

# Welcome to PHYSICS 131!



## Introductory Physics - I

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Course web site via <http://spark.oit.umass.edu/>

Course blog: <http://blogs.umass.edu/physics131-willocq>

## TODAY

- **General information about this course**
  - Web site, blog, syllabus, homework, etc.
- **General information about lab course (Physics 133)**
  - Associated with Physics 131 but run independently by Prof. Carlo Dallapiccola ([carlod@physics.umass.edu](mailto:carlod@physics.umass.edu))
  - Labs begin the week of Feb 2 or Feb 9 (depending on your lab section)

## How To Be Successful in This Course?

- Read and study the textbook
- Attend the lectures and participate
- Find someone to study with
- Focus on concepts and problem solving techniques
- Seek outside help as needed ASAP, either from
  - Myself during office hours (or by appointment)
  - The TA during his Physics Help Room hours
  - At the Learning Resource Center
  - Or with a tutor
- **Do the work and don't remain stuck if you are**

## TO DO

- **By Tuesday Feb 3 at 8 am**
  - Complete the “Introduction to MasteringCollegePhysics” homework assignment
  - Buy PRS transmitter & use it during lecture on Wednesday next week
- **By Friday Feb 6 at 8 am**
  - Complete first “real” homework assignment (via MasteringPhysics)