

COURSE GRADE

Tests, homework assignments and Learning Catalytics responses will go into making up your final grade. There are three semester tests and a final exam. Each of the three tests is worth 100 points. I will drop the lowest grade for these first three tests. The final exam is worth 200 points and will be comprehensive. The final exam will not be one of the tests that is dropped, you must take the final exam. Homework is worth 100 points. Learning Catalytics exercises are worth 100 points (you receive credit for participation, and for getting the correct answer). In summary:

1. Test 1, 100 points
2. Test 2, 100 points
3. Test 3, 100 points (the lowest grade of tests 1-3 will be dropped)
4. Comprehensive final exam, 200 points
5. Homework (MP), 100 points
- 6 Learning Catalytics class participation, 100 points.

Thus there are a total of 600 points. No makeup tests will be given. Grading scale: The numbers below represent the percentage of the 600 possible points. For example, a grade of 90 means 90 percent of 600 which is 540 total points. The grades will not be rounded off, so you need 73.000% to get a C.

97-100 A+
93-96.9 A
90-92.9 A-
87-89.9 B+
83-86.9 B
80-82.9 B-
77-79.9 C+
73-76.9 C
70-72.9 C-
67-69.9 D+
63-66.9 D
60-62.9 D-
Below 60 F

To earn a C- or better for the course a student must earn a score of 70 or higher on at least one test (this could be test 1, 2, 3 or the final exam) and have an overall average of 70 or higher.

Tests will be curved, if necessary, to fit the above scale. Your grade will never be lowered by the curve. Do not miss class and do not miss a test! If you miss one test of the first three, that score will be dropped. There are no make-up for tests, homework or for Learning Catalytics exercises. If you miss class then you have a zero for that day's Learning Catalytics exercises no matter what the reason is that you missed class, however I will drop the two lowest Learning Catalytics grades. That is, you can miss two classes and still receive 100% of your participation grade. If you miss a homework deadline (no matter what the reason) then you can submit late homework up to 10 days. However your score is reduced by the Mastering Physics system by 10% for each day late, so after 10 days, you will receive a zero. This does not apply to the Pre-homework problems, there is no credit for late submissions of the Pre-homework problems. If you have a conflict and need extra time to turn in your homework, let me know and I will give you an extension in the due date. If you drop the course then please let me know. Sometimes I do not get this information and this can lead to grade difficulties at the end of the semester.

According to the UNM Schedule of Classes (see link to Final Exam Schedule at <http://www.unm.edu/~unmreg>), the final exam is scheduled for TBD in Regener 103, the regular classroom. There is no excuse for missing the final exam or for taking it at a different time except for a real emergency. For example, leaving for the holidays early is not a real emergency. Students who have many finals on that Wednesday or who have a conflict in the times of finals should read the discussion in the Final Exam Schedule link at <http://www.unm.edu/~unmreg> of the UNM