You have been handed a word for which there are three other words that group with it.

Find the three people that hold the words that group with yours and sit at a table together.

For example, if your word was "North," then the other members of your group might be holding the words "East," "West," and "South."

Welcome to Physics 183 Section 3/4

Projects and Practices in Physics

Your Instructors

Section 3

Section 4

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- Prof. Richard Hallstein
 - Mr. Mike Obsniuk
- Dr. Paul Irving

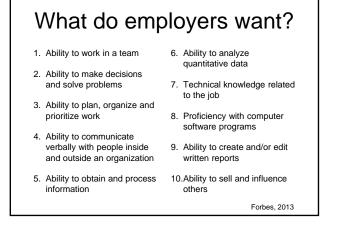
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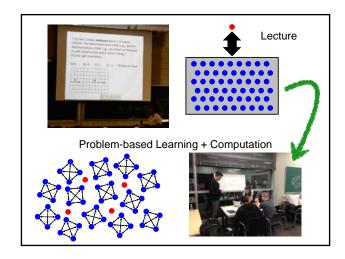
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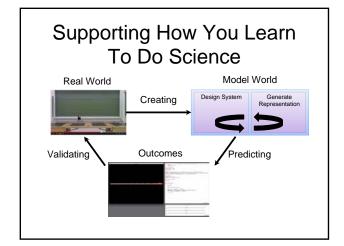
You may go contact any instructor for help using the group email (<u>pcubed@pa.msu.edu</u>). You must attend the section for which you are enrolled.

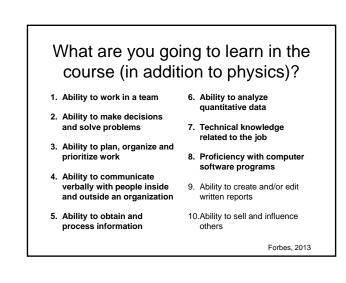
Marshmallow Challenge

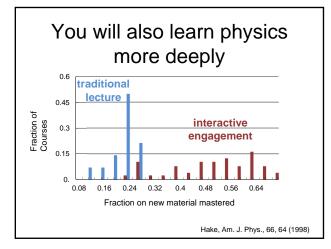
- You have been handed: a box of dry spaghetti, a marshmallow, and a paper lunch bag.
- Rolls of masking tape have been placed in each corner of the room.
- Your group has 18 minutes to construct the tallest freestanding structure that will support one (1) marshmallow.
- We will tell you when there's 9, 6, 3, 2, 1, and 0.5 minutes left.













Projects and Practices in Physics (P³)

- Introductory Calculus-based Mechanics where (weekly) you will solve complex problems in groups of 4
- Supported by pre-class homework and course notes + the internet (and instructors)
 no need to bring your own computer
- Important concepts and sub-problems appear on postclass homework
- Individual and Collaborative Exams

Projects and Practices in Physics (P³)

Projects and Practices in Physics

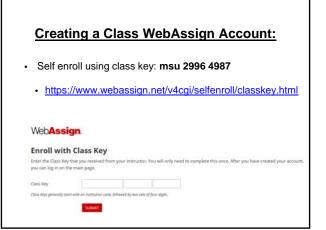
- Forces cause changes in momentum
- Energy is conserved
- Torques cause changes in angular momentum
- Macroscopic phenomenon are the result of microscopic interactions

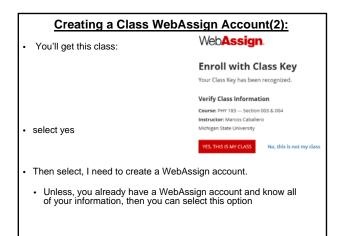
You will be as prepared for PHY 184 as students taking other sections.

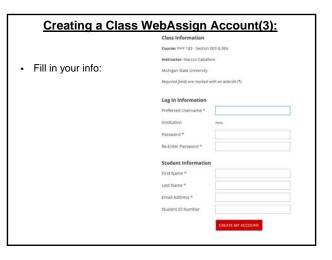
Pre-class Reading & Homework

- Course Notes and Videos (No Book Necessary!)
 - <u>pcubed@pa.msu.edu</u> Read, watch videos, and take your own notes Ask questions! Get help when you need it
- Pre-class Homework

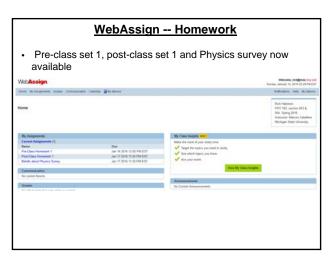
<u>http://www.webassign.net/</u> due Mondays at 11:59pm (exception: set 1 is due Thursday, Jan 14 at noon) short conceptual homework assignments Don't guess! Get help when you need it







