Physics 338—Advanced Physics Laboratory
T R 1:15-2:30 pm
Course Description, Spring 2018

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Office Hours: Please feel free to e-mail, call or stop by at any time and ask a question or set up an appointment. I will be available during my office hours and on most other days during the free times indicated on my schedule.

Classes on Snow Days and Other Emergencies: If I am unable to make it to class, I will leave a message on my voice mail (610-330-5212).

Description: Physics is an experimentally-based science. Experiments have often paved the way for scientific revolution, and they remain the final arbiter among competing theories. However, experiments are rarely as straightforward as one might believe based on typical textbook descriptions, so it is important for an educated scientist to develop an understanding of, and an appreciation for, reliable, quality research.

In this course, you will perform experiments from a variety of areas of physics, with emphasis on understanding the underlying physics, designing experiments, statistically analyzing observations, and writing reports.

The student work in this course is in full compliance with the federal definition of a four credit hour course. Please see the Registrar's Office web site `http://registrar.lafayette.edu/additional-resources/cep-course-proposal/` for the full policy and practice statement.

Prerequisites: Physics 215 and 218 or equivalent, or permission of the instructor.

Writing: This course counts as a writing course under the Common Course of Study.

In physics, as in many other disciplines, writing is essential for the effective communication of ideas. Although scientific writing takes many forms, this course will focus on two types: brief reports and formal journal articles.

For communicating results to peers, peer-reviewed journal articles are the primary medium used in physics. As part of this course, you will complete two journal-style articles, complete with editing and revision cycles. You will also participate in the peer-review process.

Text: *An Introduction to Error Analysis*, by John R. Taylor. Additional material will be drawn from various texts you have used in other physics courses and from relevant journal articles.

Student Learning Outcomes: After completing this course, you should be able to

- Perform and interpret basic experiments involving magnetic properties of materials,
- Interpret spectroscopic results in terms of fundamental energy levels,
- Use Fourier methods to detect small signals,
- Develop and refine appropriate experimental protocols,

- Estimate uncertainties in measurements, and use those uncertainties properly in experimental analysis, and
- Communicate results in standard journal article form.

Since Phys 338 counts as a writing course under the College's Common Course of Study, you should also be able to

W2 Identify and employ a range of strategies for discovering, developing, organizing, revising, and editing.

W3 Identify and apply the discourse conventions of a chosen academic discipline(s) or fields(s) (including conventions of genre, format, citation, structure, and vocabulary).

Lab Notebook: You are required to keep an accurate and complete log of your work in this course in a laboratory **notebook**. This notebook will not be graded, but it must contain all the information needed to analyze the experiment, as was the case in your introductory physics course. More details are in the accompanying handout.

Lab Reports: For most experiments, you will submit a brief informal lab report by the date indicated on the schedule below. The report should be typed, though diagrams and calculations may be handwritten, as long as they are legible.

For the Iodine Sprectroscopy experiment, you will submit a formal lab report in the style of a journal article. This report will have multiple drafts, and you will also use a peer-review process. You will also complete a formal report with revisions for the Fourier project towards the end of the semester.

More details are in the accompanying handout `http://workbench.lafayette.edu/~doughera/courses/phys338-2018/latex/notebook-report.pdf`.

Colloquia: Throughout the semester, there will be various talks hosted by the Physics Club. These are a valuable opportunity to learn about diverse areas of physics, and attendance at all of them is strongly encouraged. For this course, you should plan on attending at least two talks during the semester; attendance will count for 5% of the total grade.

Grades: The final grade will be determined from the informal lab reports (50%), iodine formal report (25%), Fourier project formal report (15%), peer review report (5%), and colloquium attendance (5%).

Attendance: Regular attendance is expected. It is **your** responsibility to keep advised of all assignments. If you will be absent for several classes, you should let me know in advance if possible.

Late Penalties for Reports: For each weekday that a report or paper is late, I will normally deduct 4 points from the maximum possible grade of 100%. Because peer reports are time-sensitive, late submissions will normally not be accepted. Similarly, late or incomplete drafts will normally not be accepted. I will, of course, allow for extenuating circumstances such as illness.

Academic Honesty: You are encouraged to work together, but collaborations should not be one-way only. You are also encouraged to consult other texts and sources for help. You must fully understand whatever work you turn in, and it must be your own work. Consult the separate handout for the department's Academic Honesty policy. Please ask if you have any questions.

