



## University Physics 1 – Calculus Based

Fall 2020

This course is intended for students of science or engineering. It is equivalent to Physics 201 at the University of Wisconsin. This semester Physics will be all online, including 3 days per week of "lecture" (provided by video), several labs that are done online, and online assessments (homework, quizzes and exams).

### Instructor

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### General Course Information

Course #: PHYSICS 20806223  
Section #: 32345 and 32346  
Instruction Mode: Online ([information about instruction mode](#))  
Credits: 5  
course web page: [madisoncollegephysics.net/223](http://madisoncollegephysics.net/223)



### What you will learn in this Course

This course is the first semester of a standard one-year introductory calculus-based Physics course. The content covered will include the kinematics and dynamics of moving bodies, oscillations and wave mechanics.

## **Course Format Information**

### **Textbook & Supplies Required**

- [Openstax University Physics](#). This is an open text, free to download and read online. We will cover the entirety of Volume 1.
- Computer capabilities required
  - network connection and compatible browser
    - please visit the [Madison College Browser Check](#)
  - Course Blackboard access
- Registration at [Mastering Physics](#), an online homework website.
- Calculator – should have at least the basic trigonometric functions

### **Communication Plan for Faculty and Students**

Check the Announcements on our course web page for class information.

I may be reached by email at [ampaulson@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:ampaulson@madisoncollege.edu). I will make every attempt to reply to your email within 24 hours on weekdays. I occasionally check email on the weekends. Your email is important to me but I get a great deal of email. To insure that I respond to your email within one workday please follow these protocols:

- Put the course name (Physics 1), your name, and your topic in the subject line. For example: Physics 1, Sam Smith, midterm question
- Sign your email with your first and last name

A primary mode of communication in this course will be email. It is your responsibility to check your email regularly for messages. At the beginning of the semester, check to be sure Blackboard emails are not collecting in your junk email folder. If this does happen, open the email and select the option to mark the sender as approved/safe.

Use your Madison College email account for all school correspondence as other accounts (Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.) often go directly to junk email in the College mail system.

### **Computer Use**

Computer or Internet problems are not an excuse for non-participation. Please have a back-up plan, and save your work on an external drive. Should Blackboard go down, email any assignments directly to your instructor to meet deadlines. Computer and technology help can be found at [Academic Support](#).

Students must exhibit proper online etiquette. Please visit [Netiquette](#) for more.

## Academic Integrity

As a Madison College student, it is important that you:

- Become familiar with the rules and consequences of academic misconduct.
- Approach your instructor if you are not sure what behaviors constitute academic misconduct (citing information from the web, for example).
- Inform your instructor if you believe you have witnessed an incident of academic misconduct. You may report your observations without fear of retaliation.
- Know that helping someone else cheat is a violation of the rules and may result in misconduct charges.

**Plagiarism** is when you seek to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation. For more information, see [Citing Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism](#). Any assignments or assessments that exhibit plagiarism or other forms of cheating will receive a grade of zero.

## Class Elements

Weekly course work consists of

- **Reading assignments**. There will be a short reading quiz posted every week. The quiz will cover the previous week's reading.
- **Labs** will be entirely online. There will be about one every other week.
- **Homework assignments**. Homework assignments (except for HW0) are submitted through Mastering Physics. The grades there will be used to update the grades on Blackboard.
- Weekly post in the course **Discussion Forum** on Blackboard. You are encouraged to participate by asking questions, answering questions, and participating in class activities and discussions.
- Every week there will be an online **video conference** for answering questions and working through problems.

Exams

- There will be two **Midterm Exams**. These will be posted on Blackboard and you will be given one week to complete and submit it. See the course schedule for when these will be given.
- There will be one **Final Exam**. This exam will be administered identically to the midterm exams.

## Preparation Expectations for Students

Students should expect to spend 5-10 hours on coursework per week. This may increase on days before an exam. Try not to spend more than a half-hour on a given homework problem if you are not getting it. If you are having trouble starting a problem, raise your question in class.

## Late Assignment and Make-up Policies

Assignments are due on the date specified in the homework system (Mastering Physics). If you need more time to complete an assignment, please make this request by email and include the date by which you will finish it.

## Equity and Inclusion

This class will be a safe and affirming learning space for all students, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, citizen status, gender, sex, sexual orientation, parental status, religion, ability, or socioeconomic status. As an instructor, I pledge to respect all students based upon these factors, including the use of preferred names and pronouns, and encourage open communication. Students are welcome and encouraged to share any/all viewpoints relevant to course material, and respectful, relevant debate is encouraged, provided all materials for the day can still be covered.

