

Syllabus Addendum

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The campus intends to continue operating even if the Red River floods this springs. This addendum addresses how a *short-term* disruption will be handled.

Communication:

- The website for this course, <http://www.mnstate.edu/lindaas/phys161/index.html> will have up-to-date assignments, and information about any changes due to flooding.
- Check the university website, <http://www.mnstate.edu> to see if classes are cancelled. If classes are being held, assume that this course will meet.
- I will post announcements in **MasteringPhysics** and email you at your mnstate.edu address if I need to cancel a meeting of this class because the flooding has impacted me or if I decide to change the details of an assignment.
- The best way to contact me in the event that you are personally impacted by the flood and will miss class or need more time on an assignment is via email. I will check my email and phone for messages even if classes are cancelled.
- If you do not have access to the Internet when you are off campus, or if your Internet service is interrupted, please call my office or the physics department office manager (218) 477-2141.

Academic Work:

- Depending on the timing and length of a closure, due dates for assignments and lab activities may be extended. You may submit written work by email if necessary.
- Lectures, where possible, will be posted online rather than being delivered in the classroom. **Desire2Learn (D2L)** will be used to facilitate on-line class discussions.
- Course participation will be determined by involvement in **D2L** discussion boards.
- Check **MasteringPhysics** (and the course website) for up-to-date information about assignment due dates and for new assignments.
- If needed off-site quizzes and exams will be administered on-line using **D2L** or **MasteringPhysics**.
- The expectation is that you will complete assignments by the deadlines that are established. ...BUT:
 - I know some of you will be working long hours fighting the flood. Please let me know if your circumstances require some sort of accommodation beyond what the rest of the class gets, and don't be shy about asking.
 - You don't necessarily need to provide any documentation; I trust that if you ask for some sort of accommodation it is because you really need it.
- Laboratory activities will be modified to utilize simulations where appropriate and feasible. Techniques and activities that are critical for developing a complete conceptual understanding of certain physical processes may be revisited at a later date. Some lab activities may also be posted on-line as demos for analysis. Please consider installing **LoggerPro** (the cost is free) on a computer you can use to aid you in off-site data analysis.