

**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS**

**PH 692 – Seminar  
Fall Semester 2011  
Course Syllabus**

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**Lectures:** Colloquia: Monday 16:00-17:15  
Hammond Auditorium, Engineering AR120 (next to Pendulum)  
Refer to: <http://www.physics.colostate.edu/Colloquium> for colloquia schedule.

**Grading:** Attendance to all colloquia is mandatory unless previous arrangements have been made or documentation is provided for unavoidable absences.  
All students are required to submit a one page description for three of the colloquia. The one-page description should provide an overview of the talk, as well as the student's impression of the talk – both in terms of material and presentation.  
All three one-page write-ups need to be submitted no later than Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.  
You are encouraged to submit the write-ups well before the final submission deadline.  
Completion of the three one-page write-ups and attendance to all colloquia will result in a grade of “A” for the course. Failure to submit the 3 write-ups or to attend all colloquia will result in a failing grade.

The following page contains the academic integrity policy that must be included in any syllabus handed out to students. Since there will be no exams you can ignore that section of the policy for this class. Please read the policy over and if you have questions I'll be happy to answer them for you.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

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This document summarizes generic rules for student conduct regarding homework and exams in this course.

This is considered to be part of the course syllabus, and it is official course policy, so you need to read all of it.

Failure to abide by these rules 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.