

GENERAL POLICIES

- The course homepage contains all information you will need (bookmark it now):

<http://www.physics.smu.edu/sdalley/5382/5382home.htm>

- I will use your official SMU e-mail address to communicate with you – please check it!
- Academic Dishonesty will result in a course F grade and filing with the Dean of Student Life.
- During class, phones should be put away except when needed for course-related tasks.

Assessment

PARTICIPATION (10%)

Before each class you are expected to read relevant sections of the textbook and attempt the suggested problem. Then, in class, you are expected to consult with other students meaningfully about the pre-class problem, and later work in a small group to solve another problem. Credit is given for meaningful participation in these activities.

HOMEWORKS (30%)

Post-class homework assignments usually consisting of 1-2 problems per week are due most weeks and must be turned in at the **beginning** of class on the due date to gain credit. Assignments are linked on the course website and due dates shown on the syllabus. No late homeworks are accepted, but the lowest homework will be dropped.

IN-CLASS TESTS (10% each)

There will be three 1hr 20 min in-class tests on recent topics. You may use a calculator and the course textbook during the tests.

FINAL EXAM (30% each)

There will be a 3 hr comprehensive final exam. You may use a calculator and the course textbook during the exam.

Course Grade

Grade Boundaries are roughly defined as

A > 90% > A - > 85% > B+ > 80% > B > 75% > B- > 70% > C+ > 65% > C > 60% > D > 50% > F

Disability Accommodations: Students needing academic accommodations for a disability must first register with Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies (DASS). Students can call 214-768-1470 or visit <http://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS> to begin the process. Once registered, students should then schedule an appointment with the professor as early in the semester as possible, present a DASS Accommodation Letter, and make appropriate arrangements. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive and require advance notice to implement.

Religious Observance: Religiously observant students wishing to be absent on holidays that require missing class should notify their professors in writing at the beginning of the semester, and should discuss with them, in advance, acceptable ways of making up any work missed because of the absence. (See University Policy No. 1.9.)

Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities: Students participating in an officially sanctioned, scheduled University extracurricular activity should be given the opportunity to make up class assignments or other graded assignments missed as a result of their participation. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the instructor prior to any missed scheduled examination or other missed assignment for making up the work. (University Undergraduate Catalogue)

Attendance: If you are absent from class frequently or for a prolonged period, I will enquire by email if everything is OK. If I do not receive a prompt response, or the response is of concern, I will forward the details to the Dean of Student Life for follow up.