

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.

Note that you may have lab or discussion before your first lecture.

Discussions Sections: We will begin **Tuesday August 23rd**. Your section instructor will email you with some introductory remarks before your first discussion. We will provide the discussion material for each week on the website on the [Schedule page](#).

Lecture begins Tuesday August 23rd. 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 be using physical iclickers (**NOT the phone app**) in our in-person class, so be sure to get one by **August 23rd** and bring it to lecture. We request that you keep your cell phones put away for lecture as they interfere with your own and others' learning.

Lab Sections: Lab will begin **Tuesday August 23rd**. To make the best use of our lab time, we ask you to prepare by completing [Prelab 1](#) **before** attending Lab 1. The pre-lab and lab instructions are delivered via https://smart.physics.illinois.edu. We will use the IOLab and E&M Accessory kit for lab sections this semester. Instructions for obtaining these materials are available in smart.physics and on the course website. You will **not** need an IOLab for Lab 1. More information is on the way from the lab coordinator about getting ready for the labs.

That's it for now.

We look forward to seeing you in lecture on Tuesday!

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(Your physics 212 lecturers)