

Course Information PY 413 - Spring 2007

Physics 413 (Thermal Physics) provides an introduction to thermodynamics and statistical mechanics intended for undergraduate students in physics or engineering.

1. **Lecture:** MWF 9:10-10:00, Dabney 220
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2. **Homework:** Most wednesdays a set of homework problems will be assigned. (You can also check the website.) The homework is due wednesday the following week.
3. **Exams:** There will be two midterm exams and a final.
4. **Grade:** Your final grade will be determined by weighting the various portions of the course as follows:

Midterms: 30%
Final: 40%
Homework: 30%
5. **More Information:** Additional information related to the course is available at <http://wonka.physics.ncsu.edu/~tmschaef/> .
6. **Textbook:** (required) Daniel V. Schroeder: An Introduction to Thermal Physics (Addison Wesley). Supplemental references:
 - C. Kittel and H. Kroemer, Thermal Physics
 - F. Reif, Fundamentals of Statistical and Thermal Physics
 - R. Baierlein, Thermal Physics

A typical graduate level text is L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, Statistical Physics.