

PHYSICS 47100EF SPRING 2025 (MR417S) M 4:00-5:00 (Lab: MR422)

Current version: syllabus.pdf Professor: Mark Shattuck (markdshattuck@gmail.com) Office: Steinman Hall T1M-16 x8161, (MR419) Office Hours: M 2:00-4:00 (MR419) Website: https://gibbs.cuny.cuny.edu/teaching/	Textbooks: An Introduction to Error Analysis , John R. Taylor. Experiments in Modern Physics , Adrian C. Melissinos and Jim Napolitano. Lab Manual: https://gibbs.cuny.cuny.edu/teaching/s2025/labs
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1/27	Inevitability of Error (Uncertainty) T:ch1-2	
2/3	NO CLASS	PSet 1 Due: (Learn LaTeX)
2/10	Error Propagation T:ch2-3 (Lab 2: Speed of sound)	Lab 1 (data only part 1) Due: (Density of Spaghetti)
2/18 (T)	Error Propagation: T:ch3	Lab 1 (data only part 2) Due: (Vibrating Canteliver)
2/24	Error, Statistics, Rejecting Data: T:ch4,6	Lab 2 Report Due: (Speed of sound)
3/3	Modeling Data, Least-Squares Fitting: T:ch7-8	
3/10	LSQF and Covariance and Correlation: T:ch9	Lab 3 Report Due: (The Gyroscope: Exp. 1,3-4)
3/17	Class online: Watch: Probability and Randomness	
3/24	Distributions: T:ch10	
3/31	NO CLASS	
4/7	Distributions: T:ch10	Lab 4 Report Due: (Optical interferometer)
4/14	NO CLASS (spring break)	
4/21	Normal, Binomial, Poisson Distributions: T:ch10-11	
4/28		Lab 5 Report Due: (Radioactivity)
5/5	NO CLASS	
5/12		Lab 6 Report Due: (Molecular Dynamics)
No Class	2/17, 3/17, 4/14, 5/5	
Special Class	3/17	

General Information

Attendance: Class sessions will focus on discussion of concepts, relevant theory for the experiments. Regular attendance, on-time arrival, and participation in entire class are required. The real work will get done at the lab (MR-422). Attendance of one 3-hour lab session per week is required, and every

experiment should be completed in two lab sessions over 2 weeks. Robert Suhoke is in charge of the Lab (suhoke@sci.ccny.cuny.edu). (Online only procedures will be discussed in class.)

Reading Assignment: The text material is covered in the lab description. You should read the corresponding sections in the lab manual before coming to laboratory. You may have to look up relevant textbooks for detailed information on some of the materials.

Grades: Grade will be based on the lab accomplishments, the laboratory reports, and the final exam. To obtain full credits students must submit the report before class time on the due date indicated above. Overdue reports will lose 1 point per week starting at 4p on the due date. A report turned in at 4:01p on the due date will lose 1 point. The reports should be **submitted electronically as a PDF through BRIGHTSPACE.**

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