



**PHYSICS 101  
CONCEPTUAL PHYSICS**

because mass e-mailing to all of the students in this very large class is done via the SFSU registration system.

WEB SITE: All course materials will be posted at [www.webassign.net](http://www.webassign.net) under the class heading "Physics 101 Fall 2009". One of the earliest posts will be a tutorial on how to submit homework on WebAssign.

LECTURES: **Students are expected to attend ALL lectures and to ARRIVE ON TIME for the lectures. Please TURN OFF your cell phone during the lecture !!!** A tentative lecture schedule will be posted during the first week of classes. Lectures will discuss appropriate portions of the textbook, provide supplemental material, and present sample calculations. Relevant questions that can be answered briefly are welcomed during the lectures. Longer discussions of topics must be deferred to scheduled office hours and help sessions.

LABORATORY: Students may take the lecture without taking the lab. However, you may NOT take the lab without taking the lecture. At the first lab meeting lab manuals will be sold to you and your lab instructor will present details about lab policies and procedures.

HOMEWORK: Problem sets will be posted on WebAssign each Tuesday by 9 am (tentatively) and will be due on the following Tuesday at 11:59 pm (tentatively). Once the deadline passes, WebAssign will NOT accept answers! Usually you will be allowed only one attempt to submit an answer to a multiple choice question. However, if a question requires a numeric answer, you may make multiple submissions so that you can figure out what you are doing wrong and then work to correct your calculation. **Students may discuss with each other general approaches to the problems, but each student should work out the detailed solutions by him/herself without using solutions obtained from any other source.**

EXAMINATIONS: **YOU MUST BRING SFSU I.D. (WITH A CLEAR PHOTO) TO ALL EXAMS !!!!!**

MIDTERMS:	Wednesday, 30 September 2009 (tentative);	Lectures 1 - 9	Chapters 1 - 7
	Friday, 6 November 2009 (tentative);	Lectures 10 - 24	Chapters 8 - 18
	Monday, 7 December 2009 (tentative);	Lectures 25 - 32	Chapters 19 - 25

Each midterm exam will be taken in-class, closed book and closed notes. A formula sheet will be provided by the instructor.

You may use a "scientific" calculator during the midterm exams, but you may NOT use a cell phone calculator.

**Your lowest (curved) midterm score will be dropped. NO make-up midterm exams will be given for any reason.**

FINAL EXAM: Monday, 21 December 2009, 10:45 am – 1:15 pm in SCI 201 (Comprehensive)

The final exam will be taken in-class, closed book and closed notes. A formula sheet will be provided by the instructor.

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You may use a “scientific” calculator during the final exam, but you may NOT use a cell phone calculator.

**The final exam MUST be taken at the scheduled time to avoid assignment of a grade of zero. Do not make travel plans that conflict with this schedule. NO make-up final exam will be given except in the case of serious illness or personal crisis.**

**GRADE: This course will be graded on a curve with the mean set to B-minus. The following weighting factors will be applied.**

HOMEWORK:	20 %	ALL homework sets will be included.
MIDTERM EXAMS:	25 % each	Best two of three midterm exams; NO make-ups for any reason !
FINAL EXAM:	30 %	NO make-ups except in the case of serious illness or personal crisis !

**CHEATING ON HOMEWORK OR EXAMS WILL RESULT IN FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST THE STUDENT.**

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Students with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations are encouraged to contact the instructor. The Disability Programs and Resource Center (DPRC) is available to facilitate the reasonable accommodations process. The DPRC is located in the Student Services Building room 110 and can be reached by telephone (voice/TTY 415-338-2472) or by email (dprc@sfsu.edu).