

## End of Semester Information Fall 2023 (last updated 11/17)

### Grade spreadsheets

The spreadsheets will be updated after test 3. The maximum number of points available to date is 950, because the End-Material test (EM) which is normally worth 50 points (this semester 70 points!) has not yet been given. Percentages and letter grades under Current Grade are calculated with respect to the current point total in cell G3 and do NOT reflect your final grade in the course. The percentage shown under Final Grade is based on the total 1000 points in the course.

The recitation component of your grade is your recitation **average** after the three lowest scores have been dropped. Missing recitation during the last weeks of class may earn grades of zero and thus will lower your recitation grade.

The spreadsheets will be updated on Thursday of the last week of classes with the last scores. What you see under “Final Grade” **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. **This semester the EM will be worth 70 points.**

### 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. **This semester, the Final Exam will be worth 250 points.**

### Final Exam day procedures

Final Exam and End material test will be given on **Thursday, December 14, 12:30-2:30pm**. The rooms where the FE and EM will be given will be announced on Canvas. 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 15 minutes after the beginning of the exam. Students who are more than 15 minutes late may not be permitted to take the test.