 3	M	"	50 (no plots required), 51			
5	W	"				Ch. 5 due.
7	F	Ch. 6: Calculus of Variations	Ch. 6: 1, 7, 11, 16			
10	M	"				
12	W	"				Ch. 6 due.
14	F	Ch. 7: Lagrange's Equations	Ch. 7: 4, 8, 16, 20, 21, 23, 27, 29, 50			
17	M	"				
19	W	"				Ch. 7 due.
21	F	Ch. 8: Two-body	Ch. 8: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 12, 16, 28, 32			
24	M	Central-Force Problems				
26	W	"				
28	F	"				
31	M	"				Ch. 8 due.
Nov. 2	W	<b>EXAM 2: Chapters 5-8.</b>				
4	F	Ch. 9: Mechanics in	Ch. 9: 2, 4, 8, 13, 14, 17, 29			
7	M	Non-Inertial Frames				
9	W	"				
11	F	Ch. 10: Rotational Motion	Ch. 10: 4, 5, 9, 16, 35, 39, 40, 42			Ch. 9 due.
14	M	of Rigid Bodies				
16	W	"				
18	F	Ch. 11: Coupled Oscillators	Ch. 11: 1, 3, 19, 24, 33			
21	M	and Normal Modes				Ch. 10 due.
23	W	Thanksgiving				
25	F	Thanksgiving				
28	M	Ch. 16: Continuum Mechanics	Ch. 16: 2, 3, 20, 26, 31, Canvas P1,			Ch. 11 due.
30	W	"	Canvas P2			
Dec. 2	F	"				
5	M	"				Ch. 12 due.
Dec. 7	W	<b>EXAM 3: Chapters 9-11, 16.</b>				
9	F	Reading Day, No class				

**Comprehensive Final Exam: Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**