

Thermal Physics

PHY B52 - Winter 2019

Lecture	Tuesday	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	BV 260
TUT 01	Thursday	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	MW 130
TUT 02	Wednesday	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	AC 332

"A theory is the more impressive the greater the simplicity of its premises, the more different kinds of things it relates, and the more extended its area of applicability. Therefore the deep impression that classical **thermodynamics** made upon me. It is the only physical theory of universal content which I am convinced will never be overthrown, within the framework of applicability of its basic concepts."

– Albert Einstein

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Office Hours

Wednesday	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Thursday	9:30 am - 11:30 am	5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Course Description and Requirements

The course will start with the idea of thermal equilibrium; an extension to the concepts of energy, heat, and work; and the definitions of temperature and entropy. We will continue with a study of mechanical and chemical equilibrium; the laws of thermodynamics; and examples and applications to heat engines, refrigerators, free energy, and chemical thermodynamics. We will conclude the course with an introduction to the statistical concepts which underlie macroscopic thermodynamics and provide the bridge between the microscopic and macroscopic pictures, using quantum ideal gases as our example.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Identify and define the basic vocabulary used in Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics.
- Recognize the connection between the microscopic quantum mechanical description and the macroscopic thermodynamical view of systems composed of large numbers of particles.
- Apply fundamental principles of thermal physics to solve problems and conceptual questions involving both ideal as well as real thermodynamical phenomena.
- Develop individual and group problem solving strategies, and implement these strategies to examples and questions involving thermodynamical systems.
- Continue building a mathematical toolbox connected to quantitative and analytical skills useful to the scientist in general, and to the physicist in particular.

Course Prerequisites: Physics II (PHYA21); Calculus of Several Variables I (MATB41)

Course Corequisite: Calculus of Several Variables II (MATB42)

Required Materials

- **Textbook:** *An Introduction to Thermal Physics* by Daniel V. Schroeder (Pearson 2000)

The schedule provided at the end of this document indicates the chapters and sections you must read **before** each lecture. The textbook also provides the conceptual questions and detailed problems that will be the subject of the weekly problem sets, reading quizzes, and tutorial quizzes.

- **Calculator:** A scientific non-programmable calculator is required.

Grading Scheme

Component	Points	Due Date
Reading Quizzes	5	Ongoing (Pre-Lecture)
Tutorial Work	15	Ongoing (Weekly Tutorials)
Test #1	15	Week 5 (Tentative)
Test #2	20	Week 9 (Tentative)
Final Examination	45	Exam Period (April 10 - 27)

Grade Components

Reading Quizzes (5%)

Each week on the course website you will be asked a set of questions from the assigned readings for the upcoming week. You will have until **11:55 pm** on Monday to submit your answers. Each quiz is worth **5 points**, and your final grade is the total sum of all quizzes up to a maximum of **50 points**. Use the **Class Schedule** found at the end of this document to prepare for the lectures and reading quizzes.

Tutorial Work (15%)

During the tutorials we will discuss the most important points in the problem sets as well as difficult points you may have encountered in your readings. Please note that the problem sets will not be collected or graded and it is your responsibility to make sure you understand the discussions presented in these problems. The assessment of your work will be a combination of tutorial quizzes, group work, blackboard problems, electronic homework, and take-home questions.

Test #1 (15%)

This **90-minute** long test will be scheduled *tentatively* during **Week 5**. Content includes all lecture discussions, textbook readings, and problem sets up to and including the material discussed in **Week 4**.

Test #2 (20%)

This **2-hour** long test will be scheduled *tentatively* during **Week 9**. Content includes all lecture discussions, textbook readings, and problem sets up to and including the material discussed in **Week 8**.

Final Examination (45%)

The **3-hour** long final examination will be scheduled during the exam period of **April 11 - 26**. Content for the final examination includes all the topics discussed in the assigned textbook readings, lecture presentations, problem sets, and tutorial quizzes.

Both tests and the final examination will include conceptual questions in multiple-choice and short-answer format, and detailed problems. The only aids allowed are your non-programmable scientific calculator, and a hand-written, double-sided, and letter-sized aid sheet. Note that photocopies or computer printouts are not allowed.

Class Policies

Academic Integrity and Respect for the Academic Endeavor

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Toronto is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Toronto's *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*:

<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>

outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

- In papers and assignments: Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgment; submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor; making up sources or facts; obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment.
- On tests and exams: Using or possessing unauthorized aids; looking at someone else's answers during an exam or test; misrepresenting your identity.
- In academic work: Falsifying institutional documents or grades; falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including (but not limited to) doctor's notes.

