

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Department of Physics

This document summarizes generic rules for student conduct regarding homework and exams for courses in the Department of Physics.

An individual instructor may alter these rules for his or her particular course, in which case, he or she will give you a written copy of the altered set of rules.

Failure to abide by these rules, including any alterations by your instructors, will be considered academic dishonesty and will be dealt with according to university policy.

Homework

Any homework that you turn in for credit is to be your own work.

You may work on the homework with other students in the same class, and you may check with other students in the same class to make sure that your final answers agree, but the homework that you turn in is to be written up on your own.

This includes work such as the evaluation of an integral, the solution of a differential equation, or the preparation of a plot. You may not rely on someone else to look up an integral for you or to generate a plot for you.

If you get help from someone other than the course instructor, you need to acknowledge that help in writing as part of what you turn in. This includes help from other students in the class.

The homework that you turn in may not be written up while you are working in a group, nor may it be copied from a blackboard, whiteboard, etc. after a joint effort (if you understand the work done in a group, then you will be able to write up this work later on your own).

It is never acceptable to look at another student's written homework solutions before your homework has been turned in.

You may not look up solutions to assigned homework problems that were prepared by others, including other persons, other texts, solution manuals, or the internet.

You may not copy or trade problems with other students.

Exams

Exams are to be your own work, and no consultation with other persons is allowed.

You are not allowed to use any materials (e.g., books, notes, math tables, calculators, electronic devices) unless specifically authorized to do so by the instructor.

It is never acceptable to copy work from another student.