

Help Hours and Course Assistance

Faculty and TA Help Hours

You can get help from one or more faculty members and/or TAs in the Studio (CT 223), the Physics Central Help Room (adjacent to Studio), and faculty offices on the days/times listed below.

See recent [Announcements \(https://elearning.mines.edu/courses/51977/announcements\)](https://elearning.mines.edu/courses/51977/announcements) for any cancelations or modifications to the schedule below.

Monday: 9 am - 4 pm (Hep Room), 6 pm - 9 pm (Studio) - note that here is a break in Help Hours from 4 pm - 6 pm for TA Prep

Tuesday: 9 am - 6 pm (Help Room), 6 pm - 8 pm (Studio)

Wednesday: 10 am - 12 pm (CoorsTek 320), 6 pm - 8 pm (Studio)

Thursday: 9 am - 6 pm (Help Room), 6 pm - 8 pm (Studio)

You can find a list of who is in which Help Hours here: [Physics Central Help Hours Schedule F23.pdf \(https://elearning.mines.edu/courses/51977/files/5581506?wrap=1\)](https://elearning.mines.edu/courses/51977/files/5581506?wrap=1) ↓
(https://elearning.mines.edu/courses/51977/files/5581506/download?download_frd=1)

Faculty in CASA and Core Review Facilitator Help Hours

All in the CASA Study Hall located in Aspen Hall (please check in when you arrive)

Faculty in CASA:

Dr. Kuo, Tuesdays 2 pm - 4 pm, Wednesdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Core Review Facilitators:

Connor Dunfee, Tuesdays 1 pm - 2 pm, Thursday 10 am - 11 am

Ethan Strauch, Monday 2 pm - 4 pm

PHGN 100 Core Review Sessions (CRS)

- Exam 1 Core Review: TBD
- Exam 2 Core Review: TBD
- Exam 3 Core Review: TBD

Free Tutoring

CASA offers FREE both in-person and online tutoring. All their tutors should be able to help with PHGN100. [See their tutoring page for more information \(https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/tutoring/\)](https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/tutoring/). CASA also offers a variety of [other academic support services that you may find useful \(https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/\)](https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/).

Paid Tutoring

If you feel the need for more individualized assistance with the course material, you might consider hiring a paid tutor. The folks listed below are present or past PHGN100 TAs or otherwise experienced physics students who know the material well and have expressed interest in private tutoring for PHGN100. This list is provided only for your convenience. Tutoring is not part of their regular duties, and any arrangements you make for compensation are entirely between you and the tutor. You may not hire a tutor who is also your assigned grader for the course.

(Coming soon!)

More names may be added. Last updated 7/17/23.

CASA Overview

CASA (<https://www.mines.edu/casa>  <https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mines.edu%2Fcasa&data=05%7C01%7Cahnave%40mines.edu%7C3e2c1b7ad13b4320883308da70d686f7%7C997209e009b346239a4d76afa44a675c%7C0%7C0%7C637946363934573654%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=S7eVSm5Si54mWJwFvo1gaLeG13UGtmPz9GI0Z%2BcDd%2B0%3D&reserved=0>) provides a variety of services to support students during their time at Mines.

Academic Advising: All students are advised by Academic Advising Coordinators in CASA throughout their undergraduate studies at Mines.

Academic Support Services: CASA offers a wide variety of support services designed to assist students throughout their undergraduate degree. Examples include pre-finals workshops, major exploration events, and the specific support services listed below.

- **Tutoring:** Tutoring services are offered for all core curriculum courses and many major courses by peers. Tutoring is offered Sunday through Thursday in CASA (Aspen Hall), the Library, and via zoom.
- **Core Review Sessions:** Core Review Sessions are group review sessions held by a peer facilitator before common core course exams. Peer facilitators also host regular office hours for more individualized assistance.

- **Academic Coaching:** Students can work with CASA Advisors to develop the skills and technique of studying well in college, such as test-prep and cognitive learning development, in a one-on-one setting.
- **Faculty in CASA:** Faculty from various departments host their regular office hours in CASA. Students are encouraged to utilize these professors for assistance with material and/or questions on course planning.

Generative AI

If you'd like to explore ways to use this to help you learn, please see our [Tips for Using GenAI in PHGN 100 \(https://elearning.mines.edu/courses/51977/pages/tips-for-using-genai-in-phgn-100?wrap=1\)](https://elearning.mines.edu/courses/51977/pages/tips-for-using-genai-in-phgn-100?wrap=1) page!

Help and office hours

TA Help Hours

TAs are available to help at the following times either in the main Studio or in the adjacent help room, as indicated. The schedule is subject to changes, so please check back.

NOTE: There is NO homework help between 4pm and 6pm on Mondays. This block is reserved for prep and training.

Monday: 10am to 4pm and 6pm to 9pm (main Studio)

Wednesday: 8am to 11am, 12pm to 6pm (Studio help room), 6pm to 9pm (main Studio)

Thursday: 6pm to 9pm (main Studio)

Friday: 9am to 4pm (Studio help room)

No help hours on university holidays and breaks, E-Days, or Review Day. Help hours begin on the first Wednesday of the semester and end on the last day of regular classes.

Faculty Office Hours

To better meet the needs of a variety of students, faculty may be hosting both in-person and remote office hours. Links to the Zoom room of a remote session are inserted in the following information. Note that all faculty have unique Zoom links for their office hours. Faculty will be hosting two different kinds of office hours. General office hours are for all business including help with homework, quiz prep, and administrative business directly relevant to the course. Non-homework hours are reserved other issues or advising, physics questions that are rooted in curiosity, or just having a place to talk. There will be no homework help during non-homework hours.

General office hours:

Monday: 1:00 - 3:50 pm, Studio (Smith)

Tuesday: 11:00 - 12:00pm, Virtual - <https://mines.zoom.us/j/93044669638> 
(<https://mines.zoom.us/j/93044669638>) (Malespina); 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, CASA (Kuo)

Wednesday: 9:30-10am and 11:30am-12:00pm, CTLM223 (Kohl); 10:00am - 12:00pm, Studio help room (Malespina); 12:00 - 1:50 pm Studio help room (Smith), 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, CASA (Kuo)

Thursday:

Friday: 9:30-10am and 11:30am-12:00pm, CTLM223 (Kohl), 12:00pm-2:00pm, CK324 (Kohl); 10:00am - 12:00pm, Studio help room (Malespina)

Non-homework help office hours:

Wednesday: 12pm-2pm, CK324 (Kohl)

Thursday: 11am - 12pm, CK318 (Malespina)

<https://mines.zoom.us/my/vince.kuo>

Please check announcements for whether there are cancellations or changes to the times.

CASA, Tutoring, and other resources

CASA offers both in-person and online tutoring. All their tutors should be able to help with PHGN200. [See their tutoring page for more information](https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/tutoring/) [\(https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/tutoring/\)](https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/tutoring/). CASA also offers a variety of [other academic support services that you may find useful](https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/) [\(https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/\)](https://www.mines.edu/casa/academic-support/).

If you feel the need for in-person, regular, individualized assistance with the course material, you might consider hiring a tutor. The folks listed below are present or past PHGN200 TAs or are past students who know the course well and have expressed interest in private tutoring for PHGN200. This list is provided only for your convenience. Any arrangements you make for compensation are entirely between you and the tutor. We will continually update this list as more information becomes available.

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