

**PHYS 1408 Principles of Physics II**  
**Recitation Syllabus**  
**Fall 2016**  
**Texas Tech University**  
**Course Syllabus**

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Welcome to the 2401 Recitation/Discussion section. There may be some changes in the format from previous semesters. If you have any questions about the new format, feel free to ask your TA or Dr. West.

**Graded Activity:** There will be a graded activity most weeks. Often this will be a quiz at the beginning of class. If you do not have a quiz, then some other form written work will be turned in for a grade. **Most weeks you will turn something in to be graded.** Topics over which you may be quizzed include, but are not limited to, the subject of the previous week's lab, the subject of the previous week's discussion, or something that has been covered in lectures. Since there are three different lecture sections being taught by three different people, any topics from will probably not be from that week's lectures. This is to insure that all students have seen the topic(s) of the graded activity in class. Graded activities count as 50% of your recitation grade.

**Participation:** Coming to class on time, not leaving early and being "on-task" when you are in the recitation counts as part of your participation grade. Each week you will be given some type of activity or task, in addition to any quiz. The nature of the task will vary from week to week, but will often involve working in a group with the TA assisting you. The content of each week's activity will be determined by the lecture instructors and Dr. West. The material covered will relate to concepts and problems you may have encountered in lecture or lab. The participation grade will be determined as follows.

Obviously attendance is the most important part of participation. If you aren't here, you can't participate. Absences will be excused for university events, illness (documentation may be required), funerals (documentation may be required and excuses for funerals are at Dr. West's discretion), court appearances (plaintiff, defendant, witness, juror, documentation **IS** required). Occasionally something so out of the ordinary occurs that you may feel should be grounds for being excused. Please see Dr. West if you feel you have extenuating circumstances. Excuses for extenuating circumstances are at Dr. West's discretion. (Note that long weekends or family trips do not count as extenuating circumstances.)

Note: In past semesters, one or two students regularly showed up for the quiz and then left. This behavior will result in a zero on the quiz and an unexcused absence, i.e., a zero for all work done that day. Also, students more than 20 minutes late without a valid reason will receive an unexcused absence and will not be allowed to make up any missed work.

After attendance, taking part in class discussions and group work are the most important parts of participation. If you do these things, you should be fine. Participation points will be lost if you socialize, fail to take part in group work, or are otherwise not on task. Cell phone usage (or other violations of the lab rules for recitations that meet in labs) will result in a student being dismissed from recitation that day and a 10% reduction in the participation grade.

Participation will count as 50% of your grade.

**Grading:**

Participation	50%
Quizzes and Graded Work	50%

Academic Integrity: Students violating university academic integrity standards (including but not limited to copy, plagiarism, cheating) may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct at Dr. West's discretion.

Any student who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make any necessary arrangements. Students should present appropriate verification from Student Disability Services during the instructor's office hours. Please note instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from Student Disability Services has been provided. For additional information, you may contact the Student Disability Services office in 335 West Hall or 806-742-2405.