Advanced Mechanics. Spring 2017

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• L.D. Landau and E.M. Lifshitz, Mechanics, 3rd edition

Grading:

1 exam	40%
Final (comprehensive)	40%
Homework (weekly)	20%

Exam on Thursday, March 23, 2:20-3:35pm; MPHY 109 Final exam: May 9, Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 pm; MPHY 109

Prerequisites and Co-requisites: Calculus, and differential equations

Syllabus:

<u>Block 1</u>: Oscillations, Resonance.

Block 2: 1D motion, 2D motion, Kepler's laws, Particle collisions and scattering . Ruserford's formula

Block <u>3</u>: Lagrangian Mechanics.

Block 4: Hamiltonian Mechanics.

Block 5: Oscillations: normal modes, Kapitza pendulum, Foucault pendulum, Parametric resonance, Phonons.

<u>Block 6</u>: Rotation of rigid bodies.

<u>Block 7</u>: Applications of Hamiltonian mechanics, Action. Variational principle, Liouville's theorem, The Hamilton-Jacobi equation, Action-angle variables, Adiabatic invariants

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