

Tentative Syllabus for Physics 321: Fall 2008

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Office Hours

I will schedule several office hour blocks. I will be very close to my office during these times. Otherwise, I will usually be close to my office. If you want to find me outside of office hours, make an appointment so that you will be sure to find me. My schedule is located on the physics home page which you may review to determine office hours.

Grading

As a general guide to grades, grades will be assigned as follows:

100-90]	(90-80]	(80-70]	(70-60]	<(60
A	B	C	D	F

You are required in this course to spend 1 hour minimum in research time for each credit hour of the course per week. Electronically pledged weekly progress reports will count for 56 % of your grade. Evidence of significant laboratory effort directed towards completion of the agreed-upon project will count for 20% of your grade. You will want to keep a record documenting this laboratory effort as the course progresses. You will also be required periodically to provide me with oral progress reports which will count for 10% of your grade. At the conclusion of this course, a presentation of results in oral and written format will be required for 15% of your grade.

Weekly progress reports: 14 total (each report is worth 4 points)

Significant laboratory effort: 20 points total

Oral progress reports (about 5 total): 10 points total

Final report and presentation: 14%

Course Objectives and Prerequisites

Directed study on an individual basis covering topics from advanced physics. Prerequisite: PHY 210/240, PHY 220/250 and permission of the instructor. Course may be repeated for up to 3 credits.

The [Lyon College Student handbook](#) states:

1. Students may be administratively dismissed from a class when they have failed to attend that class for the equivalent of three (3) weeks without being excused.
 - a. Students will be warned by the Dean of the Faculty that they are in jeopardy of dismissal from a class after the equivalent of one and two weeks of absences.
 - b. The student must return to the class (or make satisfactory arrangements with his/her faculty member) or the dismissal will take place after the equivalent of a third week of absence.

Academic Honesty

In particular in this independent study, you are particularly responsible for integrity in your literature research, your presentation and additionally you are responsible for accuracy and correctness of your results. Fudged results are unacceptable, unnecessary and may be a violation of the Lyon College Honor Code.

All graded work in this class is to be pledged in accordance with the [Lyon College Honor Code](#).

Students seeking reasonable accommodations based on documented learning disabilities must contact the Office of Academic Services at 307-7332.