

## Welcome to Physics 211!

For those of you who are new to the University, welcome to Urbana-Champaign! For the rest of you, welcome back to a hopefully mostly normal semester! We hope that, like us, you're looking forward to what should be a fun and successful term.

This email is just meant to communicate a few course details to you. We'll cover much of this again during lecture on Tuesday, and **you can always find this information on the [course website](#)**. If you find yourself with a burning question that is not answered by this email, please check the course web page before sending us an email.

Our first lecture will be held this **Tuesday, August 24, in 141 Loomis**. However, this will not be your first contact with the course. Prior to each lecture, you'll be engaging with the material by completing prelectures and checkpoints delivered via [SmartPhysics](#) and due at **8:00 am on each day of lecture (starting with the first lecture)**. You should automatically have access to the course, and you have 14 days from the first day of classes to follow the directions on the [required materials](#) page to pay for the material and keep your access.

As you'll see on the [course schedule](#), the discussion and lab sections will begin meeting in Week 2 (however, you won't need an iOLab device until at least week 4). You will find out at the first lab meeting whether you are in lab group A or B. **Your first online prelab is due in week 1 (via [SmartPhysics](#))**. You can learn more about labs and discussions on the [course description page](#) and you will get additional emails about those components of the course next week.

During lecture we strongly encourage questions and strongly discourage cell phones and laptops. If you have a question, chances are that most of your classmates do as well, so don't hesitate to ask. The lectures also work best for all students when everyone is respectful, which means not talking during lecture or being a distraction in other ways.

Homeworks will be due each week (starting week 2) on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am. Working together on the homework is strongly encouraged. We'll be offering a large number of office hours (starting week 2) to help you get past any stumbling blocks you encounter as you're working through the homework and preparing for exams.

You should also go to the [Required Materials](#) link on the course website for more information about i>clickers and iOLab devices. Any version (new or used) of the i>clicker is fine to use, and **bring your i>clicker to lecture (starting lecture 1)**. You should register your iclicker by using the link in the course [gradebook](#), details about how to do this are on the

[iclicker page](#). If your iclicker is not registered by lecture 1, there's no need to worry – once you register it you will get credit for all the times you used it this semester.

That's about it for now. We look forward to seeing you next week!

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