



PHYS 2426 – University Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2026

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Communication Response Time: within 48 hours

COURSE INFORMATION

This course requires face-to-face physical classroom attendance. However, this requirement is subject to change.

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required:

1. A hard copy of PHYS 2426 Lab Manual (2018-2019 Edition Course Package), available at the campus bookstore.

Textbook(s) Recommended:

1. 5th or 4th edition of Physics for Scientists and Engineers by Randall D. Knight. (a hard copy or electronic copy)
2. OpenStax University Physics Volume 2 (free of charge from <https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-2/>)

Software Required: none

Optional Texts and/or Materials: none

Course Description

Physics 2426 is the second semester of a calculus-based physics sequence. University Physics II introduces electrical and magnetic phenomena in nature, including the concepts of electrical charges, electric and magnetic fields, the application of Gauss' Law, electric potential, conductors and insulators, currents, basic circuits, and induction.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to demonstrate the following skills when analyzing situations involving electrostatic fields and potentials and their sources, currents, voltage, capacitance, power, basic electrical circuits, magnetic fields and their sources, and induction:
- Students will be able to conduct qualitative analysis of electromagnetism problems which demonstrates conceptual understanding as measured by performance in visualizing problems through diagrams, estimating answers, assessing and justifying answers, analyzing graphs and clear, written explanations.
- Students will be able to perform quantitative calculations in situations involving electric and magnetic fields, and demonstrate knowledge of the relevant basic units, vector addition, and application of basic calculus. Students will be able to assess answers to questions for plausibility.
- Students will be able to use simple laboratory demonstrations and computer simulations to explain the basic properties of electric and magnetic fields, and electrical circuits.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

None

Instructional Methods

This class is being taught in studio mode. Studio mode is a student-centered active learning environment that concentrates on group work. A good analogy is with a sports coach: you can't learn a sport from sitting in lecture – only by practicing it yourself with a coach present to give you instruction and feedback. Physics is no different – you can only learn by doing. The majority of class time will be focused on group activities. Activities will include conceptual work, labs, and problem solving. Activities will be completed in groups of 3-4. The instructor will assign groups. Groups will be changed 2-3 times during the semester. The instructor, learning assistant and graduate assistant will go from table to table, frequently sitting and observing your discussion. Our role is to help you ask the right questions that lead to you solving the problems yourselves. Physics education research has shown that students learn best when actively engaged

in class. Studio mode has been implemented at many universities and has been found to have positive impacts on conceptual understanding and problem-solving ability.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

The vast majority of class time will be spent working in groups. Students are expected to participate fully in group-work in their assigned roles. Students are expected to have completed the reading by the due date. Students are expected to take notes on all problems you solve in class, any notes shared by other groups on whiteboards. For work displayed on whiteboards, the easiest thing to do is to just take photos of the work using camera phones. All students are expected to complete the tutorial worksheets; although the in-class tutorials are not graded, you will need complete worksheets to do the tutorial homework and to revise for the exams.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Grading Procedure

- Attendance: 5%
- Group problems: 5%
- Homework: 10%
- Quizzes: 30%
- Exams: 50%

* The scales can be adjusted by the instructor. The final grading policy will be announced before the final exam. Students with attendance below 70% will receive a grade of F, regardless of assignment and test scores.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

The instruction will respond within 24 hours by email. Each graded assignment and test will be returned within a week.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

General Classroom

Students are expected to be on time and present for all class meetings. If an emergency results in an absence, the student should contact the instructor as soon as possible informing the instructor of the emergency and inquiring about ways to make up the missed class. The instructor will make judgment on how to handle the situation. Possible reasons for excused absence are listed in the “Student’s Guidebook” under class attendance policy. Attendance and tardy records will be maintained and both may result in deductions from your overall grade. Five unexcused absences will automatically result in a failing grade.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx).
<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx).
<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Artificial Intelligence Software Usage Policy

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course. Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

*The schedule is subject to change. All changes will be announced in class.

				Lecture Schedule
Week 0	8/17/2026	-	8/21/2026	Aug 20 - Day 1 of Fall 2026
Week 1	8/24/2026	-	8/28/2026	Electric charges and forces
Week 2	8/31/2026	-	9/4/2026	Electric field 1
Week 3	9/7/2026	-	9/11/2026	Electric field 2
Week 4	9/14/2026	-	9/18/2026	Gauss's law
Week 5	9/21/2026	-	9/25/2026	The electric potential
Week 6	9/28/2026	-	10/2/2026	Potential and field 1
Week 7	10/5/2026	-	10/9/2026	Potential and field 2
Week 8	10/12/2026	-	10/16/2026	Current and resistance
Week 9	10/19/2026	-	10/23/2026	Fundamentals of circuits 1
Week 10	10/26/2026	-	10/30/2026	Fundamentals of circuits 2
Week 11	11/2/2026	-	11/6/2026	The magnetic field 1
Week 12	11/9/2026	-	11/13/2026	The magnetic field 2
Week 13	11/16/2026	-	11/20/2026	Electromagnetic induction 1
Week 14	11/23/2026	-	11/27/2026	<< Thanksgiving Break >>
Week 15	11/30/2026	-	12/4/2026	Electromagnetic induction 2
Week 16	12/7/2026	-	12/11/2026	Final week