**Grading Policies**

**Grading Scale:** A: 90% or above; B: 80 - 89%; C: 70-79%; D: 60- 69%

**Course Grade** is based on a total of 100 points comprised of Attendance (5 pts), Laboratory (15 pts), Online Quizzes (20 pts), and Exams (60 pts).

**Attendance: 5 pts.**

A total of 15 classes are scheduled (not including the Final Exam period). Each class period is worth 0.4 points with 0.2 points earned for arriving by 9 am, and 0.2 points for being in attendance by 10 am. If you are having trouble staying awake in class, please stand up in the back. If you are noticeably inattentive for an extended period of time, you will lose 0.2 of the attendance points for that class period.

**Lab Grade: 15 pts.**

All lab experiments are worth 1 pt each.

There will be one written lab report on the Specific Heat Lab worth 3 points.

There are a total of 17 lab points available, so one could miss two labs and still earn the maximum of 15 points for labs. No lab make-ups will be authorized. If you have a conflict for the Specific Heat Lab, please discuss the situation with the instructor in advance.

**Online Quizzes: 20 pts.**

The homework will be in the form of weekly online quizzes due before we meet in class at 0900 each Saturday. Each quiz question is worth 0.2 pts towards the total semester online quiz grade of up to a total of 20 pts. Thus, 100 correct answers throughout the semester equates to 20 pts.

No late quizzes will be accepted. For students who miss a quiz, there will be approximately 25 extra quiz problems incorporated in the regular quizzes to make up for missed points. If students work all quizzes, they may end up answering more than 100 questions correct in the semester, but maximum online quiz grade is 20 pts. Students should make every effort to do the online quizzes on a regular basis as they reflect the material covered in class and are the best practice for the exams.

**Exams: 60 pts.**

There will be five exams each worth 15 pts. The lowest grade exam will be dropped from the course grade. The remaining four exam grades will count towards the total exam grade. The exams will be a mix of multiple choice and essay questions and will reflect the work done in class, both in laboratory and lecture, and the online quiz problems.

A formula sheet will be provided by the instructor on exam day.

If a student knows in advance that he or she will have to miss an exam, an arrangement may be made with the instructor for the exam to be taken *in advance*.

No make-up exams will be given without such prior notice, regardless of the circumstances.