This is the first semester of the algebra based beginning physics series designed primarily for PreMed and other health sciences majors. No previous physics experience is required. The math prerequisites are college algebra and trigonometry.

The class meets on MW from 3:00 to 4:20 immediately followed by a discussion section devoted to problem solving and clearing up any questions from the lecture. There is no hard copy text for the course, although you will get the e-book on WebAssign. It is based on Cutnell and Johnson, 10th edition. The only requirement for the text is that you purchase access to the text online as a component of the online homework environment you will be using. The bookstore will NOT be carrying any hardcopies of the text. All of the problems are from that text, as well as the exam questions. You are required to purchase WebAssign for the course as the homework problems will be presented and done on WebAssign. The charge for the text (e-book) is $36.00 per student per semester which you must purchase because this gives you access to the homework which you must do for the course. Payment can be made with credit card purchase.

There will be three hour exams given in class as shown in the course web page and course schedule. The procedure for the exams will be discussed in class. Grading will be as follows. There are two grades and you get the higher of the two. The first will consist of 100 points for the homework, 100 points each for the three hour exams, and 200 points for the final, for a total of 600 points. The second will be the final only. I will assign a median grade for the class based on overall performance. This is normally between a C and a B. I then make as intelligent a grade breakdown as I can to determine the grade ranges. I do this for each of the above methods (total or final only) and you get the higher of the two.

The homework problems are due by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day listed in the syllabus. You will note that the problems are listed only for the first month or so of the course. This is to allow for variable pace as needed. I will add the remaining problems at least two weeks in advance of the due dates.

No makeup exams will be given, but if you have a legitimate reason for postponing or missing an exam talk to either the course coordinator or myself and we will try to work something out.

This class should be a good experience and we will do our best to make that so. If you can think of ways to make it better please talk to us about it and we will try to incorporate your suggestions if appropriate. Both the TAs and myself will always be happy to talk to you and help in any way we can. Our object is to help you learn, not to judge you. However, ultimately learning is an active not passive process. There is no magic pill. What you accomplish depends almost totally on you. We can and will help, but we cannot learn for you.

Have fun