	Creating a Class WebAssign Account(4):		
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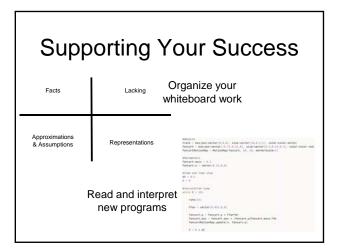
Class Meetings

- · Working in groups of 4 to solve complex physics problems.
- We will facilitate your work: ask questions, prompt discussions, et cetera
- Typically, you will solve a problem on Tuesday, then solve a new problem on Thursday, which extends Tuesday's.
 - The complex problems contain the core learning goals of the week.
 - We will ask follow on questions when you have designed your solution to test your understanding.

Class Meetings

- · Your in-class work will be assessed by us on a 100 point scale:
- How well do you help your group to ensure that all members develop an understanding of the physics (Group Understanding)?
- How well do you help your group manage itself in terms of the discussion and use of ideas (Group Focus)?
- How well do you develop your own understanding of the physics (Individual Understanding)?
- These 3 scores will be averaged together using weight factors that play to your strengths.
- You will be given feedback from us each week along with your grade.

Far more details are in the "How will group work be assessed/graded?" document



Post-class homework

- <u>http://www.webassign.net/</u> due Sundays at 11:59pm; short homework assignments that emphasize core concepts and sub-problems.
- This homework will be available all week, so you can work on it anytime.
- We are taking great care to make sure your out-ofclass work is no more than other 183 students!

Three Evening Exams and a Final

Individual Portion

- Open-ended, hand-graded exams that you will complete by yourself
- · Similar to pre-class and post-class homework
- · Collaborative Portion
- · Open-ended, hand-graded exams that you will complete in your group
- Much simpler versions of your in-class work
- Mock exams are available at least a week before the exam online via WEBASSIGN

Exams are 6:00-8:30pm Feb. 10th, Mar. 16th, & Apr. 13th

Grading Information

Pre-class HW:	10%
In-class group work (drop lowest 2):	20%
Post-class HW:	20%
• 3 evening exams (ind. 75%, group 2	5%): 30%
• Final exam (ind. 75%, group 25%):	20%
Total:	100%

We will not grade on a curve

Course score (p)

- p > 92%
- 92% > p > 84%
- 84% > p > 76%
- 76% > p > 68%
- 68% > p > 60 %
- 60% > p > 52%
- 52% > p > 44%
- p < 44%
- 3.0 • 2.5
- 1.5

- 4.0 • 3.5

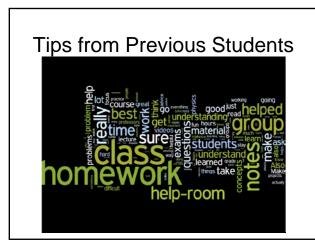
Earned Grade

• 2.0

• 0

- 1.0

- Other important information
- Class Hours
 - Section 3: 12:40pm 2:30pm Tuesday and Thursday
 - Section 4: 3:00pm 4:50pm Tuesday and Thursday - class participation is essential to your success!
 - you must attend your enrolled section
- · Help-session hours (1248 BPS) Strosacker Center - Wednesday 2PM-5PM
- Friday 1PM-6PM
- -Additional Times TBD



Tips from Previous Students

- "Always!!! Do your pre-class and post-class homework, so you (1.) know what's going on in class and (2.) make sure you actually learned something from class.
- "Critical thinking is important in this course. I would advise new students to relax and trust their instincts. Don't be afraid to speak up and share your ideas with the group."
- "I would tell them make sure to watch all the lecture videos and read the notes. Also, don't be afraid to ask questions or stop people when you don't understand. This class is unique in that you don't disrupt everything when you ask a question, so take advantage of that. Also, don't leave the homework until the last minute, even though you will anyway."
- · "Also to not focus so much on completing the guestions, it makes it less fun, (especially since the answer itself is not worth a grade). It's a really unique setup, so enjoy it :)"

More on the syllabus

What's next?

- · Today: Questions for former students
- · Today: Two surveys
- · Thursday at noon: First pre-class homework is due!
- · Thursday: Constant and relative velocity problem
- Sunday the 17th of Jan: First post-class homework is due!
- Sunday the 17th of Jan: Online survey due!

NOTE: Next week's pre-lecture material (the momentum principle) is much longer, so start early!