

## Welcome to physics 211!

We hope you had a fantastic break, and are ready for a great semester.

This course has several components, and even requires you to do some work **before the first lecture**, so we wanted to give you a heads up via email.

### Everything you need to know about the course can be found at our course website

<http://courses.physics.illinois.edu/phys211/>

The “[Schedule](#)” link is very helpful in showing all of the course activities and when they are due. When in doubt, check this link. You will see that labs begin the week of **January 16<sup>th</sup>**, and Discussion sections will begin the week of **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Our first **lecture** will be, **Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>**. To make the best use of our lecture time, we ask you to prepare by completing a prelecture and checkpoint **before** 8:00 am the day of the lecture. These are delivered via [smart.physics](#), you should be automatically entered into the course (24 hours after registering for the course). Please do the first pre-lecture and checkpoint activities **before 8:00 AM on Tuesday**. But don't panic if you have technical difficulties and are unable to get the assignment done. We understand that the start of the semester is always a bit hectic, and we will be sure that you don't lose any points for the first one.

We will request that you keep your cell phones and laptops put away during lectures as they interfere with your own and others' learning. You should also go to the “[Required Materials](#)” link of the course website – this tells you what else you need to buy for the class (i.e. your lab & discussion materials, and a physical i>clicker (not the app) version 1 or 2 is fine whatever you can get cheapest ). Also, please note that we have placed some IOLabs on reserve in the Grainger library. You aren't able to take them out of the building, so you can't bring them to lab. But you can use them for the prelab assignments, which we hope may make it easier for students to share IOLabs for the lab part.

That's it for now.

We look forward to seeing you in lecture on Tuesday!

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