

Physics Seminar (Phys 145) Syllabus

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1 How to Find Me

The best way to reach me is **e-mail**, edis@truman.edu. You can call my office at 785-4583, but I don't regularly check my voice mail.

I will have office hours from 10:30 to 11:00 and from 13:00 to 15:00 every Tuesday and Thursday, and from 15:30 to 16:20 Wednesdays. Of course, there's a good chance I will be around my office at other times as well. To see what hours I am most likely to be available, check my **typical schedule** (www2.truman.edu/~edis/courses/schedule.html).

2 Course Description

Physics Seminar is intended as an introduction to the physics and pre-engineering majors. It includes discussion of physical topics plus attendance at presentations by speakers from outside Truman.

The class meets in MG 1099, Wednesdays from 16:30 to 17:30. Activities in class will include discussion of previous reading assignments, discussions of physics-related topics introduced that day, and practical matters concerning Truman and your majors.

The Physics Colloquia are scheduled about every two weeks at class time. See <http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia/mainstage.asp> for the full schedule for Fall 2009. They take place in MG 1000. Attendance is mandatory. We

want you to get a broader idea of what physics and engineering is about by hearing professionals in the field describe their work. You will not understand everything they say, but that is not a problem. You should aspire to following such discussions and joining in the conversation as you progress in your knowledge of physics and engineering.

3 Grades

The course is offered pass/fail. Whether you pass depends almost entirely on your attendance and participation in class.

Attendance, therefore, is crucial. If you have a good reason you cannot make a particular day, the very least you should do is to email me to inform me of the fact.

I also expect academic honesty from you. For the [Student Conduct Code](#), see studentinvolvement.truman.edu/handbook/conduct.html. In the context of this course, this largely translates to the requirement that you should *do your own work*. Do not copy someone else's work.