

Laboratory for Introductory Physics for Life Sciences (I)
PHY 123 Fall 2015

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About

This is the organizational page for the Physics Introductory Labs PHY 123 for Fall 2015.

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Scope

The scope of the introductory labs is to give an understanding of basic experimental methods applied in physical sciences. The experiments performed during the lab sessions are closely related to the topics covered in the lecture.

Overview

You will perform each week an experiment as indicated in the Calendar section. You have 1 hr 50 min time to perform each experiment. This time includes finalizing your report for the session that you will have to submit to your teaching assistant at the end of the session.

Your performance in the lab session will be evaluated by your teaching assistant. The evaluation is based on an interview that will be conducted in form of a quiz at the beginning of the session and your performance during the experiment that includes a final report to be submitted at the end of the session.

The interview will determine how well you are prepared for that particular experiment which is very important for the successful accomplishment of the experiment. The interview will count 20% toward your grade on the particular lab experiment.

Your performance/report will count 80% toward your grade on the particular lab experiment.

You are required to perform each lab experiment by yourself, mostly together with a lab partner.
If you need to be absent for a lab experiment you will have to provide written documentation for a significant
reason to be absent, e.g., a medical note from your doctor, a written document about jury duty, and similar. You will then have the opportunity to make up the lab experiment in the dedicated make-up week. If you are absent for a non-excusable reason your lab grade for that particular experiment will be Zero (0) points!

Calendar

The first lab sessions will take place in the week starting from **Monday, August 31**.

For grading policy and methods please refer to:

[Prof. Hobbs PHY 121/123 web page](#)

The sequence of Labs in PHY 123 is the following:

- **Lab 0:** DO IT YOURSELF: Read and understand [*Uncertainty, Error & Graphs*]

- **Lab 1:** August 31 - September 3, 2015 [*Acceleration*]

- **Holiday week (Labor Day), NO LAB:** September 7 - 10, 2015

- **Lab 2:** September 14 - 17, 2015 *The Atwood Machine*

- **Lab 3:** September 21 - 24, 2015 [*Projectile Motion*]

- **Lab 4:** September 28 - October 1, 2015 [*Conversation of Energy*]

- **Midterm Exam week, NO LAB:** October 5 - 8, 2015 *Make-up labs 1 - 4.*

- **Lab 5:** October 12 - 15, 2015 [*Conservation of Momentum*]

- **Lab 6:** October 19 - 22, 2015 [*Angular Momentum*]
Midterm Exam week, NO LAB: November 2 - 5, 2015 Make-up labs 5 - 7.

Lab 8: November 9 - 12, 2015 Standing Waves

Lab 9: November 16 - 19, 2015 Mechanical Equivalent of Heat

Holiday week (Thanksgiving), NO LAB: November 23-26, 2015

November 30 - December 3, 2015: Make-up labs 8 - 9.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE & TEACHING ASSISTANTS:

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Reporting Problems

Please report any problem to either, your corresponding lab instructor, Professor Deshpande, or Professor

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