

Physics 3LC Webworks, Final Exam, and Grading Policy

These changes supersede what is written in your lab manual.

Webworks

We will be using webworks in place of quizzes in your lab session. So unless you are told otherwise, prelab and postlab questions must be answered on the web. The site for the web questions is <http://homework.ps.uci.edu> Select “Physics” under Current Offerings and then select the lab section in which you are enrolled. Use your UCInet ID and password to log in. If you are an extension student, registered for the course late or have problems using your account, you need to send email to webworkphys@ps.uci.edu When sending email, be sure to include your full name, UCInet ID, email address, and your lab section. Please note that the webworks accounts are separate from course registration, so you can get a webworks account before you are registered for the course. Note that registering for the course is completely separate from webworks accounts, so if you change sections or register late, you need to email webworkphys@ps.uci.edu and have them change your webworks account to the correct section in which you are enrolled. Otherwise you will receive zeros for your webworks exercises.

Each week you should look through all the problems early to see if they display properly. Occasionally one or two students will have problems displaying questions and they must email webworkphys@ps.uci.edu to get it fixed.

During week 1, you can answer the lab questions up until your lab session begins for week 2. For every week after the first week, the opportunity to answer the questions for the current week’s lab ends at the time your lab session begins. You can answer questions for next week’s lab as soon as your lab session is finished. You are encouraged to read the lab manual before attempting to answer the questions on the web. There is additional reading material on the web. *You are allowed one attempt for multiple choice questions and 3 attempts for problems requiring a numerical answer.* Numerical problems require that your answer be within 1% of the correct answer to get credit. You should use the Preview Answer button when submitting a calculation problem. The Preview Answer button displays how Webwork is interpreting the answer that you are submitting. It is NOT a preview of the correct answer. For more information on how to enter answers, go to the Webwork homepage and look at “How To Enter Answers in Webwork.” Note that you can look at the problems for any week at any time, but you are allowed to answer them only as described above.

Each week’s webworks score is worth 10 points. Your lowest webworks score from the course will be dropped. As stated in the lab manual, each week’s lab report is worth 20 points. Your lowest lab report score from the course will also be dropped.

Lab Reports

You are required to bring a *blank* blue book or lab report form each week. Before beginning the lab, have your TA verify that you are using a blank blue book or lab report form. After this inspection your TA will sign your blue book or lab report form. If you fail to follow this procedure, you will receive a zero on your lab report.

In writing your lab report, you are not allowed to use old lab reports from previous quarters when the course was offered. If your lab report benefits from old lab reports, you will receive an 'F' in the course. This means that if you or your lab partner use an old lab report, you will fail the course.

Makeup Policy

If you miss a week of webworks and the lab due to serious illness or injury or death in your immediate family or mandatory military service, and if you present to your instructor a written statement from a doctor on official stationary or a death certificate or orders from your commanding officer, we will assign for your lab report and webworks score for that week the average score you receive for lab reports and webworks during the quarter. If you do not present official documentation, your score for that week will be zero. If you miss a second or a third lab, your score for those labs and webworks will be zero.

Final Exam

There will be a final exam for the course given during your Week 10 lab session. The exam will be given during the first 45 minutes of the Week 10 lab session. The exam will be comprehensive and will cover material from the webworks exercises, the lab manual, and the laboratory experiments for the entire course. It will be a multiple choice exam.

Grading

Your final grade will be based upon your webworks scores (15%), your lab report scores (50%), and the final exam (35%).