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Time	**Mon.**	**Tues.**	**Wed.**	**Thurs.**	**Fri.**
8:00 8:30					
9:00 9:30					
10:00 10:30	*prep*		*prep*		*prep*
11:00 11:30	**Phys 112** HSC 100	*prep*	**Phys 112** HSC 100	*prep*	**Phys 112** HSC 100
12:00 12:30					*Physics Club*
1:00 1:30	(out)	**Phys 338** HSC 017		**Phys 338** HSC 017	
2:00	(out)		**Phys 218**		
2:30		**Phys 218**	**Lab**	*Office*	
3:00	*Office*	**Lab**	*Office*	*Hours*	
3:30	*Hours*	HSC 042	*Hours*		
4:00 4:30	Department Meeting	Committee Meeting	*Physics Club*	Committee Meeting	

ACADEMIC HONESTY GUIDELINES
Department of Physics

It is expected that each student taking courses in the Department of Physics is familiar with the statement "Principles of Intellectual Honesty" appearing in the Lafayette College Student Handbook. The following guidelines are intended to indicate how that statement pertains to your work in physics. Your instructor may have further guidelines for your specific course. We assume that students are honest; if you are not certain as to what is expected of you, consult your instructor before proceeding.

I. EXAMINATIONS:

1. Bring only those materials specifically authorized by your instructor. Frequently in the elementary courses, you will be permitted to bring in a formula sheet or you will be provided with one.
2. If you find that the seating arrangement is such that you can see someone else's paper, don't look! Better yet, ask if you can sit in another seat.
3. If you use a calculator, clear the answer before setting the calculator aside.
4. If you fail to hand in your paper at the end of the period you will be awarded a grade of zero for that test.

II. TAKE-HOME EXAMINATIONS: Take-home examinations are often assigned in some courses. Specific rules governing such tests will be announced by your instructor. The overriding principle, however, is that any work submitted be your own or be specifically credited to its source. There should be no discussion of the test questions with *anyone* other than the instructor.

III. HOMEWORK: You must acknowledge *all* collaborators. You are encouraged to learn from one another. You should first try to do homework problems on your own; after all you will have to do similar problems on your own in tests. However, discussion of difficult problems with others can help you to develop your own analytical skills and is encouraged, provided that, *after discussion* you write up solutions *on your own.* Do *not* borrow or lend homework papers. There is an important difference between discussing a problem with someone and copying his or her work. There have been students who have loaned papers to friends for a few minutes to "check answers", and been horrified to find themselves charged with academic dishonesty because their "friends" copied their solutions.

Please Note: The same ethical standards of academic integrity and honesty apply to the on-line homework as to the written homework, except that there is no place for you to specifically acknowledge collaboration. However, the same general rules apply.

IV. LABORATORY: Usually two or more students will work together in performing experiments and will submit reports of their work. In some courses, a single joint report may be submitted. Specific instructions will be announced by your instructor. If the words used to describe some part of the experiment are taken from some other source (such as the lab manual), then the source should be cited. (Reference to the lab manual can usually substitute for laborious copying.) If you consult with *anyone* about the experiment (e.g. students in your lab class other than your lab partner), that consultation should be acknowledged in your report. Do *not* borrow or lend a completed lab book or any portion of one.

V. PAPERS: Refer to the statement "Principles of Intellectual Honesty" in the Student Handbook.

Syllabus		**Physics 338**	**Spring 2018**
Jan.	23	Introduction & Overview	
	25	Magnetic Susceptibility	
	30	Linear curve fitting	
Feb.	1	Nonlinear curve fitting	
	6	Electron Spin Resonance	
	8	*ESR, continued*	Susceptibility Report
	13	*ESR, continued*	
	15	Iodine Spectroscopy	
	20	*Iodine, continued*	ESR Report
	22	Writing a Journal Article	
	27	*Iodine Analysis*	
Mar.	1	*Iodine, continued*	Iodine first draft
	6	*Iodine, continued*	
	8	*Iodine, continued*	
	12–16	*Spring Break*	
	20	Peer Review	Iodine second draft
	22	Fourier Analysis	Peer review reports
	27	*continued*	
	29	Fourier Project introduction	Iodine final report
Apr.	3	Fourier Project	Fourier Analysis Report
	5	*Project, continued*	
	10	*Project, continued*	
	12	*Project, continued*	
	17	*Project, continued*	Project first draft
	19	Peer Review	Peer review reports
	24	Nuclear spectroscopy	
	26	*Nuclear, continued*	Fourier Project Report
May	1	*Nuclear, continued*	
	3	*Nuclear, continued*	
	8		Nuclear Report Due