

PHYS 496, Fall 2025 Assignments and Points Summary

Hw #	Brief Description	Type†	Due Date‡	Comments	Points
1	Active Reading for Physics Papers	W	Sep 5	not rewrite eligible	50
2	Abstract & Title	W	Sep 12		50
3	Presentation Basics	P	Sep 19	not rewrite eligible	100
4	Explaining Physics--Draft	W, T	Sep 26		100
5	Explaining Physics--Final Version	W, T	Oct 3		150
6	Peer Review	W	Oct 10		100
7	Short Science Talk--Draft	W	Oct 17	not rewrite eligible	100
8	Short Science Talk--In-Class Presentation	P			150
9	Evaluating Figures & Captions	W	Oct 31		100
10	Making Figures & Captions	W	Nov 7		150
11	Poster--Draft	W	Nov 14		100
12	Poster--Final	W	Th, Nov 20	not rewrite eligible	100
13	Poster--In Class Presentation	P	Dec 5	not rewrite eligible	200
Total Points for Homework Assignments					1450

† "W" = written assignment; "P" = oral presentation; "T" = team assignment

‡ Assignments are due by 9:00 p.m. on the due date unless otherwise noted on the homework instructions page.

Points per Class Component		
Homework Assignments		1450
Writing Workshop	Missed workshops may not be made up	180
Colloquium Reports Due Sep 26 and Nov 7	A total of TWO reports (50 pts each)	100
Class Attendance and Participation	Unexcused absences will result in loss of points	70
Total Points for the Class		1800

Points will be entered in the my.physics student gradebook; be sure to periodically check your grades.