

- COURSE TITLE:** HPS 301 – Principles of Health Physics (SP16)
- INSTRUCTOR:** Gary Cerefice, Health Physics & Diagnostic Sciences
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- OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday/Thursday 10 – 11:30.
Note: If my door is open, please feel free to stop in with questions
- COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Health physics as it pertains to medicine, industry, and the government. Topics include radiation terms, quantities and units, radiation protection standards, radiation safety and protection, radiation biology, and regulations.
- COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The student is expected to gain a basic understanding of, and basic proficiency in the use of, the concepts, applications, and regulations of radiation protection. The knowledge and techniques gained by the student in this course will serve as the foundation for a profession in health or medical physics. Outcomes for HPS 301 include:
- Understand and calculate doses from exposure to radioactive materials from both internal and external exposures
 - Understand and evaluate the impact of radiation protection methodologies on radiation exposure, including design and analysis of shielding
 - Understand and apply pertinent sections of federal and state regulations dealing with radiation protection
- WEEKLY SCHEDULE:** Two 1.5 hour class period per week.
- TESTING:** Weekly homework. Two scheduled exams and a comprehensive final will be administered.
- GRADING:** Grading for the course will be based on the scheduled exams, final exam, and weekly homework. Tentative grade weights given to each evaluation tool as follows:
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| Examinations (2) | 50% |
| Final Exam | 30% |
| Homework | 20% |
- HOMEWORK POLICY:** Homework will be due on the dates listed in the assignment, unless modified by the instructor. Late homework will be subject to a penalty of 10% per week late, unless approved by the instructor prior to due date. Homework submitted after solutions are posted will receive an additional 50% penalty.
- REQUIRED TEXT:** Atoms, Radiation, and Radiation Protection, 3rd Edition. James E. Turner. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 978-3527406067.
- RECOMMENDED TEXT:** Nuclides and Isotopes: Chart of the Nuclides. 16th Edition. Knoll Atomic Power Laboratory. 2002. <http://www.ChartoftheNuclides.com> for more information.

Tentative Course Schedule

1	01/19	Review & Practice Problems
2	01/26	Review & Practice Problems
3	02/02	Radiation Dosimetry – Units and Quantities (Ch. 12)
4	02/09	Radiation Biology (Ch. 13)
5	02/16	Radiation Biology (Ch. 13)
6	02/23	Radiation Protection – Criteria and Limits (Ch. 14)
7	03/01	Radiation Protection – Criteria and Limits / <i>Review</i>
8	03/08	EXAM #1 / External Radiation Protection (Ch. 15)
9	03/15	External Radiation Protection (Ch. 15)
10	03/22	<u>No Class – Spring Break</u>
11	03/29	External Radiation Protection (Ch. 15)
12	04/05	External Radiation Protection (Ch. 15)
13	04/12	Internal Radiation Protection (Ch. 16)
14	04/19	Internal Radiation Protection (Ch. 16)
15	04/26	<i>Review</i> / Exam #2
16	05/03	<i>to be determined</i>

FINAL EXAM – May 10th, 10:10 am – 12:10 pm

Grading Curve

The departmental grading scale is as follows.

100 – 93	A
93 – 90	A-
89 – 87	B+
86 – 83	B
82 – 80	B-
79 – 77	C+
76 – 73	C
72 – 70	C-
69 – 60	D

To account for variations in exam difficulty, a curve may be applied to the exams and final. The instructor will provide details of the curve if it is applied.

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Academic Misconduct – Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV's function as an educational institution.

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Disability Resource Center (DRC) – The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, <http://drc.unlv.edu/>, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you.

If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to me during office hours so that we may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach me before or after class to discuss your accommodation needs.

Religious Holidays Policy – Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The **make-up** will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor no later than the end of the first two weeks of classes, **September 6**, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. This policy shall not apply in the event that administering the test or examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the university that could not reasonably been avoided. For additional information, please visit: <http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=164>.

Incomplete Grades - The grade of I – Incomplete – can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed all course work up to the withdrawal date of that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student’s control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. A student who receives an I is responsible for making up whatever work was lacking at the end of the semester. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

Tutoring – The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring and academic assistance for all UNLV students taking UNLV courses. Students are encouraged to stop by the ASC to learn more about subjects offered, tutoring times and other academic resources. The ASC is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Students may learn more about tutoring services by calling (702) 895-3177 or visiting the tutoring web site at: <http://academicsuccess.unlv.edu/tutoring/>.

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Final Examinations – The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: <http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.

Library Resources – Students may consult with a librarian (www.library.unlv.edu/consultation) about research needs. For this class, the subject librarian is Xan Goodman. UNLV Libraries provides resources to support students’ access to information. Discovery, access, and use of information are vital skills for academic work and for successful post-college life. Access library resources and ask questions at www.library.unlv.edu/