

Welcome to PHYS 2212

SPRING 2026

LEARNING HOW ELECTRICITY, MAGNETISM, AND LIGHT ALL FIT TOGETHER.

What Kind of Class Is This?

This is a learning-focused course based in collaboration.

- Practice > performance
- Thinking > memorization
- Growth > point accumulation



What Will We Learn?

This semester, we will learn how:

- Charges interact
- Fields describe forces
- Changing fields create other fields
- Light emerges from electromagnetism



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Why This Course Is Ungraded

Traditional grading often:

- Encourages short-term thinking
- Discourages risk-taking
- Hides misunderstanding



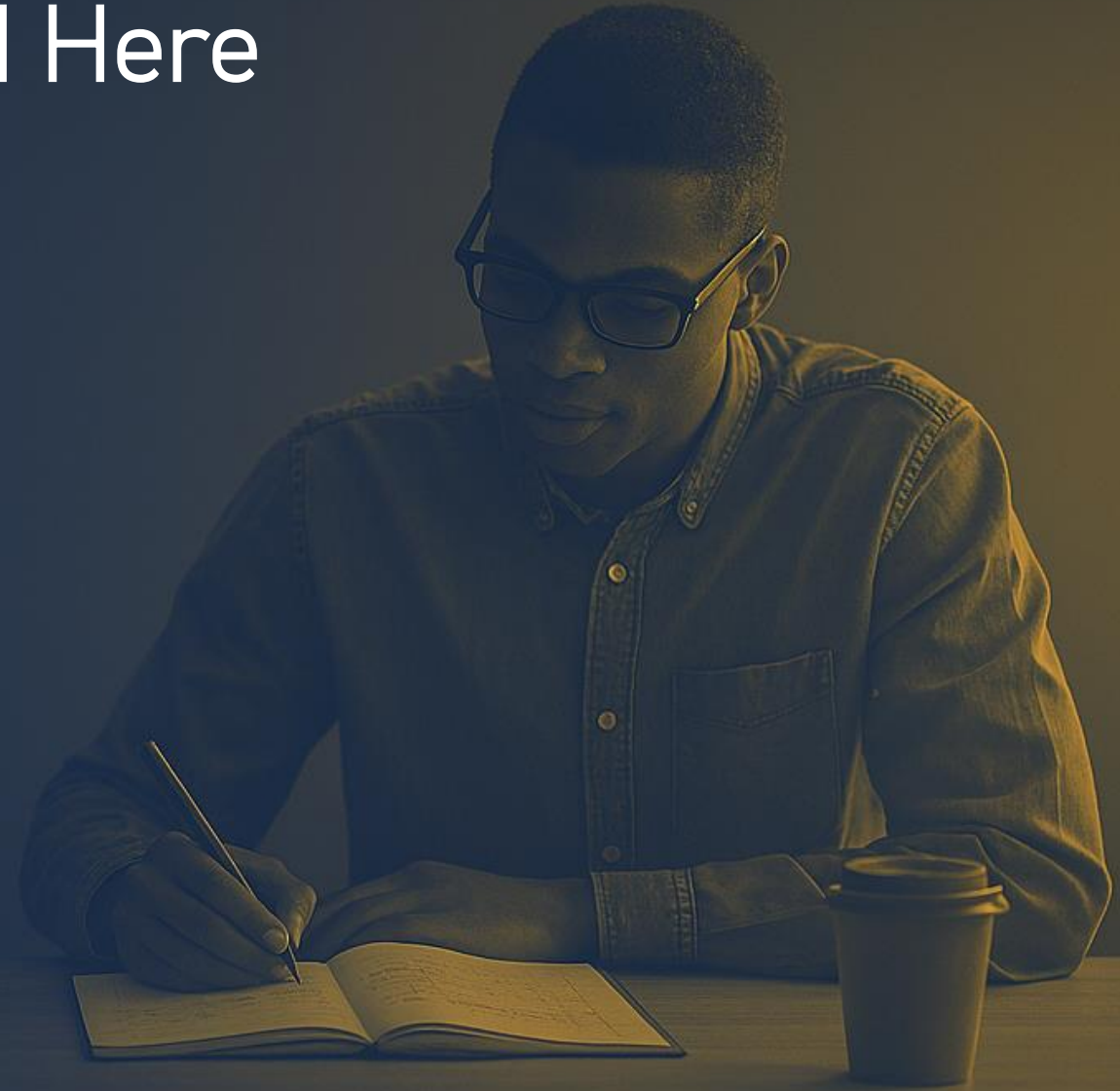
This course prioritizes:

- Practice
- Feedback
- Reflection

How Learning Is Assessed Here

You will:

- Practice regularly
- Reflect honestly
- Revise your thinking
- Demonstrate learning over time



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1. Understand the Problem

- What is the problem asking you to do?
- What principles or concepts do you think apply here? Why?
- What information do you have, and what do you need to find?

