

Course Overview and Policies Page

This page contains information about course logistics and policies, broken down by topic area.

Basic Course Communication Information

This section tells you how to contact the course instructor, grader, and gives an overview of how communication will happen and in what time frame.

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| Instructor: Prof. Darin Acosta | Grader: Lintao Tan |
| Office Location: 2035 NPB | |
| Email: Canvas email , or acostad@ufl.edu | ltan@ufl.edu |
| Phone: (352) 846-3144 | |
| Preferred form of Contact: Canvas email | email |
| Office Hours: W, F 11:30am-12:30 (period 5, after class), same as the course lecture Zoom link Appointments will be via this Zoom link | n/a |

Course schedule at a glance: [Lecture and Reading Schedule](#)

Statement on Graders's Role: The assigned grader will grade the homework assignments for this course, and any other content the professor needs help with. You should contact the grader if you have any questions on those graded assignments.

Communications: The instructor will communicate important announcements to the class using Canvas Announcements. As mentioned above, preferred email contact to me is via Canvas announcements, with my UFL email a second option. *Your email must come from your UFL email address or from within Canvas, otherwise it will be ignored.* Don't expect replies outside of normal business hours.

Class Comportment: Students are expected to demonstrate good "netiquette," treating other students and instructors in Zoom sessions, discussion boards, etc. with civility and propriety. This includes also maintaining appropriate behavior in Zoom sessions, both orally and visually. Students unable to do so will be disconnected from session.

Required and Recommended Materials for this Course

This section overviews the materials you will need to complete the assigned work in the course.

- Required Reading and Other Course Materials: The required text is **Modern Physics**, fourth edition, by Kenneth Krane, published by Wiley (2019), ISBN 978-1-119-49546-8. Available through the **UF All Access program** (about \$30-\$40 for the E-book rental). Further details here: [UFAccessInstructionsGeneral.pdf](#) . Also, the **prerecorded lecture videos** provided by the instructor through the Canvas portal are required to be viewed.
- Recommended Reading and Other Course Materials: Lecture notes provided by the instructor through the Canvas portal.
- Required Technology: A computer or other device able to run the Zoom video conference tool and play lecture videos uploaded to Mediasite, a microphone and webcam attached to the computer or device for course participation and for the Honorlock exam proctoring tool, a PDF scanning app(*) on one of your devices able to convert images of your homework (if written by hand on paper) or other exam and quiz material into a single PDF file per assignment for uploading to Canvas, and a high-speed internet connection.
- Materials and Supplies Fee: n/a.

(*) Some useful scanning apps include Dropbox, CamScanner, Tiny Scanner. Also check the Notes app on your device, which may be able to scan to PDF.

Area 3: Grading Policies and Grade Scale

Grading in this course takes place within the following parameters.

- Your course grade will be computed from a mix of during-term exams, a final exam, weekly homework assignments, in-class quizzes, and participation quizzes. A few extra credit points also may be offered (for example the syllabus quiz).
- The grading scale shown below is fixed and will not be curved.
- Grading in this class is consistent with UF policies available at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>
- Assignment Values: Point values/percentages for each assignment and further details are explained in this page: [List of Graded Work](#)
- Policy on Late and Make-up Work: As further explained in the [List of Graded Work](#) page, requests for exam and quiz makeups must adhere to UF's policies [here](#), and must be done asap after missing those assignments and no later than stated. For homework, quizzes, and participation there are drop policies in place as well for other reasons of missing assignments: lowest homework, lowest quiz, and 10% of participation points are dropped.
- Grade Return Timing: We aim to return grades for assignments in a timely manner of within about a week, in some cases much faster for certain online assignments.

- Point Range for this Class:
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| Letter Grade | Range: | |
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| A | 100 % | to 90.0% |
| A- | < 90.0 % | to 85.0% |
| B+ | < 85.0 % | to 80.0% |
| B | < 80.0 % | to 75.0% |
| B- | < 75.0 % | to 70.0% |
| C+ | < 70.0 % | to 65.0% |
| C | < 65.0 % | to 60.0% |
| C- | < 60.0 % | to 55.0% |
| D+ | < 55.0 % | to 50.0% |
| D | < 50.0 % | to 45.0% |
| D- | < 45.0 % | to 40.0% |
| E | < 40.0 % | to 0.0% |

Area 4: UF Policies Shaping This Course

This course is aligned with the UF policies below.

