Syllabus for  
Physics 221 Recitation and Laboratory - Section 015

Time:  Day - Thursday  
Recitation: 2:30p.m.-3:20p.m.  Laboratory: 3:35p.m.-5:30p.m.  
Room: 608 Nielsen Physics     508 Nielsen Physics

Instructor: Joel Mazer  
Email: jmazer@utk.edu  
Office Hours: TBA or by appointment (please contact me at least 2 days in advance and let me know of your availabilities)  
I will also be in the Tutoring center (Nielsen 201) on Friday 11:05a.m. – 12:15p.m.  
office - Nielsen 609 - Carrel#13

Book/materials needed:  

Attendance:  
It is expected that you attend every recitation and lab period. Keep in mind it will only help to be there and it also counts for a small portion of your grade. Perfect attendance will be rewarded with 2% points onto your overall grade. If you can't make it because of an emergency, email me as early as possible.

Purpose of the Lab:  
The purpose of this laboratory is to provide you with some direct experience with the concepts that you will learn in the lecture portions of this course. In addition, you will be exposed to the techniques that are used to obtain and analyze the experimental data, which are used to construct and/or test physical theories.

Recitation Assignment:  
There will be a 50min long recitation period before every lab. The majority of time will be spent on specific questions if there are any and reviewing material from class; otherwise, I will work on some problems of interest related to the course material and/or to your assignments, in particular homework. Please, if possible email me in advance any questions that you would like to go over in class.

Laboratory Assignment:  
You are expected to read the experiment before coming to the lab session. We will spend a few minutes talking about the current weeks lab. You will work in pairs while performing experiments and both partners will collaborate in filling out the data sheet. At the end of the lab, the data sheets can be printed out and attached to the reports that must be written individually. Lab reports should be typed if possible, but are not required as long as they are completely legible and neat.

Grading:  
Attendance: 15%  
Homework: 40%  
Lab Reports: 45%

Labs can't be made up, but I will drop your lowest lab, homework, and single attendance miss at the end of the semester. Any additional unexcused lab will result in a zero. If lab/recitation is missed the
Homework:
There will be 11 total homework assignments throughout the semester.

The Lab REPORT
Your lab write-ups are to be turned in at the beginning of the following lab session. Make sure each section is labeled. Each lab will be out of 100 total points with the section and point breakdowns given below.

a) Title page (5 points): (1) name of the experiment, (2) your name, (3) your partner's name, (4) course name and section, (5) the date the experiment is performed.

b) Objective(s) (10 points): Give a sentence or two describing the goal of the experiment (see the lab manual). This is to help show you understand the reason for this particular experiment. What law or idea is trying to be proved?

c) Theory (15 points): In brief describe the theory behind the experiment. This will generally take a solid paragraph or two. Incorporating the FORMULAS related to this material and listing the units. Or a different approach with the equations can also be listed below the paragraphs (this can be written in by hand). This will help you with associating them.

d) Tables and Graphs (40 points): (this will be what I initial in class)
   1. Data tables: The original data sheets. Don't forget labels, units, and uncertainties (if needed)! *Remember I have to initial your raw data before you leave.

   2. Graphs: should include a title (remember Y-axis vs. X-axis theme), and axis labels with appropriate units. If straight line fitting is performed on the data, remember to record the slope and intercept and list it in the plot. Make sure to add/draw in the regression line determined from the slope and intercept.

e) Calculations, including Error analysis (when applicable) (5 points): Whenever possible calculations should be done in the lab. Include in your calculations the units associated with any variable. If you do the calculations with the spreadsheet, remember to put labels, uncertainties if relevant, and units on any values and state in the report how they were calculated.

f) Conclusions (15 points): This should include a brief discussion of the main findings. For example: "We found that there is a linear relationship between the measured variable x … and … This can be seen from the graph and is predicted by the theory. This shows… " Also state whether your results agree with expectations to within the uncertainties of the measurements. If you don't feel your experiment was successful, explain why this may be the case. DISCUSS the main sources of error and problems that were run into. DO NOT say "HUMAN ERROR", justify the sources.

g) Questions (10 points): Answer all questions posed in the lab manual unless I tell you otherwise. This should include the minor questions asked throughout the procedure steps which
I will make sure to emphasize so they aren't missed.

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**Checking Out:** If you finish early, begin preparing your lab report. In some cases, you may be able to finish it in class. Clean up your area, leaving it as you found it, unless specified otherwise. If something broke during your experiment, report it to me so a replacement can be found.

**Students with Disabilities:** Students with disabilities should contact me as soon as possible in order to make necessary accommodations.

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**Classroom Policies:**
Please respect your fellow students and please respect me. Do not come to class late. Do not talk when I am instructing. Turn off your cell phones ringers, beepers, and MP3 players and pay attention. I’m here to help you.

**Honor Statement:** An essential feature of the University of Tennessee is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. By enrollment in this class, you pledge that you will neither knowingly give, nor receive, any inappropriate assistance in academic work in P221, thus affirming your own personal commitment to honor and integrity (*Hilltopics*, 2003).

**Course Schedule:**
The schedule of experiments can be found online at:
http://www.phys.utk.edu/labs/Fall%202011%20P221%20Schedule.pdf

If this schedule changes, I will notify you by e-mail.