End of semester information

Grade spreadsheets

The spreadsheets have been updated after test 3. The maximum number of points available to date is 950, because the End-material Mini test (EM) which is worth 50 points has not yet been given. Percentages and letter grades are calculated with respect to the point total in cell C3 and do NOT reflect your final grade in the course.

The boardwork (BW) component of your grade is your BW average after the single lowest score has been dropped. Missing BW during the last weeks of class will earn grades of zero and thus will lower your BW grade.

The spreadsheets will be updated by Thursday of the last week of classes with the last HW, quiz, BW, and lab scores. At this time, the point total will be set to 1000 and the percentages and letter grades calculated with respect to 1000 points. The letter grade you see on the last day of class will be your course grade if you choose not to take the EM and the Final exam (FE).

Please make sure to check that all scores have been entered correctly and contact your recitation instructors if there are missing or incorrect entries. All requests for spreadsheet corrections must be made before the beginning of the Final Exam.

End-Material Mini Test (EM)

The EM will cover waves and thermodynamics. It is given at the same time as the final exam. All points from the EM contribute directly towards your course grade. Most of you will want to take the EM, even if you elect not to take the FE.

Final Exam (FE)

The three highest scores of \{Test 1, 2, 3 and FE\} count towards your grade. You may choose not to take the FE if you are satisfied with your scores on test 1, 2 and 3; the zero for the FE will be the score that is dropped. If you are not satisfied with your scores on Test 1, 2, and 3, you should take the FE. If your FE score is higher than your lowest test score, the lowest test score will be dropped and the FE score considered instead. If your FE score is lower than your lowest test score, the FE score will be dropped. Attempting the FE cannot lower your grade. The FE is comprehensive and covers the material of the three regular exams.

Final Exam day procedures

The rooms where the FE and EM will be given are posted on the course website. For most of you, these will be different from the rooms where the regular tests had been given.

You do not need to declare in advance whether you are planning to take both the EM and FE or only the EM. For reasons of test security, all students need to remain in the test room until 30 minutes after the beginning of the exam. Students who are more than 30 minutes late may not be permitted to take the test.