

Welcome to physics 212!

We hope you had a fantastic summer, 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 (including a copy of this message)

<http://courses.physics.illinois.edu/phys212/>

The "[Schedule](#)" link is very helpful showing all of the course activities and when they are due. When in doubt, check this link. You will see that

Discussions Sections: We will begin **Monday August 23rd** (don't worry, there won't be a quiz but bring a calculator, a notebook and pen/pencil). Your section instructor will email you with some introductory remarks before your first discussion. We will provide the discussion material for each week both in advance and by paper in person.

Lecture begins Tuesday August 24th. To make the best use of our lecture time, we ask you to prepare by completing a [prelecture](#) and [checkpoint](#) **before** lecture. These are delivered via <https://smart.physics.illinois.edu/>. You should automatically have access using your University credentials. Please complete the first pre-lecture and checkpoint activities **before 8:00 AM on Tuesday**. We will also be using physical iclickers (**NOT the phone app**) in our class, so be sure to get one and bring it to lecture. We request that you keep your cell phones and laptops put away for lecture as they interfere with your own and others' learning.

Lab Sections: We will use ioLab for lab sections this semester. Please check the course website for instructions on how to obtain an ioLab, which you will need for the Week 2 Lab Orientation and Lab 0 (both starting Monday, August 30th). The lab orientations, pre-lab, and lab instructions are delivered via <https://smart.physics.illinois.edu>. The online Week 1 Lab Orientation opens on Saturday, August 21 and is due Saturday, August 28. Your first in-person meetings start on Monday, August 30th. More information is on the way about how that will work and for remote students!

That's it for now.

We look forward to seeing you in lecture on Tuesday!

Professors Angela Kou and Tim Stelzer

(Your physics 212 lecturers)