

PHYSICS 201 — INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

SUMMER 2008

Your grade will be determined by *FOUR MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS* (15% each) together with a *COMPREHENSIVE FINAL* (15% to 30%, as explained below), your performance in the *LABORATORY* (10%), and on the *ONLINE HOMEWORK* (15%). Your lowest midterm score will be automatically replaced by an equivalent weighting of your performance on 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, a copy of which will be posted on the course web page well before these exams 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 to students through the *PHYSICS HELP DESK* (located in *HELD 211*); a schedule, indicating the hours during which one or more *TAs* will be present to assist you, will be posted shortly.