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PHYSICS 3210 –CLASSICAL MECHANICS I
Syllabus Fall 2023

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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 (1st 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 submitted on Canvas 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. Office hours are MW 9:00 - 10:00 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: Chris Thomas Christopher.Thomas3@my.unt.edu or pokerbrat2k7@gmail.com

Course Grade: Exams: 60% (No makeup exams) Quizzes: 10% Discussion: 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

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

Comprehensive Final Exam: Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.