

Weekly Discussion (20% of total grade dash; 12 points per unit):

Discussion board posts are expected each week based on the lectures and readings in the text. I frequently check the discussion boards to add to the conversations or to simply observe your interaction with your peers. For each unit, I will list several topics or questions that you can respond to. You must respond to two of my topics OR make two posts of your own regarding something that you've learned or questions you may have. It is expected that you make these 2 posts by the first Wednesday of each unit. By Friday, it is expected that you make 2 responses to two different individuals regarding their comments or questions. By the following Monday, it is expected that you post an additional 2 responses. Posts made before Friday of the previous week do not count toward this. The point is, you should be involved in the discussion board at least every other day to be involved in the discussion. You will be graded on your display of insight, knowledge, and efforts (being sure not to respond with simply phrases such as I agree with you or that's an interesting thought). Be sure to display your knowledge, add to the topics, and advance the understanding for both yourself and your peers. The goal of this assignment is to foster meaningful discussion about the topics in this course. The required posts are just a minimum requirement, but you are welcome to post more. Post may include links to webpages, videos or anything else that adds meaningful information to the discussion. Be sure to site any websites you reference and put the information in your own words. You are also required to read ALL of the posts in the discussion by Wednesday of the second week of each unit. Half of the discussion grade is based on your complete participation and reading of ALL posts. Late posts will not be given credit, therefore it is important to plan your time wisely.

Homework (20% of total grade dash; 12 points per unit):

A homework assignment is located in a folder for each unit. The assignment covers concepts being discussed during the unit. These assignments will be graded based on accuracy and how well you support your response with explanations. Please type your answers to the questions and copy your responses into the Homework Drop-Box by Sunday night of the first week of each unit.

Quizzes (30 % of total grade - 20 points per unit)

Each unit has a timed quiz that is in a multiple choice format. The quizzes are 20-25 questions that are randomly selected from a pool or created from topics that were covered in discussion posts. You have TWO opportunities to take the quiz and the highest score will be recorded. Be sure that you are prepared and have enough time to complete each quiz in one sitting. Quizzes will be available Thursday through Sunday of the second week of each unit. Plan accordingly.

Physics In The Real World (10% of total grade dash; 20 points)

This portion of the course consists of an entry that involves a discussion of physics in every day life followed by their explanation. You will pick a topic of interest from the year, do additional research, and share what you've learned with your peers. These concepts will be posted on the Physics In The Real World discussion board where you are then required to respond to two other individuals postings. It is expected that you read every post in the discussion board.

Final Exam (20% of total grade dash; 50 points total)

The final exam will be timed consisting of 50 multiple choice questions covering the material from the entire course. You have ONE opportunity to take the final exam, so be sure that you are prepared and have enough time to complete the quiz in one sitting. You will have 2 hours to complete the final.