

Physics 50 Winter 2012

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Office hours: Twice a week. Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 am-12:20 pm,

Final Exam: Thursday, March 24th, 9:15 am – 11:15 am.

Text: Physics by Walker, whatever edition. Or any other text book you like.

Prerequisites: Math 49B

The goal of this class is to prepare for success in physics 4A.

- If you miss more than five lectures you may find yourself dropped from the class.
- NO make-up exam without PRIOR consent from the instructor. Use the office phone number given above if you can't see me at school. If I'm not in my office, there is an answering machine at that number available for you to leave a message day or night. You must arrange to take a make-up the exam within two days after the missed exam or you will be scored a zero.
- No questions are allowed on the day of an exam regarding exam material. This does not apply to quizzes but only the exam and the final. Any other types of questions are, of course, fine.
- Your lowest quiz score will be dropped. No make ups for quizzes will be given. If you miss a quiz consider this to be your throw out
- To pass the class you *must* take the midterm exam and the final exam.
- No final grades will be posted. If you want your final grade then give me a self-addressed stamped envelope at the end of the quarter and I will mail you your final grade but not your final exam or its score.
- A grade of zero points will be assigned to any work done if a student has been found cheating on it.
- It is the student's responsibility to drop the class, not the instructor's. A student who has not dropped the class but fails to show to class will be given a grade of F.
- Grading mistakes, or protests for exams and quizzes will *only* be considered when a written cover letter is submitted to the instructor with the exam or quiz in question. Your appeal will be considered, and the decision will be final. No protests will be considered orally.

- You will be graded on the *union* of the information provided in the lecture and from the assigned text readings. The grades will be given on the traditional percentages:

A: 92-100%;

A-: 90-91%

B+: 88-89%

B: 82-87%;

B-: 80-81%

C+: 78-79%

C: 60-77%;

D: 50-60%;

F: lower than 50%.

Grades are distributed as follows:

Homework/Quizzes 30%

Exams (ONE midterm exam) 30%

Final (comprehensive) 40%

Student Learning Outcome(s):

*Critically examine new, previously un-encountered problems, analyzing and evaluating their constituent parts, to construct and explain a logical solution utilizing, and based upon, the fundamental laws of mechanics.