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources resources such as: <http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/vpdean/academic-integrity>

Absences

In order to ensure fairness in the assessment of all students, there will be no makeup options for practical activities, formal reports, or the tests. In the case of a **valid** and **documented** problem that supports an absence to a practical session, the grade will be calculated on the basis of all other submitted work. In the case of a **valid** and **documented** problem that supports an absence to the first test, the second test will have its weight increased accordingly. In the case of a **valid** and **documented** problem that supports an absence to the second test, the final examination will have its weight increased accordingly. If the problem is health-related you must use the official form available [here](#) on the Registrar's Website.

Name and Student Number

Any work you hand in must clearly indicate your name and student number, this includes practical activities, formal reports, tests, and the final exam. Any work you submit that fails to meet this requirement will be penalized with a 10% deduction, provided we are able to identify the work as yours. If we are unable to identify the work as yours, a grade of zero will be awarded.

In-class Conduct

- Lectures start at 1:10 pm and end at 3:00 pm. Tutorials run from 3:10 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesdays and from 2:10 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursdays. Late arrival or early departure from class is inappropriate and disruptive so please be considerate.
- Regarding anything that you want to use in the classroom: if you are not using it to perform a task specifically related to what we are doing in class at that very moment, you must put it away. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, laptop computers, tablets, and other electronic devices.
- Do not bring or consume food in the classroom as this creates unwanted distractions that will negatively affect the learning environment.

e-mail Communication

If you want to ask a question via email, please first check the various threads in the Discussions section of the course website. Quite likely, you are not the only person with that same question, and if that question has already been asked, you will find the answer there. If the question has not been asked, go ahead and post it yourself instead of sending it by email. This way you will also help other students facing the same issue. These discussions are monitored regularly by the course instructor and your peers, making it the best way of communicating for various queries of a diverse nature.

However, if these electronic forums are not the best place for your query, make sure you send your email from an official **utoronto.ca** address (e.g., your UTmail+ account), as all other addresses will be filtered out automatically. For a quicker response time include the code **PHYB52** in the subject line of your message. I reply to emails within a period of 24 hours and I rarely reply to emails during weekends.

AccessAbility

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the *AccessAbility* Services Office as soon as possible. I will work with you and *AccessAbility* Services to ensure you can achieve your learning goals in this course. Enquiries are confidential. The UTSC *AccessAbility* Services staff (located in SW302) are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations (416) 287-7560 or ability@utsc.utoronto.ca

Class Schedule

This schedule is *tentative* and might change during the term in order to accommodate for variations in the lectures in response to performance and feedback from the students.

Some topics might be removed and others added to adjust for variations in the background of the class. Announcements will be made whenever needed.

Please note that it is your responsibility to read the assigned sections and chapters **before** each lecture.

During the lectures we will concentrate on the most important and difficult aspects of the theories and concepts from your textbook readings.

Failing to complete the textbook readings before each lecture will negatively affect your ability to understand and participate in the class discussions.

Dates	Tuesday Lecture 1pm - 3pm	Wed. / Thu. Tutorial 3pm - 5pm / 2pm - 4pm
Jan. 08 Jan. 09 / 10	Energy in Thermal Physics Chapter 1: 1 - 2	Energy in Thermal Physics Chapter 1: 3 - 4
Jan. 15 Jan. 16 / 17	Energy in Thermal Physics Chapter 1: 5 - 6	Problem Set # 01 Tutorial #01
Jan. 22 Jan. 23 / 24	The Second Law Chapter 2: 1 - 2	Problem Set # 02 Tutorial #02
Jan. 29 Jan. 30 / 31	The Second Law Chapter 2: 3 - 4	Problem Set # 03 Tutorial #03
Feb. 05 Feb. 06 / 07	The Second Law Chapter 2: 5 - 6	Problem Set # 04 Tutorial #04
Feb. 12 Feb. 13 / 14	Interactions and Implications Chapter 3: 1 - 3	Problem Set # 05 Tutorial #05
Feb. 19 Feb. 20 / 21	Reading Week Reading Week	Problem Set # 06 Electronic Homework #06
Feb. 26 Feb. 27 / 28	Interactions and Implications Chapter 3: 4 - 6	Problem Set # 07 Tutorial #07
Mar. 05 Mar. 06 / 07	Engines and Refrigerators Chapter 4: 1 - 2	Problem Set # 08 Tutorial #08
Mar. 12 Mar. 13 / 14	Free Energy Chapter 5: 1 - 2	Problem Set # 09 Tutorial #09
Mar. 19 Mar. 20 / 21	Boltzmann Statistics Chapter 6: 1 - 3	Problem Set # 10 Tutorial #10
Mar. 26 Mar. 27 / 28	Boltzmann Statistics Chapter 6: 4 - 7	Problem Set # 11 Tutorial #11
Apr. 02 Apr. 03 / 04	Quantum Statistics Chapter 7: 1 - 3	Problem Set # 12 Tutorial #12