

PHYS263: University Physics III Laboratory
SUMMER 2021 -Virtual Lab (Section 2C2)
ASYNCHRONOUS

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Course Description

Prerequisites: C or higher in PHYS261. **Co-requisite:** PHYS262. Experiments in optics and modern physics, including techniques for recording, graphically and statistically analyzing, and reporting data. PHYS263 University Physics III Lab is approved for the Natural Sciences category in the Mason Core: <https://masoncore.gmu.edu/natural-science-lab-and-non-lab/>

Experiment Due Date Schedule(Due by 11:59pm on the day specified)

Due Date	Exp. No.	Experiment
06/22	1	Introductory exercises: Error and uncertainty in lab Measurements
06/24	2	Signal velocity on a Coaxial Cable
06/26	3	Transients in LRC circuits
06/29	4	Frequency Components of Non-Sinusoidal Waves
07/01	5	Stefan-Boltzmann Radiation Law
07/06	6	Heat Engine and Ideal Gas Law
07/08	7	Geometric Optics
07/10	8	Wave optics: Interference, Polarization
07/13	9	Michelson Interferometer
07/15	10	Intensity vs. Angle of Reflections
07/20	11	Spectrum of Atomic Hydrogen
07/22	12	Photoelectric Effect

General Instructions

1) Laboratory partners

Since the lab is online, everyone should work by themselves. All students must submit his/her individual pre-lab write-up and lab report.

2) Individual lab report (20 pts)

lab report should contain the following things:

Name: write your name and date of your experiment (0.5 pts)

Subject: PHYS263-2xx (insert your section number) (0.5 pts)

Title of the experiment

- a. **Objective(s):** write the purpose(s) of the experiment. (1 pts)
- b. **Theory:** briefly describe the theory behind the experiment. **Be sure to write down the working formula defining each variable and their units.** (1 pts)
- c. **Apparatus:** list all the apparatus that you will use in the experiment. Include a **“hand drawn”** diagram of the experimental set up with proper labels. (1 pts)
- d. **Procedure:** bullet point summary of procedure for the experiment (1pts)
- e. **Sample graph:** make a **“hand drawn”** diagram of the sample graph with labels and units on each axis (**NOTE:** this refers to what you expect the results graph(s) to look like). (1 pts)

After the completion of the experiment, the final report should contain the following things:

- f. **Procedure:** briefly, explain what you did in your own words. Do not copy the lab manual. This section should contain only a few sentences summarizing the procedure. (2.5 pts)
- g. **Result:** observations and the results of the experiment you conducted (e.g., tables, graphs, and calculations). All tables and graphs must contain proper heading (i.e., “Table 1. Title”; “Figure 1. Title”), labels and units. (7.5 pts)
- h. **Conclusion:** write what your objective for the lab was then critically describe if you achieved your objective. Your conclusion should reflect the main message (or physics) involved in the experiment. Discuss the possible source(s) of error, if any. (5 pts)

NOTE: consult the Sample Lab Report as a guide for your pre-lab and lab reports.

You will need to work efficiently and come to lab prepared to complete the experiment and write-up on time. We will be using MATLAB for data analysis, but only within the lab time. I will provide MATLAB code on Blackboard that can be run for analysis before each lab. You will not need to use it outside of the lab. The good thing is that university has now paid for the MATLAB. One can now use MATLAB even without having to VPN to the university network. You can download it from here <https://www.mathworks.com/academia/tah-portal/george-mason-university-31483444.html> Installation help is available directly from MATHWORKS at: https://www.mathworks.com/support/contact_us.html?s_tid=tah_po_helpbutton

3) Lab Notebook

Since Lab notebook could not be provided physically, you can use US Letter paper sheets /A4 paper size. Both pre-lab and **lab report must be handwritten**. You will submit both to the instructor for grading via Blackboard.

4) Attendance

Since the lab is asynchronous, attendance is not required for this section. I will post videos explaining the basic theoretical background of each lab and how to do them, and you will complete the report. **THE REPORTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 11:59PM ON THE DUE DATE.** The link to upload the report will disappear after that. An excused lab can usually be made up, but only with a **VALID medical excuse (documentation required)**. Please notify me as soon as possible if this is the case.

Reminder: *any late lab submissions will be penalized and/or graded a zero.*

5) Grading

All labs count equally. Each lab will be graded for 20 points. I will use the following grading scheme for the lab report:

Lab report and results: 15 points

Conclusion: 5 points

Final grade will be 100% from lab reports. Letter grades will be assigned later in the semester.

Late Policy:

Assignments submitted after their due date but before the next assignment will lose 20% of the grade.

Assignments submitted after the next assignment's due date will lose 50% of the grade.

Assignments submitted a week late will not be accepted and counted as a 0 for the grade.

6) **If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations:**

Please see me and contact the Office of Disability Services at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office. Students must inform the instructor at the beginning of the semester, and the specific accommodation will be arranged through ODS.

7) **Academic Integrity:**

GMU is an Honor Code university; please see the University Catalog for a full description of the code and the honor committee process. Honor Code: To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.

8) **Be creative and honest:**

If your results are not what you expected them to be, talk to me. If you honestly performed the experiment to the best of your ability, and there is an error, you should still report your findings. **DO NOT** copy or share the lab reports.

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

As a faculty member, I am designated as a "Responsible Employee", and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason's Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730 or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.