2. Plan Your Approach

- Outline your strategy for solving the problem.
- Choose the best method or formula and justify why it's appropriate. Why did you choose this approach over others?
- Consider any assumptions or simplifications needed.

3. Execute the Solution

- Solve the problem step by step, showing all your work clearly.
- Pay attention to units, significant figures, and logical flow.
- Double-check calculations and intermediate steps as you go.

4. Reflect on Initial Results

- Does your solution seem reasonable? Why or why not?
- Compare your answer with expectations or known results (e.g., units, order of magnitude).

5. Identify and Address Errors

- Look for mistakes or gaps in your reasoning or calculations. How did you identify and correct these errors?
- Revise your approach as needed to correct these errors.
- Ask yourself: How can I improve this solution?

6. Iterate and Improve

- Update your solution based on insights from your reflection.
- Test your revised approach and verify if it works better.
- Document what you learned from the iteration process.

7. Connect and Reflect

- What did you learn from solving this problem?
- How does this problem relate to broader concepts or other problems?
- What would you do differently next time when solving a similar problem?
- Are there areas where you need more practice or clarification?

Remember:

- **Mistakes are essential:** They help you understand where and how to improve.
- **Reflection is key:** Taking the time to analyze your process builds deeper understanding.
- **Be patient and persistent:** Iteration is part of mastering problem-solving!

Practice → Self-Assessment → Quiz

The quiz system works like this:

- Practice problems
- Self-assessment & reflection
- One problem selected as your quiz

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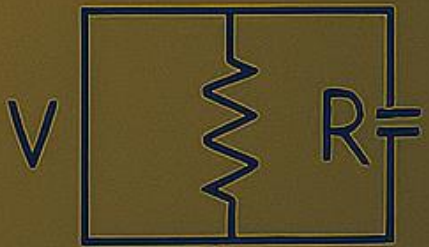
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Two Quiz Formats

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Written Quizzes (Fridays, in class)

- One problem
- Clear reasoning matters

Oral Quizzes (Zoom)

- One-on-one
- Scheduled via D2L
- Conversational, supportive

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Final Grade Proposal

At the end of the semester:

- You will propose your final V grade
- Your proposal must include evidence
- Evidence is tied to course learning objectives



