



UNIVERSITY OF  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY  
COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** PHYS 597, Senior Physics Laboratory

Lecture Sections:

L01: TuTh, 09:30-10:45, MS 205, Instructor Wolfgang Tittel, Office SB 315, Tel. No. 220-4760, wtittel@ucalgary.ca, Office Hours: We 11-12

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2. **Prerequisites:** Physics 497 and 325.

3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections [F.1](#) and [F.2](#) of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Lab proposals (3)	9%
Lab notes (21)	9%
Lab performance (21)	12%
Lab reports (3)	60%
Oral presentation	10%

All work will be graded using a percent scale. The conversion into letter grades is as follows:

>= 95 %	A +	>= 80 %	B +	>= 65 %	C +	>= 50 %	D +
>= 90 %	A	>= 75 %	B	>= 60 %	C	>= 45 %	D
>= 85 %	A -	>= 70 %	B -	>= 55 %	C -	< 45 %	F

4. **Missed Components of Term Work:** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in [Section 3.6](#). It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also [Section E.6](#) of the University Calendar

5. **Scheduled out-of-class activities:** not relevant

6. **Course Materials:** Lecture notes as well as information related to the labs will be distributed by electronic means.

7. **Examination Policy:** This course does not include any mid-term or final exams. Students should read the Calendar, [Section G](#), on Examinations.

8. **Approved Mandatory and Optional Course Supplemental Fees:** not relevant.

9. **Writing across the curriculum statement:** In this course, the quality of the student's writing in laboratory reports will be a factor in the evaluation of those reports. See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar.

10. **Human studies statement:** not relevant

11. **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:**

(a) **Academic Misconduct:** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under [Section K](#). Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties

(b) **Assembly Points:** In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on [assembly points](#).

- (c) **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links: [Calendar entry on students with disabilities](#) and [Student Accessibility Services](#).
- (d) **Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- (e) **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information see also
- (f) <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (g) **Student Union Information:** [VP Academic](#) Phone: 220-3911 Email: [suvpaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suvpaca@ucalgary.ca).  
SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 Email: [sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca); [Student Ombudsman](#)
- (h) **Internet and Electronic Device Information:** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, your cell phone should be turned off unless instructed otherwise. Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.
- (i) At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses ([www.ucalgary.ca/usri](http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri)). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI

The following signature lines should be added to the course outline as appropriate

Department Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYS 597 – Syllabus

The lecture will focus on the communication of research and research results:

- Reading scientific documents
- Communicating science
  - o writing lab proposals and lab reports
  - o writing scientific papers
  - o writing grant applications
  - o writing for the general public
  - o oral presentations