Greetings!

I hope you were able to get some rest over fall break and are ready to finish the semester strong. Please refer to the course website schedule page to keep track of the remaining physics 211 activities. Below are a few items that I want to bring to your attention.

**Homework:** We have added an additional 50% deadline to all the homework assignments until 7 pm Monday Dec. 14th (start of first final for physics 211). So, if there are any homework activities that you were not able to complete, go ahead and do those now. It is a good way to study, and the points are helpful too!

**Final Exam Time:** By default, everyone has been signed up to take the final exam on Monday Dec. 14th from 7pm-10pm. If that time does not work for you, conflict options are available on Tuesday Dec. 15th from 7pm-10pm, and Friday Dec. 19th from 1:30pm – 4:30 pm. You may select any of these options in the course gradebook. For students that are in a different time zone we will also offer the exam starting on Monday Dec 14th at 11:59pm until Tuesday 2:59am. To select this option, click on the link to “Request a special conflict exam”.

**Final Exam Preparation:** Several people have asked for advice about studying for the final exam. Since the exam covers the entire semester, one challenge is keeping track of the many tools you have learned and deciding which is appropriate for the given problem. To assist in that aspect, I have created a summary page summarizing the key ideas from the course that may be useful in your review. Below are recommendations to optimize your preparations when doing practice exams.

1) Start with the Spring 2018 Hour Exam 1
2) Use only the formula sheet, and a calculator.

3) Take the entire exam. Don’t worry about time but write complete solutions. Include a short statement of why you are using the tool/technique (e.g. why did you choose to use conservation of energy, or why did you choose the hinge as you axis of rotation the review sheet is meant to help with this component). If you are considering two different options for solving the problem, write both down. The more you write, the more efficiently your brain will be able to reinforce what you know and correct any gaps.

4) Grade the exam. Use solutions, friends and office hours to make sure you understand every problem you got wrong.

5) Repeat for Hour exam 2 and 3 and then for the final exam. (Note, skip questions 51 and 52 on practice final, we did not cover those concepts this semester.)

**Take care of yourself:** This has been a very challenging semester. You have been making truly taxing requests of your brain and body. Do your part to help by eating well, sleeping and getting exercise. I know this is easier said than done, but they are important.

**Meet the voice!** The voice you (and students across the country) have been hearing in the prelectures each week belongs to our very own professor Gary Gladding. I’ve asked him to join our lecture on Tuesday morning to start off our lecture. So, if you’ve been curious about the face that goes with the voice, be sure to attend the start of the lecture.