

Syllabus for General Physics 1 Recitation for Spring, 2009

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Recitation grade. Your recitation grade (up to 200 points plus possible bonus points) accounts for 20% of your course grade, as described in the course syllabus. You are asked to turn in the full homework assignment (all questions and problems) in recitation class each week. Graded work will be returned the following week. There will be 14 “official” assignments during the semester, starting with week 2 (due Jan. 28). Each of these 14 assignments is worth 10 points, or 140 total; this total will be multiplied by 200/140. The assignment for the first week (due Jan. 21) will be graded on an extra-credit basis, and will be added on (not multiplied by 200/140) as a bonus. No homework grades will be dropped.

Grading of homework problems. One problem will be selected for grading each week, for up to **7 points** of the 10 point total. To get full credit, you must state what you are looking for, indicate a strategy in words, and show clearly how your answer (with units) was obtained. (See “How to do homework problems” in the General Physics 1 syllabus.) Partial credit is available. This is a rough, typical grading guide:

Just writing down a numerical answer	0 points
Stating clearly what you are looking for, with units	1-2 points
Made a good try, but went off the track	3-4 points
Got stuck, but asked an insightful question	4-5 points
Solution basically OK, but statement of strategy missing, units wrong or missing, ...	5-6 points
Goal, strategy and solution all perfect	7 points

If you were not able to do the chosen problem, I’ll grade one of the others for up to half credit.

Grading of homework questions. The conceptual questions assigned for homework are important for promoting your understanding of the material and for providing feedback to the instructors about what you are really getting out of the course. Your answers to the questions count for **3 points** of the 10 point total. Doing a good job on all assigned questions earns 3 points; making a good honest try on all assigned questions earns 1 to 2 points. Some bonus credit may be given for unusually good answers. Note that the “Warm up Questions” on K-State Online in *General Physics 1 Lecture* give hints on how to answer the homework questions.

Homework Gradebook. Your homework grades will be posted in the Gradebook for the K-State Online course called *General Physics 1 Recitation, Spring 2009: Section NN* where *NN* is a number 01-06 corresponding to this recitation section. Grade posting will occur about one week after each assignment is due. See “PHYS 113 Resources on K-State Online” in the main course syllabus.

University Undergraduate Honor System. It is expected that all students will adhere to the University's undergraduate honor system. Please refer to the “Academic Dishonesty” policy in the *K-State Undergraduate Catalog* and the *Undergraduate Honor System Policy* on the KSU web page at <http://www.ksu.edu/honor/>. The honor pledge (“On my honor as a student, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this academic work”) must be written out and signed by the student on all homework in order for the grade to be recorded.

Please note that you are encouraged to work with (not to copy from) other students, or to ask instructors for help in doing homework assignments. However, if you work with someone, please acknowledge it: put “I worked with ...”, or “I had help from ...” on your homework. This will not reduce your grade.

Students with Disabilities. If you have any condition such as a physical or learning disability which will make it difficult for you to carry out the work as outlined here, or which will require academic accommodations, please notify the lecturer and contact the Disability Student Services office (Holton 202) during the first two weeks of class.