

FIRST DAY HANDOUT
PHY 117N (Fall 2009)
Monday 11:00-14:00

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All the ground rules and instructions given in the introductory section of the lab manual titled “About the Course” will be enforced. So make sure you read and understand the content of that section very carefully.

You must collaborate on the write-up of the lab report with your partner, not merely divide the workload. Hence, excuses such as “My lab partner did not turn in his half” will not make sense and thus will not be accepted.

You must follow the lab report format very closely. A calculation must be included as part of the answer to the question which calls for it, i.e., do not group all your calculations in a “calculations sheet.”

And remember to get your observation sheet signed by me before you leave the lab. You will be required to attach this sheet with your lab report.

The quizzes will be given at 2:00 pm sharp for a duration of 6/7 minutes. There are no makeup quizzes; so make sure you are on time.

Grading Policy : weights for the quizzes, labs and final exam are indicated in the lab manual.

Quizzes start from the second lab class and all the quizzes will count. Of the lab reports, I will drop the lowest grade for those who have attended **all** labs. Lab reports should be turned in a week after the experiments are done. For every extra day (upto to a total of four days), you will lose 15% credit on the labs. Labs that are delayed for more than four days receive no credit.

Some suggestions for lab reports : Please read the attached sheet.