

Dear 211 students,

We hope that the semester is off to a great start for all of you. This is a quick message just to check in again on **Labs**.

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### **Any questions?**

If after reading this email you still have questions about Labs, please first try to see if the information is available on the [course website](#) or the [course Lab webpage](#). If the answer to your question is not there, please first try posting the question to **Piazza** (unless it is a private matter), as many of your classmates will likely have the same query.

### **Lab sessions**

Your first lab sessions will begin **next week** for **lab 0**. We will be using lab 0 as a low-stress preview for the future labs; you will become more familiar with the overall lab procedures.

Please note that students in both the "A groups" and "B groups" for a given section will all join in together for lab 0 during week 3. **Your TA will contact you with further information about if you are in the A group or B group in the coming two weeks. You will also collaborate with your lab group using [microsoft teams](#). Your TA will either add you to a team automatically or they will send you a team code (check your e-mail for this).**

For lab 1, group A will meet on week 5 and group B will meet on week 6. The A and B groups will follow this alternating week meeting structure for all subsequent labs. If you are confused, you can always check the [course schedule](#).

In lab 0, we will be going through some introductions, will review the lab structure and grading policy, and will answer questions you have about the Labs, Prelabs, IOLabs, or life in general. Finally, to familiarize you with the lab report turn-in procedure, we will be asking you to submit a short document for lab 0 credit.

### **Prelabs (and their deadlines)**

Great job thus far on completing your "Lab Orientation" Prelab assignments on SmartPhysics!

A reminder, your **week 2 Lab Orientation assignment is due tomorrow at 8 am for full credit**.

The final "late, partial credit" deadline for the week 1 Lab Orientation assignment is also tomorrow at 8 am.

For the **week 3 Lab Orientation assignment and for all future Prelab assignments, the deadline will be 8 am on the morning of your lab session**. For example, for those of you in my Section L1A, your week 3 Lab Orientation Prelab assignment will be due by 8 am on Monday February 8 (same for any L1x section). L2A-R sections will have their Prelabs due on Tuesday February 9 at 8

am, etc. For labs 1-4, the due dates will reflect the meeting day for your Section and "group" (i.e., group A or B), and these deadlines should be consistent with what you see on your SmartPhysics calendar view.

### **Materials**

A reminder that you should still be planning to acquire IOLab devices if you can. If you have questions about working with your IOLab, Prof. Mats Selen has graciously agreed to host IOLab office hours on weekday mornings, as reflected by the schedule near the bottom of the [office hours web page](#). Finally, another early reminder (find the full details in our last [Lab massmail](#)) that you will need some string and a flat surface to help your team complete some of the upcoming lab activities.

### **See you in week 3 for lab 0**

That is all for now -- we look forward to seeing you all next week for lab 0!

We'll have all of the [Lab Zoom links](#) posted and activated by the end of this week, so don't fret if your Section's entry is still empty at the moment.

Best wishes!

Sai (for the 211 Lab course staff)