Physics 107 Writing Assignment
Spring 2012

In order to get an A in Physics 107 you must complete two writing assignments during the semester. These papers are to be approximately two pages, double spaced in a font no larger than 12 point. The papers are to be on a single real-life application of the ideas in one of the labs that you have performed. This is not supposed to be just a restatement of those ideas. The first paper will cover labs 1-6 and the second will cover labs 7-12.

The first is due at the lab period when you perform Lab # 6. This will be during the period May 15-16. The second will be due the week when you perform Lab # 12, on June 9 or 11.

The papers will be marked as either acceptable or unacceptable. The standards for the papers are as follows:

1. The paper should be written in standard English, with proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar. A couple of small mistakes won’t make the paper unacceptable, but many small mistakes or a few larger ones will.

2. The ideas expressed in the paper should be put together in a coherent and logical manner. The intended audience of the paper should be a fellow 107 student.

3. The physics described in the paper should be correct. Incorrect physical principles or inappropriate application of correct principles will make the paper unacceptable.

Your TA will grade the papers during the next week after they are turned in and they will be returned to you at the next lab period. If your paper is marked as unacceptable (and your TA should indicate what the problems are), then you can revise it during the next week and turn it in again accompanied by the original graded paper. Dr. Christensen will grade any revised papers.

Two acceptable papers will raise your grade by one level. If you have earned an A- by your lab scores, then the papers will raise it to an A. **It is not possible to earn an A in the class without turning in these two papers.**