General Information
Physics 107, Fall 2006

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Labs: You may not attend any lab except the one for which you are scheduled unless you have made alternative arrangements with Mark Nordberg in advance of your assigned lab period. You must complete all ten labs to pass the course; failure to do this will result in failure of the course.

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                2) Student Solutions Manual for Reese’s University Physics, Volumes I and II

Assignments: Reading and problem assignments are given in the syllabus. Note that it is one thing to follow what you read in the text or hear in class, and quite another to use that material to solve problems. Problem-solving is a skill developed by practice, just like tennis or playing the piano. Feel free to seek help with the problems or class material from your professor, or to use the “help room” in Carnegie 301 from 7 - 9 pm on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Expository solutions to most of the odd-numbered problems are in the solution manuals. Solutions to the problems handed in during the week will be posted every Friday on the Physics 107 website.

Examinations and Grading: There will be three one-hour and fifteen minute exams in class, and a two-hour final exam. Exam questions will be based upon homework problems, class and textbook examples, and lab work. Grades normally are computed as follows, unless special circumstances make them unjust in a particular case:

Each hour Exam: 1/8 (three hour exams = 3/8)
The Final Exam: 2/8 (equivalent to two hour exams)
Laboratory: 2/8 (equivalent to two hour exams)
Homework: 1/8 (equivalent to one hour exam)