

Policies on use of resources and on collaboration

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This sheet outlines course policy for problem sets (including lab writeups), midterm and final exams. If you have any questions, ASK! Ignorance and confusion are not excuses.

| | Problem Sets | Midterm Exam | Final Exam |
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| <u>Books</u> While working, you may consult: | | | |
| Required texts | Y | Y | N |
| Recommended texts | Y | N | N |
| Textbooks from prerequisite classes | Y | Y | N |
| English language dictionary (electronic, hard copy) | Y | Y | Y |
| Reference books (CRC, Merck Index, etc.) | Y | N | N |
| Any other text (State which reference you used) | Y | N | N |
| <u>Computer and Internet:</u> | | | |
| <i>You may use a computer as a word processor</i> | Y | N | N |
| <i>You may use the Internet</i> | Y | N | N |
| <u>Notes</u> You may use: | | | |
| Your class notes (taken in lecture) | Y | Y | N |
| Hand copies of the class notes of others | Y | Y | N |
| The class notes of others (original or Xeroxed) | N | N | N |
| Anything written in your own hand | Y | N | N |
| Class handouts | Y | Y | N |
| TA/section handouts | Y | N | N |
| Homework/exams of past years | N | N | N |
| Homework/exams of this year | Y | N | N |
| Solutions to homework/exams of past years | N | N | N |
| <u>Computational aids</u> For computational aids, you may use: | | | |
| Calculators, computer as calculator, and slide rules | Y | Y | Y |
| Mathematical reference tables (integrals, Laplace transforms, etc) | Y | N | N |
| <u>Collaboration</u> The following types of collaboration are allowed: | | | |
| Tell another student that the question exists | Y | Y | Y |
| Basic discussion of the problems | Y | N | N |
| Look at communal materials while writing up solutions | N | N | N |
| Look at other's individual work (i.e. writeups) | N | N | N |
| Sharing a session on Swiss-PDB, Squid Axon tutorial, or other computer-based exercise | N | N | N |
| Turn in a set with more than one name on it | N | N | N |
| Sharing communications from/to TAs | Y | N | N |

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| Comparing answers to completed problems | N | N | N |
| <p>Additional Comments: For problem sets,</p> <p>(1) You must answer in your own words.</p> <p>(2) If you get stuck, you can TALK about the homework with the TA or your fellow students, but all exchanges of information must be aural and general in nature (i.e. "Did you remember to include Comptonisation" is ok. "The right answer is $V k^2$ over π squared" is NOT ok).</p> <p>(3) Visual exchanges of information are strictly forbidden -on homeworks, you may not show each other equations, graphs, or computer programs in any form. This does not apply to the observing project, where such sharing is encouraged.</p> <p>(4) You may, as a check, tell each other your final numerical answers ("the solar luminosity is $4e33 \text{erg/s}$") and discuss in general terms where any discrepancies might have arisen, subject to the limitations of comments 1-3 above.</p> | | | |