- Contact Hours: "Contact Hours" refers to the hours per week in which students are in contact with the instructor, excluding office hours or other voluntary contact. The number of contact hours in this course equals the number of credits the course offers.
- Workload: As a Carnegie I, research-intensive university, UF is required by federal law to assign at least 2 hours of work outside of class for every contact hour. Work done in

these hours may include reading/viewing assigned material and doing explicitly assigned individual or group work, as well as reviewing notes from class, synthesizing information in advance of exams or papers, and other self-determined study tasks.

- Accommodation for Student with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. This class supports the needs of different learners; it is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs as early as possible in the semester.
- Statement Regarding Evaluations: Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available from [the Gatorevals website](#). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via [the evaluation system](#). Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at the [public results website](#).
- Statement Regarding Course Recording: Our class sessions may be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back to and for use of enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate verbally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited. *i.e. you are not permitted to make recordings of the lectures, exams, quizzes, homework assignments, etc. nor post or otherwise distribute them.*

Area 5: Additional Course Policies and Information

The following are additional policies that shape my approach to teaching.

- Attendance is mandatory for this synchronous online course, and will be encouraged through daily quizzes and participation activities. As a flipped classroom, we expect to use most of our class time for discussion and activities to reinforce concepts, reviewing concepts, and doing examples.
- Graded work will be turned in through Canvas assignments, and in some cases like homework will require scanning your written problem-solving notes, or otherwise converting any electronic notes, into a single PDF file per assignment for uploading.
- *UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required*

or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

- The penalty for an honor code infraction includes failure for the assignment in question, and may extend to failure of the course depending on the severity of the infraction.

Additional UF Policies and Resources

University Police

[The UF police are together for a safe campus. 392-1111 \(or 9-1-1 for emergencies\)
http://www.police.ufl.edu/.](http://www.police.ufl.edu/)

Career Connections Center

[Career Connections Center](mailto:CareerCenterMarketing@ufsa.ufl.edu) (352-392-1601 | CareerCenterMarketing@ufsa.ufl.edu) connects job seekers with employers and offers guidance to enrich your collegiate experience and prepare you for life after graduation.

Counseling and Wellness Center

[Counseling and Wellness Center](#) (352-392-1575) provides counseling and support as well as crisis and wellness services including a [variety of workshops](#) throughout the semester (e.g., Yappy Hour, Relaxation and Resilience).

Dean of Students Office

[Dean of Students Office](#) (352-392-1261) provides a variety of services to students and families, including [Field and Fork](#) (UF’s food pantry) and [New Student and Family programs](#)

Disability Resource Center

- [Disability Resource Center](#) (DRCaccessUF@ufsa.ufl.edu | 352-392-8565) helps to provide an accessible learning environment for all by providing support services and facilitating accommodations, which may vary from course to course. Once registered with DRC, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodations. Students should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Multicultural and Diversity Affairs

[Multicultural and Diversity Affairs](#) (352-294-7850) celebrates and empowers diverse communities and advocates for an inclusive campus.

Office of Student Veteran Services

[Office of Student Veteran Services](#) (352-294-2948 | vacounselor@ufl.edu) assists student military veterans with access to benefits.

ONE.UF

[ONE.UF](#) is the home of all the student self-service applications, including access to:

- [Advising](#)
- [Bursar](#) (352-392-0181)
- [Financial Aid](#) (352-392-1275)
- [Registrar](#) (352-392-1374)

Official Sources of Rules and Regulations

The official source of rules and regulations for UF students is the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) and [Graduate Catalog](#). Quick links to other information have also been provided below.

- [Student Handbook](#)
- [Student Responsibilities](#), including academic honesty and student conduct code
- [e-Learning Supported Services Policies](#) includes links to relevant policies including Acceptable Use, Privacy, and many more
- [Accessibility](#), including the Electronic Information Technology Accessibility Policy and ADA Compliance
- [Student Computing Requirements](#), including minimum and recommended technology requirements and competencies