

Recitations

Syllabus: Your recitation instructors will give you a separate mini syllabus describing their policies for the Friday sessions.

Grade: Your recitation score may be based on factors such as quizzes, homework and class work. *Your performance in these sessions will count for one hundred out of a total of six hundred points for the whole course.* The average scores for the recitation sections will likely be different since different quizzes will be given. Therefore, to make the recitation grades as fair as possible, the recitation scores will be adjusted, as necessary, to make the average scores the same for all recitation sections.

Preparation: Before attempting the assigned problems you should be confident that you understand the basic concepts. You should try as many of the assigned problems as possible *before* your recitation class. In the recitation class ask questions if you do not understand a problem that is being discussed. After the class, try and determine what had prevented you from solving a particular problem.

Questions Concerning your Recitation Class: If you have questions or concerns regarding your recitation performance you should consult your recitation instructor.

Many students who do well on their recitation quizzes also do well on the class tests. However some students take a little longer to master the material and do not perform quite as well on the recitation quizzes but eventually understand the material and do well on the tests. The graphs below are correlation plots of students' final exam score (out of 120) versus their recitation scores (out of 100) for the spring 2007 and spring 2006 semesters (Physics 2400). The blue fitted lines reveal positive correlations showing that students with high recitation scores were more likely to do well on the final exam. However, the graph also shows that some students with lower recitation scores did well on the final. There are, surprisingly, a few students who did very well in the recitation but scored quite low on the final exam.

