

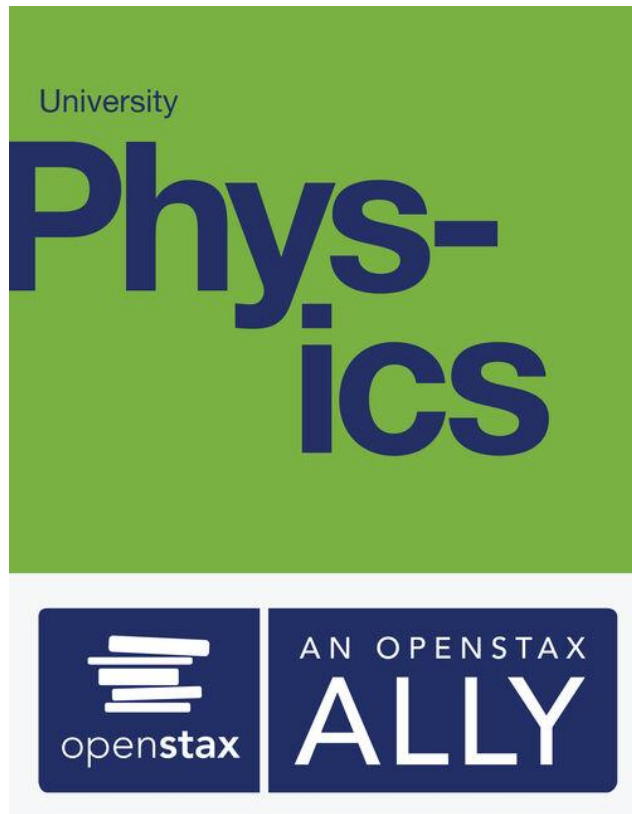
**Course** Physics 203

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**Course description** The study of unifying principles pertaining to simple harmonic motion, wave propagation, physical and geometric optics, sound, heat transfer, and the conversion of heat to work. A calculus-based approach for students of science and engineering. Includes one credit of laboratory.

**Textbook**



Any calculus-based physics textbook published within the last 10 years is acceptable. The one referenced in this class is online and free: [University Physics, by OpenStax](#)

**Learning outcomes**

- Apply the fundamentals of physics to quantitatively and qualitatively solve problems in kinematics, dynamics, energy and momentum with regards to

both translational motion (linear and circular) and rotational motion.

- Interpret and translate a conceptual description of a physical context (with or without a visual representation) into its mathematical expression.
- Effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, problem solving methods and results, the reasoning and assumptions behind the choice of method/model, and implications of the results in the specific physical context.
- Clearly and accurately communicate data collected using appropriate laboratory tools and apparatus in a graphical format.
- Accurately analyze and interpret data and measurements to draw valid conclusions.
- Collaborate effectively in applying course specific content to problem-solving, data collection and data analysis.
- Identify and explain how previously learned physics concepts apply to everyday life.

## Course content

- AC circuits (V1, Ch. 15)
- Waves and Sound (V1, Ch. 16-17)
- Geometric optics (V3, Ch.1-2)
- Heat transfer (V2, Ch. 1)
- Thermodynamics and Heat engines (V2, Ch. 3-4)

Chapter numbers are based on [University Physics, by OpenStax](#).

## Grading

Grading components	weight
homework	10%
participation/forum	5%

journals	10%
presentation/science articles	15%
lab	15%
midterm	20%
final	25%

\*The midterm occurs roughly halfway into the quarter and the final occurs during [finals week](#). All due dates can be found in Canvas's Calendar.

### Grading scale

Grades will be assigned according to the following scale (1% = 0.1):

%	Grade
95 or higher	4.0
90	3.5
85	3.0
80	2.5
75	2.0
70	1.5
65	1.0

Only grades of a 0.7 or above will earn credit. Below 0.7, the assigned grade is a 0.0.

Students are guaranteed a grade no worse than one based on the scale above, but they may also benefit from bonuses acquired through exceptional participation.

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"Living up to basic ethical standards in the classroom—discipline, tolerance, honesty—is one of the most important ways children learn how to function in society at large." -- Eloise Salholz

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