

AP Physics 1A
Mr. DeBruyckere

Textbook: <http://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/college-physics/get>

In order to guarantee all students in the classroom the excellent learning climate they deserve, the following basic classroom rules have been adopted:

Come to class on time prepared to learn.
Contribute creatively, productively and responsibly during all class activities.
Respect everyone, this includes space, property, and ideas.
Use correct manners and appropriate language.

Food/Beverages Food and/or beverages are not allowed by OSHA rules in a lab. Food and beverages will be confiscated.

Consequences of failure to follow rules:

Student will be given a verbal warning.

Student will be held after class to discuss incident, discipline report will be filled out and sent to Dean of Students Office and a copy will be sent home to parents. Parents will be contacted by the classroom teacher.

Detention will be assigned to be completed with the classroom teacher. A discipline report will be filled out and a copy will be sent to the parents. Parents will be contacted by the Dean of Students.

Student will be removed from the class and sent to the office. A parent, student, and administrator conference will be held to re-admit the student into the classroom.

In cases of extreme disruptive behavior, steps one through three will be by-passed and the student will be removed from the class and sent to the Principal's Office.

Tardy: Get to class on time. Missing physics class, even part of a class will make your life messy and will very likely be detrimental to your grade.

Cell Phones (etc): Cell phones can be helpful (examples: use as a stop watch, checking web problems or answers, to photograph lab set ups). Cell phones can also be great distractors (texting, Facebook, Twitter...). Improper cell phone use means that you are absent from class. You are not here prepared to learn.

Planners: If a student wishes to leave the room, he or she must get the teacher's permission and carry his or her classroom planner (it contains the student passes).

Academic Dishonesty:

Students are expected to conduct themselves honestly and with integrity in their work. All forms of cheating and plagiarism are prohibited. Behavior that is unacceptable includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying another student's homework
- Working with others on projects that are meant to be done individually
- Looking at or copying another student's test or quiz answers
- Allowing another student to look at or copy answers from your test or quiz
- Using any other method to get/give test or quiz answers
- Taking a test or quiz in part or in whole to use or to give others
- Copying information from a source without proper attribution
- Taking papers from other students, publications, or the Internet

Violators will be disciplined on a case-by-case basis. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, redoing assignment/retaking test, receiving a failing grade or a lower grade, detention, suspension, or expulsion.

Grading policy:

1. **Tests:** Tests will make up 50% your grade. If you are absent for a test you must schedule a make up test with Mr. DeBruyckere. Re-tests will be oral and MAY result in a grade that is the average of the two tests. In preparation for the AP Test, time for each test will be limited to the class period. You will not be able to come before or after school to complete the test.
2. **Daily Work:** Daily work will make up 20% of your grade. To be successful at physics, you must practice your work. Homework and labs are meant to be preparation for the tests. Some of the assignments will be on <http://www.learnerator.com>. Your first assignment is to set up your account and add the APPhysics1516 with the class code of **5IV00695**

3. **Laboratory Reports:** This grade will make up 30% of your grade. Lab reports will not be accepted for experiments that you have not performed, this is plagiarism. If you miss a lab, you may make it up before or after school, or by special arrangement. Labs turned in after the corresponding test has been taken will receive a grade of zero.
4. **Late Work:** This is a college level class, late work on labs and homework will not be accepted.
5. **Final:** Your final will be the AP Physics 1 Exam. If you choose not to sign up for the exam then your final will be an older version of the exam. If you score better on the exam than your grade average your grade will be increased to match the AP Exam results.
6. **Grades.** The minimum needed for grades are as follows after adjusting for typical AP scores:

A 93%	A- 90%	B+ 87%	B 83%	B- 80%	
C+ 77%	C 73%	C- 70%	D+ 67%	D 63%	D- 60%
7. **Safety in a science laboratory** is an important concern. Anyone showing disregard for safety precautions, a lack of respect for equipment, or “just fooling around”, will be expelled from the class.
8. **Study time.** You will be given very limited time in class to work on homework or to practice solving problems. Much of your “Class Study Time” will be before or after school. During this time I will be available to assist you with your problems or questions. I would also recommend that you find a study partner. Sharing ideas and working problems together can be one of the most effective ways of learning physics.
9. **Calculators computers:** You will be at a disadvantage in this class if you do not have a scientific calculator and some kind of device to access the textbook (laptop, iPad, Kindle etc) for your regular use. If you do not have these I will have loaner calculators available and will print sections of the book at request.
10. **Student Grades:** It is the responsibility of the individual student to check grades for accuracy. Grades will be posted on a regular basis (at least after each test). It is the student's responsibility to check for missing or late work.
11. **Outside Class Work:** In order to meet the College Board requirements for this to be an AP class we will need to have at least 1430 minutes of class in addition to the regular class schedule. To compensate for this, when the AP test is given in May this class will be complete. If you miss this class time you will be counted absent just like any other class absence.

I will be at school before 6 am each morning. Students that miss class time are encouraged to make up that time before school.

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