Hello, and welcome to Physics 96 - Physics Preparatory

This course is designed as a refresher for students who have been away from physics and/or college for a while before they start UVM's Physics 11 & 12 introductory physics series. It's also appropriate for students looking for a firmer foundation in physics basics.

The course will meet 9:00 am to 12:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks; starting July 17th and ending August 9th. Class will be held in Discovery 414.

The format of the course will be hands-on activities and discussion of ideas on Tuesdays; and then collaborative problem solving on Thursdays. There will be four homework assignments, due on Mondays at midnight. You're welcome to attempt the assignments multiple times before their due dates, although the questions and specific numerical values may change from attempt to attempt. You'll receive some feedback on how well each attempt scored, and your score will be the highest value from any of your attempts.

The course is only offered Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (and according to AAMC’s AMCAS Instruction Manual, will not count towards your BCMP GPA). To receive a Satisfactory, you must achieve an overall average on the four assignments of 70%, and a score of at least 60% on each of the assignments.

Students are expected to comply with UVM's Code of Academic Integrity and Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities; more information is available at the Center for Student Ethics & Standards. While it is fully expected and encouraged that you discuss the ideas and problems from this course with your fellow students, when you go to submit an assignment it should be your own work. We will be working with lab equipment in this course, and safety is a priority. Negligent or deliberate misuses of the equipment will not be tolerated, and may result in a grade of Unsatisfactory for the entire course.

Office hours are on Monday & Friday from 2 to 3 in either Disco 313 or the fourth floor vestibule (depending on number of folks attending).

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Thank you for spending part of your summer with me.
Dr. Donforth