

Group Agreement Form

In this course you'll be working in groups on lab activities and related assignments. Negotiating group dynamics successfully is therefore an integral component of the course. To help you get to know each other, and to ensure effective collaboration and fairness, group members should discuss and write down the answers to the following questions in order to establish a "Partner Agreement."

Question 1

Who are your Group Members and how do they prefer to be referred to (nicknames, pronouns, etc.)?

Question 2

Take turns having each group member share one thing about themselves (where you're from, what you like to do outside of class, etc.). Keep going around until you've found one thing you all have in common that you expect no other group will have in common and record it below.

Question 3

Discuss with your partners your reasons for taking this course and what you're personally hoping to get out of it. How do your goals compare? Discuss how you can support each other's goals. Can you agree on a collective goal for the group (e.g. to ensure everyone gets an A, to have fun, to provide a physics study group). Establish your collective purpose and record it below.

Question 5

To complete each lab a number of distinct tasks will need to be completed by individual group members or collaboratively by the group as a whole. These tasks include, but are not necessarily limited to, setting up equipment, collecting data, taking notes, performing analysis, and managing the group. The tasks each of you spend the most time on will likely be the ones you learn the most about and grow the most in your ability to perform. How will you ensure each member has an equitable role and is able to be involved in all aspects of the work they're interested?

Question 7

Please have each group member write their name below.