

GROUND RULES FOR University Physics III Laboratory

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General

1. The laboratory grade is a separate grade from the lecture.
2. **Attendance is not optional.** If you absolutely must be away during the lab period, **see me before the lab to make alternate arrangements.**
3. Students who have a disabling condition which might interfere with their ability to successfully complete this course are encouraged to speak, confidentially, to the class instructor, or to contact the Office of Disability Services (x3358, 210 Swetman)
4. If you will miss multiple class meetings due to illness or other unexpected temporary absence, please contact the Student Advisement Office at 501 Culkin Hall, x-2240 and document your absence.
5. All data must be taken in your lab notebook. I must sign that data page(s) **after completion of the experiment. No exceptions.**
6. Reports require the following: Follow format and guidelines in lab manual and answer the questions assigned (if any) by instructor.
7. Each lab report is due the **SECOND FRIDAY by 4:15 PM** after completion of the experiment. **No report will be accepted late.** I will stop answering questions on the experiment at 4:15 PM on the **second Wednesday.** Questions via email are strongly discouraged. Questions are usually answered best on a person to person basis with all relevant data, calculations and graphs available for examination.
8. Reports must be submitted on 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 inch size paper. Ragged-edged sheets (such as, but not limited to, torn-out spiral bound sheets) will not be accepted, nor will undersized paper, such as 6 x 9 inch or 3 x 5 inch. All reports must be type-written and double-spaced, NO EXCEPTIONS!
9. Reports must be jogged and stapled to the top left corner. Use only **ONE** staple and the staple must be oriented at 45 degrees with respect to the top of paper.
10. **No report will be accepted, if the report does not comply with items 2 through 9.**

Grading

Although the experiments are performed in groups of two or three, each student is expected to do his/her own work on reports.

Lab Reports, Tests, Homework and Presentations

- One classroom presentation (ie. talk) on one of the experiments performed during the semester will be done during the latter half of the semester.
- Several homework assignments taken from Taylor.
- Mid-term exam on Error Propagation.
- All reports will be in the style of a research journal article. (See the lab manual and yutzsample.pdf for more info.)
- **No grades will be dropped.**
- If you are asked to re-write a report, all the grades for that particular report will be averaged to arrive at the final grade for that report.

Final grade based on the following: Reports 55% Mid-term 20% Presentation 15% , Homework 5% Participation 5% .