



# CSUC Spring Term 2020

## Physics 204A sections 6, 7, 8

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Dear Class,

As we approach the end of the semester keeping in touch becomes even more important. I include a few key points about our scheduling.

- Wednesday, May 6 will be our *last regular class period*. We will discuss orbiting and other key results of the gravitational problem
- Thursday, May 7, **there will be one lab period only**. We will use the lab period starting at 12 noon to have a semester review. I will outline our journey through the semester and then work through some characteristic problems which we missed along the way. Then you are all invited to suggest problems which may have troubled you in any way – so that the group can profit from your discussion. I will stay online past 2PM (with breaks, of course) so that all have a chance to participate, and then post the video on Blackboard.
- Friday, May 8, is our last class and I would like to outline what stands in front of you as you continue your study of physics in the future. I would also like to introduce *Special Relativity*.
- You are welcome to contact me anytime and any way during exam week.
- There will be a concluding set of Final Exam Portfolio Problems given out by Monday, May 11 (and possibly even earlier) to be completed by the end of Exam Week. The latest submission moment will be Noon on Friday, May 15. It's quite important to set some sort of "Deadline", and I choose that moment. Following that time point I will no longer entertain any discussion concerning late submissions or class grades etc. ... nor will I even open and read your emails. However, if you send me an email titled "Grade" – I will return your final semester grade as well as your point totals and your standing in the class. Beyond that point, this class is formally concluded. I remain, however, a resource for your Physics education and your Academic life, without limit, for life.

- The class final grades will be determined by the following percentages:

Final exam: 20%

Labs: 20%

First half semester HW 5%

First half semester midterms (including the first Portfolio problem set) 12.5% each

Portfolio problems 5% each

I will compute the final point totals and find each of your Z-scores as always. In order to be on the final curve you must finish the class. This includes the lab submissions and completing the Final Exam Portfolio Problems. For this reason, I can only estimate your current score before the final. It will take me about three days to completely grade all outstanding work and compute final scores. At that time I'm happy to send you your grade and a portrayal of all the pertinent class curves.

