

Phys 217 Syllabus

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Section Information

Lectures: 09:30 - 10:20 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Elliot 162.
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Tutorial: 13:30 - 14:20 on Fridays in Elliot 060.
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Course Material

Course material is presented in-class via lecture and in the laboratory by the lab instructor. The lectures incorporate material from the course textbook (see below) and a wonderful set of notes authored by Dr. J. Tatum. When applicable, material can be found on the [course web page](#) (hosted at UVic CourseSpaces).

Textbook

- [Classical and Statistical Thermodynamics](#)

Calculator

- [Sharp EL-510 RNB Calculator](#)

Coursework

Coursework consists of (roughly) six assignments, one midterm examination, one final examination, and a laboratory component.

All submitted coursework should be:

- neat,
- hand-written, and
- reasonably verbose.

This allows effective evaluation and accurate feedback. Answers which do not conform to the standard will be assigned a grade of *nil*. A degree of collaboration is allowed but final submissions should be presented in your own words.

Policy on Late Assignments

Late assignments will not be accepted without prior authorization from the course instructor. Accommodation will be provided for injury, illness and personal or family affliction. Refer to the [Undergraduate Academic Concessions](#) for more information.

Grading

The overall course grade is a weighted sum of all coursework grades where the weights are taken from the following table.

Assignments	25 %
Midterm Exam	15 %
Laboratory	20 %
Final Exam	40 %

The final course grade is determined by rounding the overall course grade to the nearest percentage point. The final letter grade is determined by the [Undergraduate Academic Regulation on Grading](#) (copied below for convenience).

Letter Grade	Percentage
A+	90–100
A	85–89
A-	80–84
B+	77–79
B	73–76
B-	70–72
C+	65–69
C	60–64
D	50–59
E, F, N	0–49

As per department policy, students *must pass* the laboratory portion to receive credit for the course.