Grading allocation in the Physics 121-2-3 sequence is based on the number of Student Credit Hours associated with each course component.

Grade weighting:

- Midterms (best 2 of 3) 40%
- Final Exam 25%
- Lab Section 15%
- Tutorial Section 10%
- Lecture HW 10%

Instructors may choose to include some credit for use of the lecture response systems (“clickers”) and/or supplemental homework. This should influence the final course grade by only a few percent (~5% total). The selection of the best two Midterm Exams is based on the class average and standard deviation for each exam.

Exam Composition:

- Midterms (100 points): ~72% lecture, ~8% lab, ~20% tutorial
- Final exam (150 points): ~57% lecture, ~17% lab, ~27% tutorial

(These are average percentages for all three exams, not for individual midterms.)

There will be a page of Lab-related questions on one Midterm Exam and on the Final Exam. There will be one page of tutorial questions on each midterm, and two on the Final Exam. Tutorial pages and lab pages will usually be worth 20-25 points. Lab and tutorial questions may be either multiple choice or hand-graded. Normally 55% of each Midterm and about 70% of the Final Exam will be in the form of multiple-choice questions. There will be no makeup exams.

**Labs:** The lab section grade will be based on scores for all 8 lab reports. Three of these will be graded on a simple 0 or 3 point scale, passing grade = 3. The other 5 labs will be graded on a 0 to 5 point scale as described in the lab manual. Students who complete fewer than 6 of the 8 labs will receive a grade of 0.0 for the entire 5-credit course.