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

Midterm examinations (approximately 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 will 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 posted on the course web page well before the scheduled exam date 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 the course. If you miss a regularly scheduled laboratory assignment for valid reasons, promptly arrange to attend the corresponding laboratory for another section (that same day), 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, however, count as a zero toward your final laboratory grade.

Additional instruction is available through the *PHYSICS HELP DESK*, located in *MPHY 135*; a schedule, indicating the hours of operation when one or more TAs should be present to assist you, will be posted shortly.