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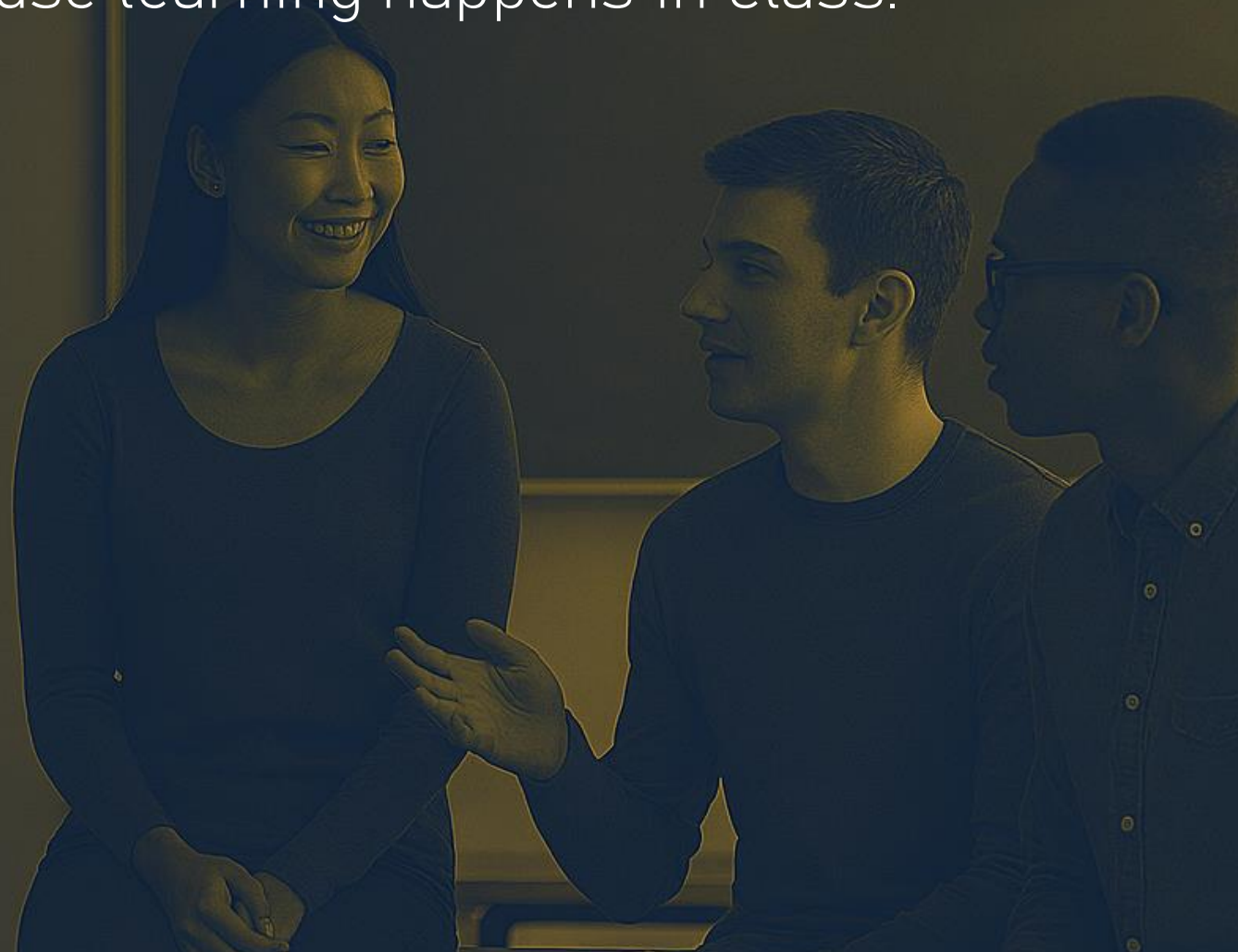
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Attendance & Exit Tickets

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Exit Tickets:

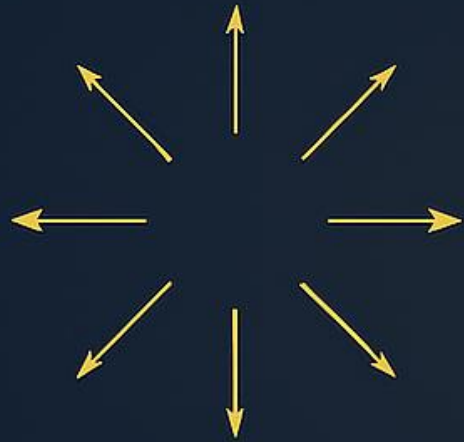
- Completed at the end of class
- Password given in class
- Due by midnight



Where We're Headed



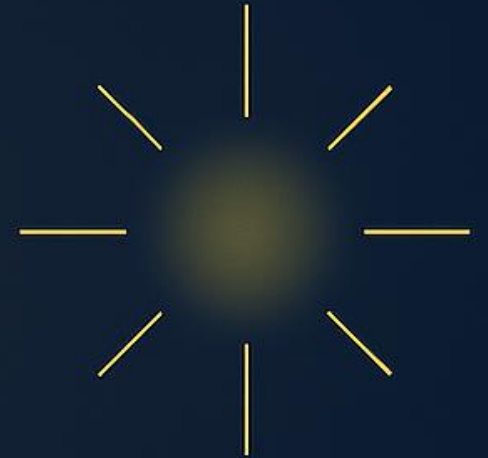
Electric charge



Fields



EM Waves ...



Light

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q_{enc}}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{enc} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$$

The Big Idea


Simple rules \rightarrow profound consequences

Like charges repel, unlike charges attract \rightarrow Fields evolve \rightarrow Light propagates


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Before Class

1.1 Electric Charge 

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1.2 Conductors, Insulators, and Charging by Induction 

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1.3 Coulomb's Law 

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During Class

Exit Ticket

A close-up photograph of a person's hands writing in a notebook. The person is holding a blue pen in their right hand and has their left hand resting on the page. The notebook is open, and the page is lined. The background is blurred, showing a wooden desk.

Before you leave:

- One thing you're unsure/curious about
- One thing that feels new or unexpected

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Charging an insulator 

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Charging a Grounded Conducting Rod 

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Balloons and Static Electricity 


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Exit Ticket (Module 1, Monday) 

 Quiz



 Due January 12 at 11:59 PM

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