

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 point from the prelab, 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.. NO EXTENSIONS. NO PARTIAL CREDIT.
- 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 points being lost.
- miss report deadlines - reports are due one week following your section.
- do not follow safety rules - for example, a repeated need to remind you to wear your safety glasses will result in minus 1 point per incident. We supply safety glasses for you.
- 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 keep your notebook in the required manner, an example of which is given online.
- cheat - copying other people's work, for example, reports from this semester or previous semesters. This will lead to a charge filed with the Academic Honesty Board. Be very familiar with the University Academic Honesty Policy.
- come to lab late. You know when your lab begins. Be there by then. If you miss the TA's prelab talk, it is up to your TA on whether or not you can participate. You will lose one technique point if you are late.
- do not follow the makeup policy and procedure in a timely way
- miss the final exam.