

Some ways to get a poor grade in this course:

- do not prepare well for lab - if your prelab outline is found to be unacceptable by your TA, you will automatically lose 1 pt (of 10 for the experiment), and you will leave the lab, returning only after preparing an acceptable prelab outline. If the remaining time is insufficient to complete the experiment, you will lose further pts.
- miss OWL deadlines - OWL is 15% of the grade. Prelab deadlines, midnight the night before the lab. Postlab deadline, midnight the day the lab report is due, usually the next lab period. NO EXTENSIONS.
- miss the safety and course policy OWL deadlines - if you come to lab for experiment 1 without having done these, you will be unable to work until you have left and finished the safety and course policy OWLs. This will leave little time to finish the experiment resulting in further pts being lost.
- miss report deadlines - reports are due at the next regularly scheduled lab period. - minus 1 pt per day for late submissions.
- do not follow safety rules - for example, a repeated need to remind you to wear your safety glasses will result in minus 1 pt per incident. We do not supply "loaner" goggles. Always bring your own or you will have to leave and return once you have them, thereby wasting lab time.
- do not pay attention - for example, do not read email messages from the instructor. These messages will inform you of things that are important to know and do.
- do not know the contents of all handouts given out at the first lecture and handouts available on the course website.
- do not keep your notebook in the required manner, an example of which is given on the course website. Do not use the required notebook.
- cheat - copying other people's work, for example, reports from this semester or previous semesters, quizzes. This will lead to a charge filed with the Academic Honesty Board. Be very familiar with the University Academic Honesty Policy, a link to which is given on the course website.
- come to lab late. The lab begins at 1:25. Be there by then. If you miss the TA's prelab talk, you will lose 1 pt.
- do not follow the makeup policy and procedure in a timely way.
- miss the final exam.