



# Welcome to PHYS 496

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Assignment

HW #1 Active Reading (due on 1/31/2025 9:00 PM) ▾

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## 2. What should you do if you have to miss a class?

- a) Nothing, just turn the homework in on time.
- b) Email [phys496@physics.illinois.edu](mailto:phys496@physics.illinois.edu) in advance, explain why you will be absent, and arrange to make up missed class activities.
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**Some assignments are and some are not rewrite eligible. Check the homework instructions or grading matrix on the course website. No assignments may be rewritten for addition points if the initial assignment was not turned in by the deadline.**



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**Tip: Write your report within three days of the colloquium for best results and turn it in promptly to avoid annoying Celia. You don't have to wait until the deadline to submit.**

**Colloquium reports are eligible for rewrites if the initial report was submitted by the deadline.**



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**Homework Assignments**



**Colloquium Reports**

In addition to the homework assignments shown above, students are required to attend **two** departmental [colloquia](#) or appropriate [special lectures](#) (check with Celia on suitability of lectures other than Physics or [Astronomy colloquia](#)) of their choice during the semester and submit a written report of each.

The deadlines for receipt of colloquium reports are as follows:

Report #1—**Due by 9:00 p.m., Friday, February 21**; rewrites will not be accepted after **Friday, March 21**  
 Report #2—**Due by 9:00 p.m., Friday, April 4**; rewrites will not be accepted after **Thursday, May 8**

Late reports will be downgraded. **No colloquium reports (initial or rewrites) will be accepted after May 8.**

The reports are worth 50 points each. Reports should be [uploaded to the portal](#) on my.physics when complete. Early submissions will be gratefully accepted.

[Colloquium report template](#)

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