Access Codes and Guidelines

Text Book and Modified Mastering Physics
The main textbook is University Physics Volume 2 (13th edition) by Young & Friedman. The textbook is the most expensive item, and the most expensive part of that is the online access to MasteringPhysics (MP). Your most cost-effective option is probably to buy the loose-leaf version with Modified MP from the bookstore. If you did not buy Modified MP with the textbook, you may purchase it online during the registration process.

MasteringPhysics access lasts 24 months and includes the entire text (i.e. the same account can be used for both PHYS 218 and 208). In case you had Modified Mastering within this period you may use your access code directly. If you had Regular, you need to contact our representative in Person Amanda Blundell (amanda.blundell@pearson.com, 713.557.7234). She can swap your access code for Modified if you provide her with your email used to create that account, the username, and the semester you took the course.

Once you get Modified MP, you will also get an 'Access Code'. Keep it safely. Don’t lose it.
The registration to MasteringPhysics Home Work should proceed via ecampus.tamu.edu
In case eCampus is down the following site can be used to access the home work: www.masteringphysics.com
Your first assignment is due by 11:59pm, Sunday September 13.

smartPhysics
SmartPhysics (www.smartphysics.com) access can be purchased from their website directly, and this method is cheaper than buying them from the bookstore.
Go to: www.smartphysics.com [please *do not* buy their book; it is not your textbook] and do the following:
a) Click on the 'students' tab in "Get access to Smart Physics".
b) Enter your login information. Please use your TAMU email account and TAMU UIN wherever requested.
c) Update your profile if/when that page shows up.
d) Then click on 'Enrollment' and then 'Join a course'.

i>clicker
You have to purchase an iClicker2 in the bookstore. If you buy the loose-leaf version of the text with MP, you should find it comes with a clicker rebate coupon. Please bring your clicker to each class, as class participation will be part of your grade.

In order to receive credit for your classroom participation with the i>clicker2, you will need to register it. While you can register online at any time, you must have come to class at least once and voted on at least one question in order to complete the registration. Once you have voted on a question in my class, following these few simple steps to complete registration of your i>clicker2.

2. Enter your first and last names as they appear on your TAMU ID.
3. For "Student ID" enter your TAMU UIN.
4. For "Remote ID" enter the code that appears on the back of your i>clicker2. It can also be found on the LCD screen upon powering on your i>clicker2 remote.
5. Finally, enter the Image Code as it appears on the screen to prove you're not a bot and click Register.
6. Note: the frequency code for our room (MPHY205) is 'BA'.

If you need technical support for the i>clicker2, please contact the manufacturer directly at (866)209-5698 (8:00am–10:00pm CST, M–F), or via email (support@iclicker.com). The i>clicker website (http://www.iclicker.com) also has support documentation, video tutorials, and FAQs for students.

**WebAssign (For all your lab work).**

*You have to purchase WebAssign access for 208 separately.* It can be purchased from the https://www.webassign.net/tamu/login.html website directly. This method is cheaper than buying it from the bookstore. You may want to hold off buying the WebAssign access card and choose the free access for a two week grace period. WebAssign does not give you a refund if you drop the course.

Log in using your TAMU NetID and password. WebAssign will open at the Home tab. Click on the My Classes drop down menu. Select your Physics 208 section. This will take you to the WebAssign Notices page and you will be asked how you want to pay. You may want to choose the ‘continue my trial period’ unless you are 100% sure you will not drop this course in the next 2 weeks. This will take you to the WebAssign assignments.

Click on the My eBooks tab at the top of the page or the link in the about this class section on this page. Both will take you to the Physics Labs for Scientists and Engineers – E&M 1st Edition. This opens up the online lab manual.

Read the write-up for the lab. Especially note the Procedure; this tells you what you will do in lab next week. Download and read the Worksheet. You may wish to print this out and bring it with you to class for reference, however, you will not hand in this form when completing your lab. This worksheet shows you the data and results you will enter during lab. **It is VERY important that you read the material in the online LAB MANUAL for each experiment before starting the PreLab for that experiment.** The Pre-lab will always be available to you starting at the end of the previous lab period. **It is due 15 minutes before the start of that week's recitation.** Also read the Appendix in the lab manual. The Appendix talks about using Excel to draw graphs and find the best straight line fit to data. It also talks about error, uncertainty (standard deviation), and error propagation.

Click on the My Assignments tab at the top of the page. Check under Current Assignments. Click there and you are in the PreLab. Answer the questions posed. Then you are ready for lab. For all parts of the lab (PreLab, InLab and PostLab) **you get 5 attempts at each question.**

The In-Lab is available to you during the lab period and MUST be attempted only if you are physically present In-Lab. **During lab, hit ‘submit’ for grading often,** since each entry can build on previous ones, and you don’t want to get to the end and find something was wrong at the beginning.

**The Post-lab is available to you as soon as the lab period ends until 30 minutes before the start of the next week's recitation (**not** lab) -- one week after your in-lab exercise.**

**You are required to get WebAssign access during the first week of classes!**