Physics and Astronomy  
University of Waterloo  
Term and Year of Offering: Fall 2013  
Course Number and Title: Phys 121L & Phys 131L  
Mechanics Lab

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Course Description:  
Select experiments in kinematics and dynamics, forces in nature, work and energy, conservation of energy and linear momentum, rotational kinematics and dynamics, and conservation of angular momentum.

Course Objectives:

(1) To provide direct experience with the physical phenomena studied in the classroom.

(2) To teach systematic methods of data collection and analysis, and the clear and accurate reporting of results.

(3) To teach the use of standard physical instruments.

(4) To illustrate and clarify various points covered in lectures.

Evaluation: The course grade will be based on the marks you obtain on the 5 lab reports, and one final examination which will be held during the official examination period in December. The breakdown is as follows:

Lab Assignments 75%  
Final Examination 25%

Lab Assignments: There will be 5 lab assignments each marked out of 20

Rules for Group Work in Lab Assignments: Students can work in pairs, but each student needs to submit his/her own version of the working and results.

EXPERIMENT 1: Determination of g with a linear air track  
EXPERIMENT 2: Work and energy  
EXPERIMENT 3: Projectile motion  
EXPERIMENT 4: Collision and recoil experiments on a linear air track  
EXPERIMENT 5: Rotational dynamics

Lab Deadline: Labs have to be handed in to the TA by the end of your lab section.
**Missed Labs:** Any student who misses a lab should make arrangements with course instructor as soon as possible afterwards to complete the lab.

**Pick up Marked Labs:** Marked lab assignments will be available from your TA during your lab section. Your TA will arrange a time to hand back your final lab.

**Academic Integrity, Grievance, Discipline, Appeals and Note for Students with Disabilities:** see www.uwaterloo.ca/accountability/documents/courseoutlinestmts.pdf

**Academic Integrity:** In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. [Check www.uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/ for more information.]

**Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm. When in doubt please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

**Discipline:** A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity [check www.uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/] to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate Associate Dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71, Student Discipline, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm. For typical penalties check Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/guidelines/penaltyguidelines.htm.

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**Note for Students with Disabilities:** The Office for persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the OPD at the beginning of each academic term.