Week 1: Orientation, Reading & Homework Assignment # 1

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Course Textbook(s): Physics 406 Lecture Notes (posted on P406 website – see below)

Course Website: http://courses.physics.illinois.edu/phys406/
http://courses.physics.illinois.edu/phys193/  
Freshman “Discovery” POM Course (less technical)

All lecture notes, lab handouts, additional references, previous student final project reports
(and much more) are available on the P406 (and P193) website(s). Please check these out!

Course Organization:

A. Lectures: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:50 pm, in the POM Lab (6105 ESB).
               We will also have various demos using equipment in the POM Lab (6105 ESB).

B. Friday Labs: Lab1 @ 11:00 am -1:50 pm, Lab2 @ 2:00-4:50 pm in the POM Lab (6105 ESB)
               First part of the semester will consist of doing various simple/short experiments using
               equipment and/or software in the lab. Will discuss this in the 1st lab session(s) this coming Friday.
               Second part of semester, labs will be focused on student project(s) – more on this below.

C. Weekly Reading and Homework Assignments: HW due following week on Thursday, in class.
D. Take-Home Midterm Exam: Tuesday, March 8, 2016, Due: Thursday, March 17, 2016
E. Midterm Project Oral Presentations: Brief! In class – Tues & Thurs, March 8 & 10, 2016
F. Final Project Oral Presentations: Brief! In class – Thurs, April 28 & Tues, May 3, 2016
G. Take-Home Final Exam: Tuesday, April 26, 2016, Due: Friday, May 6, 2016
H. Final Project Written Report: Due: Friday, May 13, 2016

Reading Assignment For Week 1: Please read Physics 406 Lect. Notes 1-3, & 3 Part 2,
and also Science of Sound (SoS), Ch’s 1 & 2.

Homework Assignment For Week 1: SoS Ch. 1: Exercises 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12
                                  Ch. 2: Exercises 1, 3, 4

Final grade based on:

ΣHW’s: 20%
MT: 15%
FE: 30%
FP: 35% (= Σ mid-term & final oral presentations, final written report).