

Academic integrity, homework and exam policy, Special Relativity and Waves
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The strength of the university depends on academic and personal integrity. In this course, you must be honest and truthful. Ethical violations include cheating on exams, plagiarism, reuse of assignments, improper use of the Internet and electronic devices, unauthorized collaboration, alteration of graded assignments, forgery and falsification, lying, facilitating academic dishonesty, and unfair competition.

In addition, the specific ethics guidelines for this course are:

- The ability to solve physics problems is the single most important measure of your understanding of physics. To prepare for exams, solve lots of practice problems!
- A set of midterm and final exams from prior years which can be used for exam preparation will be distributed to the registered students electronically. Students are not allowed to disseminate any class materials.
- Collaboration is encouraged in the section problem solving, during the experimental part of the laboratory exercises, and outside of class for discussion of ideas. However, homework (and lab report) is your individual assignment and direct use of work by others (whether or not they are also in the class) is not allowed. You may not look at the written solutions provided by others (and thus you may not show yours to other students). Solutions that are too similar are flagged by the graders and reported to the instructor.
- Collaboration is not allowed during exams.
- Exams are open book.
- One lowest homework grade will be dropped from the final tally. Late homework is accepted up to 48 hours late with 50% penalty if your TA accepts. You must complete the lab in order to submit the lab report (TAs take lab attendance). Labs can be made up only with the permission of the TA, and lab equipment may not be available beyond the Friday following the scheduled lab day.
- Students who require extra time for completing the assignments should provide written documentation and discuss arrangements with the instructor as soon as the situation is known.
- Report any violations you witness to the instructor. You may consult the associate dean of student affairs and/or the chairman of the Ethics Board beforehand. See the guide on “Academic Ethics for Undergraduates” and the Ethics Board Web site (<http://ethics.jhu.edu>) for more information.