## Evaluation and Assessment

- Quizzes: Most weeks there will be a short quiz with questions from the reading.
- Discussion forum participation is required on Blackboard.
- Homework: One homework assignment per chapter will be posted to complete on-line.
- Labs: about one every other week.
- Exams: There will be three take-home midterm exams and a take-home final exam.

| <i>Grading Criteria</i> | <i>Weight</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Reading Quizzes         | 5%            |
| Discussions             | 5%            |
| Homework Assignments    | 30%           |
| Labs                    | 15%           |
| Midterm Exams (2)       | 15%           |
| Final Exam              | 15%           |

## Grading Calculations

Final grades at Madison College are recorded as follows:

| Grade | A      | AB    | B     | BC    | C     | D     |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Score | 92-100 | 89-91 | 82-88 | 79-81 | 70-78 | 60-69 |

## Syllabus Changes

In the event that I modify the syllabus or schedule, I will provide reasonable notice to you. Look for an announcement in class and on the course web page.

## Additional Resources

## Students with Disabilities (ADA Statement)

Madison College welcomes students with disabilities into the College's educational programs. Every Madison College campus has Disability Resource Services available for students with disabilities. The Disability Resource Services website provides specific information related to accommodations for disability-related barriers. For further information, please visit [madisoncollege.edu/disability-resource-services](https://madisoncollege.edu/disability-resource-services), call 608-246-6716 (Students who are deaf should use relay) or email [DRSttransition@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:DRSttransition@madisoncollege.edu).

In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations for your disability, you must contact the Disability Resource Services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled. If approved for accommodations, Disability Resource Services will provide you with an accommodation plan.

Please share your accommodation plan with me and discuss your approved accommodations as early in my class as possible. If you feel your accommodation needs are not being met, please inform me or Disability Resource Services as soon as possible.

## College Resources

- Student Support Services <https://madisoncollege.edu/student-support>
- College Policies <https://madisoncollege.edu/policies-guidelines>
- College Resources <https://madisoncollege.edu/campus-resources>
- [Academic Support](#) including library spaces, computer and technology help, and Student Achievement Centers (with tutoring)
- [Student Support Services](#) including advising, counseling, financial literacy, etc
- [Disability Resource Services](#)
- [Academic Advising](#), [Fitness Center](#), [Health Clinic](#), [Madison College Shuttle Services](#)
- Health & Safety information: <https://madisoncollege.edu/covid>

## Technology Access and Assistance

You can borrow [laptop computers and wi-fi hot spots](#) for the semester, at no cost. Microsoft and antivirus software will be pre-loaded, and technology training and assistance is available for all currently registered students. Complete your [equipment loan request online](#) or call the Help Desk at 608-243-4444.

## Infectious Disease Reduction Efforts

COVID-19 and other infectious diseases are active in our local communities. While Madison College cannot guarantee that our campus is free of infectious disease, with everyone working together we can reduce the risk of transmission of these diseases within our community.

Madison College's COVID information is available at [madisoncollege.edu/covid](https://madisoncollege.edu/covid).

We have adopted rules that are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of these diseases and viruses on campus. The rules are based on guidance and recommendations from state and local health experts and authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control, and more. We expect that all students, staff and faculty will become familiar with the rules and comply with them as part of an overall effort to make our campus as safe as possible. We take the safety of our students, staff and faculty seriously.

Failure to comply with the rules may lead to disciplinary action up to and including exclusion from campus. Questions about the rules should be directed to Geraldo VilaCruz PhD., Dean of Students, 608-243-4555 / [deanofstudents@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@madisoncollege.edu) (students and guests) OR [employeerelations@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:employeerelations@madisoncollege.edu).

Madison College understands that while it is required that all individuals on campus wear a mask/facial covering, not all individuals are able to do so. Madison College will provide accommodations, whenever possible, to meet the needs of these individuals. These individuals should be referred to Disability Resource Services (DRS) for further assistance: (608) 246-6716 or email [drstransition@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:drstransition@madisoncollege.edu)

## Madison College is a Safe Space for All

Madison College is committed to providing a safe space for all students, employees and staff. Negative attitudes and fear during the COVID-19 pandemic can lead to [discrimination against people and communities](#). Prejudiced behavior violates our values and our policies and should be reported. If you experience or observe harassment or discrimination, Madison College's [Harassment and Discrimination Policy](#) outlines the procedure for filing a complaint. Madison College does not tolerate discrimination of any type. We strive to provide an educational environment free from harassment.

## Course Calendar

Please see the course web page for the calendar.