

Homework Grading – revisions to syllabus

Since printing your syllabus, I have decided to take a different approach to grading your homework.

New grading method:

- Solution sets will still be posted as promised.
- All questions will be collected, not a random sample.
- Some questions may be assigned a grade based on the correctness of the solution. (Not just the answer.)
- Other homework questions' grades will be **determined by completeness** of the problems. Each “completeness” question that shows a reasonable attempt will earn 1 point, whether or not the solution is correct. A half-hearted attempt will earn 0.5 points, and no meaningful attempt will earn no credit.
- **If you wish me to examine your solution and look for correctness/errors**, you must write directions at the top of the page (in the upper margin area) and ask me to look at specific questions.

For 99% of Physics students, practicing questions remains the best way to prepare for exams and to understand the concepts. That is why I am checking for at least completeness.

- **Some solutions are available to you already.** In case you were not aware, the answers to most odd-numbered questions are available in the back of the book starting on page A.49. Some solutions are also available in the student solutions manual, which you can purchase. (I don't know where.)