

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
COURSE OUTLINE**

1. Course: **Physics 691.23, Effective Scientific Writing for PhD Students.**

Lecture Sections: M1000-1050 ST 131

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Course Blackboard Site : PHYS 69123 S01 – (F2010) – Eff Scie Writing PhD Students

2. **GRADING:** Student performance in this course is evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. This evaluation will be based in part on attendance of the weekly lectures, beginning Oct 4, 2010, and in part on participation in assigned exercises. Guidelines will be given in class and posted early in the term for what constitutes a passing performance.
3. **Missed Components of Term Work.** If a student will unavoidably be absent for a Monday lecture, or if an assigned exercise cannot be handed in for whatever reason, the student should inform the course instructor as soon as possible.
4. **TEXTBOOK:** None.
5. **WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:** In this course, the quality of the student's writing in Assignments will be a factor in assessment. See also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>."

6. **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 K. Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>)
- (b) **ASSEMBLY POINTS in case of emergency during class time.** Be sure to **FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF** with the information at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>.
- (c) **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION POLICY.** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links:
Calendar entry on students with disabilities: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/b-1.html>
Disability Resource Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/>
- (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 will be 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 <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (f) **INTERNET and ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE Information.** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, **your cell phone should be turned off.** 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.

Department Approval: _____

Date: _____

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