I am delighted to meet with you in my office. Except when I have meetings or other classes, my door is open. Check my schedule at http://people.rit.edu/vwlsp/. I check my e-mail regularly until 10:30 at night, so feel free to e-mail me as well.

Class: 10:00-11:50 am, MWF Room 8-3178, R Room 8-1250


Activities Manual, *University Physics I and IA*

Prerequisite: Completion of SMAM 261 & 262 OR SMAM 271

Corequisite: Registration in SMAM 272

Exams: Tuesday evenings 6-7 PM, Dec 16, Jan 19, Feb 9 Room TBA *save these times!*

Final Wednesday, Feb 24, 2:45 to 4:45 Room TBA

Do not plan to leave Rochester before this exam.

Make-up final exams will not be allowed.

Grading: Homework, Quizzes, class participation 20%

Labs 15%

Hour Exam 1 10%

Hour Exam 2 15%

Hour Exam 3 15%

Final Exam (cumulative) 25%

**In order to pass the course you must have a passing average on the 4 exams.**

Cutoffs are typically 90/80/70/60 for A/B/C/D

Groups: Groups are a maximum of 3 people. I expect that you share the work equally, and all understand the things that you are doing (don’t let one person always do the same task.) Let me know if your group is not functioning well. Most activities will be submitted as a group report.

Labs: During the quarter there will be a variety of experimental activities. Some of these will be brief, and usually be worth 10 points. Other activities (about 3 or 4 during the quarter) will be more lengthy and require a more formal write-up, and hence be worth more, tentatively 50 points.

Make-Up Labs: Students from all sections may do make up labs on Friday 12-2 in room 8-3178. A Teaching Assistant will be there. Students should bring the worksheet for whatever they missed, as provided by their instructor. The Teaching Assistant will not have lab worksheets available.

At most two labs may be made up, one lengthy one and one short one (or two short ones). Any lab done as a make-up automatically receives a 20% reduction in grade.
**Homework/WebAssign:** Webassign [webassign.net/login.html](http://webassign.net/login.html) is an electronically delivered homework system. Initially both your username and password are identical and are your DCE account (xyz1234). The first two weeks you have free access. You will need to purchase an access code. If you purchase the text at the bookstore a card should have come with it. Otherwise you will need to purchase access online. It will cost about $22. I will be writing some webassign problems for the class, so alert me to any screw-ups.

I will on occasion collect one of the webassign problems as a written homework. Webassign should let you get the right answer, and I will check for method.

**Quizzes:** Each Thursday, expect a short quiz on recently covered material

**How to do well:** There is no quota on the number of each grade that can be given. Perform well and you can get an A or B even if all the class works at this level. Perform poorly and you will get a poor grade, even if everyone performs poorly.

Attendance should be regular. I will be doing my best to pick activities in class to enhance your understanding.

Homework (webassign) is vital. To learn to do physics you must do physics. If you have difficulties with a webassign question contact me.

Work problems in an organized fashion: trying to solve the problems in a margin of a sheet of paper will not suffice. Paper is inexpensive, use it!

Low pressure points (labs, webassign, quizzes) count 35% of the grade. Make this your friend. You should be able to get a B average or better on these components of the class.

Three-ring binder: Put the activities manual in a three ring binder. I will be giving out additional sheets that will be punched so that you can add to the binder.

Ask questions. Use e-mail or come and see me. Additional help is available in the Bates Study Center on the first floor of this building.

**Illness:** There are unforeseen illnesses that can occur. I expect to be notified via e-mail of any illness that will mean missing class.