

## PHYSICS 201 — INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

SPRING 2008

Your grade will be determined by *THREE MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS* (15% each) together with a *COMPREHENSIVE FINAL* (30%), your performance in the *LABORATORY* (10%), the *ONLINE HOMEWORK* (10%), and weekly *RECITATION QUIZZES* (5%) drawn from these assigned problems. Your lowest midterm score will be automatically replaced by an equivalent weighting of your performance on the appropriate section of the final examination should this prove to your advantage.

Midterm examinations (60 minutes each) may consist of a mix of multiple-choice and free-response questions that require showing your work or explaining your reasoning. You should bring to each exam a calculator that is capable of handling trigonometric functions and logarithms. Some problems will be numerical; others may involve algebraic manipulation of symbols. You should also be prepared to understand, analyze, and interpret graphical data. A formula sheet will be included with each examination, and a copy made available to you well before the exam to assist with your preparation and review.

Make-up examinations are permitted *ONLY* in the event of an officially excused absence. It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor *IMMEDIATELY* upon his or her return to schedule this make-up. At the Instructor's discretion, an *ORAL EXAMINATION* may be administered in place of a written one should any circumstance place either a written examination or an absence in question.

Recitation and laboratory sections begin with the *FIRST WEEK* of class (please see the attached laboratory schedule). You must pass the laboratory with a grade of 70 or better in order to pass this course. If you miss a regularly scheduled laboratory assignment for valid reasons, promptly arrange to attend the corresponding laboratory for another section, and so inform your *TA*; you may alternatively complete a designated make-up lab during the final week of the semester (again, please see the attached laboratory schedule). Any missed laboratory assignment that is not remedied will count as a zero toward your final laboratory grade.

Recitation quizzes will be taken from the assigned *ONLINE HOMEWORK* designated in the course syllabus. Your lowest quiz score (including any zero due to a missed recitation) will be dropped before computing a final recitation grade. In the event of an excused absence, please promptly arrange with your *TA* for a make-up quiz prior to the next recitation meeting.

Additional instruction is made available to students through the *PHYSICS HELP DESK* (located in *HELD 211*) beginning with the second week of the term; a schedule, indicating the hours during which one or more *TAs* should be present to assist you, will be posted shortly.