

# Physics 131-107 Shared Expectations for Recitation and Lab

## **TA' s expectations of students**

- Students will come to class on time. If a student knows they will be absent ahead of time, they will send an email to the TA to make an alternative plan.
- During class, students will be engaged with the work and participate in discussion.
- If a student is having trouble in this course, whether it be with the content or interactions with their group, they will inform the TA or another member of the instructional team.

## **Students' expectations of each other**

- Everyone will participate and contribute to the discussion. Work should be distributed among all group members and everyone should stay on task. While we expect that all members of the group will put in their full effort and work at a reasonable rate, we understand that this looks different for each individual and will respect each other's working styles.
- All members will openly communicate with the group during lab and recitation. It is expected that the group will work together to address challenges and understand the physics. Everyone is welcome to share their ideas and ask for clarifications from other group members. It is understood that all ideas will be taken into consideration in this collaborative environment.
- Everyone will be respectful of each other. This includes listening when someone else is speaking and acknowledging that making mistakes is okay. This also means that the group should be aware if a member is being pushed out or not heard, and should rectify the situation. It is understood that being respectful of all group members leads to a better learning environment for everyone.

## **Students' expectations of TA**

- The TA will be clear in their communication with all members of the class. This includes being clear in their expectations of students, explanations during lab/recitation, rubrics for grading, and being prepared for class.
- The TA will be respectful of all members of the course. This includes asking for multiple perspectives when working with groups and involving as many people as possible in discussions. The TA is expected to understand that everyone comes in with different physics and educational backgrounds and should not assume either about any particular student.
- The TA will be accommodating of all students, working with the members of the course to ensure all are able to succeed.
- Fair attention will be given to all groups. The TA will be responsive when groups indicate they need help and not rush when helping a group.
- Emails will be responded to in a reasonable time and be respectful in their response.
- Updates and reminders will be sent out to keep everyone on the same page.
- The TA will bring a new physics themed joke or fun fact to begin each class period with.