Physics 121

General Information

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Textbooks:

Physics 121 Laboratory Manual.

Exams:

There will be three 80 minute, "closed-book" exams. Each exam will cover the material assigned since the previous exam.

A single make-up is scheduled to cover any of the exams missed because of illness, religious observance or participation in required University activities at the request of University authorities. Students will be admitted to the make-up exam only if they have presented appropriate documentation of the cause for missing an exam. The make-up exam will be given Monday, July 10 at 11 AM.

The final exam must be taken to receive a passing grade in the course. It will cover all the course material and count 20% of your course grade. The final will be Friday, July 14 from 8:50 AM to 10:50 AM.

Laboratory:

Note: Since this course is only six weeks long, some of the rules and procedures in your lab book have been modified.

There are nine experiments. Everyone must complete all nine experiments to receive a final grade other than F. There are "make-up" days on the lab schedule during which time you are expected to do missed experiments. A maximum of two experiments may be done during a make-up period. You must submit a written request to your T. A. with the name of the experiment(s) you wish to make-up at least one day prior to the make-up day. You should always read the lab manual and review related material in your text before coming to lab. Lab reports should
be finished and turned in to the teaching assistant in charge of the section no later than the next lab class day following the lab period. Late reports will have several points deducted. Your T. A. will discuss the report format and their lab grading policy during the first lab period.

**Homework:**

Homework assigned for each week is due during the lecture period. Late homework will not be accepted since the solutions will be posted immediately after the homework is due. Homework will be checked and will count 5% of your course grade. A make-up assignment may be given if the student has an excused absence on the day the assignment is due. Every homework assignment will be graded out of 5 points.

**Quizzes:**

There will be a short "closed book" quiz during the second recitation class of the week. It will consist of a single problem selected from previously assigned homework. Each quiz will be graded out of 10 points. The quizzes will count 10% of your grade.

**Course Grade:**

Your course grade will be determined as follows:

- 3 80 minute exams 45%
- final exam 20%
- laboratory 20%
- quizzes 10%
- homework 5%

I have not decided the % necessary to obtain a particular letter grade. After each exam I will discuss the class distribution and give you a good idea where you stand in relation to your classmates. If your final grade is on the borderline, I will discuss it in detail with your T. A. before assigning a particular grade. Please be sure that you seek help from your T. A. or myself throughout the course if you find yourself having any problems. Office hours will be announced in class.
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