Modern Physics Homework Instructions

Learning how to present written scientific work is one of the goals of the Physics curriculum at the University of Richmond. For homework that is handed in you must follow the instructions below. Failure to do so will be penalized. If you have any questions, let me know.

- 1. Homework assignments are due at the end of class on the due date listed on the course webpage. Unexcused, late homework submissions will be reduced by two points if not handed in during the appropriate class period. An additional point will be subtracted for each subsequent day late. Once the problem solutions are posted no homeworks will be accepted. Submissions will be excused only at the discretion of the instructor.
- 2. Homework assignments should be submitted on 8-1/2" by 11" paper with your name and date clearly written at the top of the first page. No ripped out notebook pages.
- 3. The chapter and number of each problem should be clearly displayed at the top and to the left side of the each answer. There should be a clear separation between problems on the same page.
- 4. Answers should be clearly marked by drawing a box around them.
- 5. Submissions must be legible and comprehensible for full credit. It is good practice to work out a solution and then neatly write it up for submission. No scratched out mistakes. Invest in a pencil and eraser or a bottle of white-out.
- 6. Solve problems symbolically before inserting numbers. Inserting numbers inappropriately will be penalized.
- 7. Include written comments in your solution to guide the reader and define new quantities.
- 8. Homeworks with multiple pages should be in proper order and stapled together in the upper, left-hand corner.
- 9. You are encouraged to discuss the homework with others. However, your solutions should should be written using your own format, equations, and words to reflect your understanding of the assignment. Students who copy homework from another student or allow their work to be copied will be reported for plagiarism. You should acknowledge help you have received.