PHYSICS 2a GENERAL INFORMATION FALL 2017

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**Course Website:** <https://piazza.com/caltech/fall2017/ph2a/home>

**Section Changes:**

You are encouraged to find a recitation section that is both enjoyable and beneficial. If you are dissatisfied with your assigned section, feel free to sit in on another one.

If you decide to change sections, **first** get the signature of the instructor of the new section on your yellow card. Then get the course secretary to sign the drop column on the yellow card. The instructors sometimes change room assignments: the course secretary should have the most up-to-date information.

**Textbook:** A.P. French, “Vibrations and Waves” ([on reserve in the library](http://caltech.tind.io/record/900498?ln=en))

**Assignments:**

Homework will be due every Wednesday by 4 pm, in the boxes located **on the 2nd floor of E. Bridge, outside the lecture hall.** Assignments will be accepted up to one week late for half credit. Requests for extensions, owing to special circumstances, will not be considered unless accompanied by a note from the Dean of Students. The work must be your own, not copied from others or the blackboard in recitation. You are encouraged to work the problems with others and to seek out additional help, if you find that useful, but the written work, must be all your own. You should be able to reproduce any solution, you hand in, without help from anyone else. Assignments and exams will be returned to the boxes on the first floor of East Bridge (if you have signed a FERPA waiver; otherwise please speak with the course secretary).

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be due on alternate Tuesdays at 11:00am (before lecture) throughout the term. The quizzes must be worked on your own, without collaboration with/from others. Late quizzes **will not** be accepted, without a **Note** **from the Dean of Students** (notes from health services, roommates, etc., will not be accepted). In the case of extenuating circumstances, known in advance, please speak to Prof. Adhikari.

**Exams & Grading:** There will be a final exam covering the entire term. There will be no midterm exam. Your grade for the course will be determined by your performance on the final exam (40%), quizzes (30%), and homework, combined with your attendance, performance in recitation class and general level of effort (30%).

**Ombuds:** Each house should select an Ombudsperson. Students should inform them of complaints about the course or make suggestions on how to improve the course. This is the best way to transmit your viewpoint on the course, to the instructors. The Ph2 instructors will have lunch with the Ombuds on Oct 25 and, if necessary, again on Nov 15. Students are also encouraged to discuss any problems regarding the course, directly with Prof. Adhikari, after lecture or by appointment.