

Physics 212

Course Policy Statement for Physics 212

Section 3341, Spring 2008

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Class Schedule:

| Course/Section/Type | Days/Periods | Location |
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| SP212/3341/Lecture | MWF/3 | Chauvenet 018 |
| SP212/3341/Lab | R34 | Chauvenet 002 |

Grading:

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| Final Exam | 25 % |
| In Class Exams (3 at 10% each) | 30 % |
| Quizzes/Lab Participation | 20 % |
| Written Homework | 25 % |
| Instructor Subjective Adjustment | +/- 5 % |

Final Exam: A common three hour final exam prepared by department committee.

In Class Exams: Three one-hour in class exams given on or around the following dates:

Exam 1, February 14 (lab)
 Exam 2, April 3 (lab)
 Exam 3, April 23 (lecture)

Lab/Quizzes: Lab Groups are assigned by the instructor. You will be turning in a group lab report at the end of each lab. You can choose the format for the report, either online submission or paper submission. Quizzes are given weekly and will be problems pulled from old final exams. Unlike the final, I will give partial credit for the problems if you show your work!!!!

Written Homework: 5-10 problems weekly will be assigned which will be handed in during the lab period for hand-grading (I will check about a third of them.)

- 1) No work shown, no credit.
- 2) Own your work!
 - Set up the problem, draw a picture, identify variables.
 - Discuss the solution or type of problem in words! (Just a sentence or so is enough!)
 - A solution without an explanation is only worth 70% of the total points.
- 3) If I can't read your writing, I will assume the solution is wrong.

Remember the strategy page in your text on page 42 for guidance.

Letter Grades: If you score an A on the final exam, you will receive an A for the course irrespective of other performance.

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| A: | 90 - 100 % | If the class average in a given marking period is below 70 %, I reserve the right to curve up. I cannot change your final exam grade. |
| B: | 80 - 89 % | |
| C: | 70 - 79 % | |
| D: | 60 - 69 % | |
| F: | < 60 % | |

Re-grades: I will happily re-grade your work under the following conditions:

- a) You return the work to me within 24 hours.
- b) You put the request in writing (which may be an email) and give a justification.
- c) For group work, all members of the group must submit the request.

Groups: For labs you will work in assigned groups. The group will be assigned a common grade for the labs and quiz.

Reading: You are responsible for all reading assignments, even if not covered in lecture.

Disruptions: We do not have nearly enough time in class. If you are disruptive, you will be asked to leave and will be reported absent.

Late Homework: Homework is ALWAYS 7 days after it is assigned. I will accept late submissions on an assignment until the graded assignment is returned to the class (but will apply a 20% late penalty).

Extra Credit: Some extra credit is available for the three exams. I will elaborate after the first exam.

Absences: You are responsible for what you miss. Please notify me as soon as possible so that we reschedule exams, quizzes and homework. It may not be possible to make up missed labs so be careful.

URL's of interest:

Course Homepage: <http://usna.edu/PhysicsCourses/homepage.htm>

Useful for: Course Outline, Lab Manual, Final Exam Information and Review material

Instructor Homepage: <http://usna.edu/Users/physics/larsen/SP212/index.htm>

Useful for: Copies of things I've handed out in class