

Academic integrity, homework and exam policy, Special Relativity and Waves (171.201/171.207), Fall 2020 -- N.L.Zakamska

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.

Specific 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. Additionally, textbook problems from French and Resnick will be made available for practice. Students are not allowed to disseminate any class materials.
- Collaboration is encouraged in the section problem solving and outside of class for discussion of ideas. This course traditionally served as a bonding experience for physics majors who formed study groups and discussed homework. Of course this is made more difficult by the remote mode, but please feel free to self-organize into small remote study groups. 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 you may not show yours to other students.** Solutions that are too similar are flagged by the graders and reported to the instructor.
- **Collaboration or any communication with other humans in any form 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.
- 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. See the Homewood Undergraduate Academic Ethics Policy (<https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/policies-guidelines/undergrad-ethics/>) for more information.