Physics 214: Waves and Quantum Mechanics  
Spring 2009  

Midsemester Course Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions to let me know how the course is going and suggest ways to improve it. In addition to reading what you have written, I will hand out a compilation of your anonymous responses to the class. Please let me know if there is anything that you do not wish to share with the class.

1. What do you like most about the course so far? Please list at least one aspect of the course that you think is going well and has been successful.

2. What do you like least about the course so far? Please list at least one aspect of the course that has kept it from being the most positive learning experience that it can be.

3. What would you like to change about the course? Please suggest at least one concrete change that you think would improve the course.

4. What are you doing and what could you do? What do you think you are doing well and/or could do better in creating a conducive learning environment, participating in it, and fostering your own and others’ learning?

(Additional questions on the other side.)
5. Do you think that recitation section and lecture are each being used appropriately?

6. How do you find the ratio of presentation of new material to problem solving in class? Details versus big picture?

7. Is class time used effectively, or are there inefficiencies?

8. Do you feel that there is a good balance between getting through the material in each class and responding to questions that come up? Or is the agenda too rigid, or too easily derailed by questions and tangents?

9. Is the class a comfortable environment conducive to learning? What do you think about the amount of interaction, and openness to discussion or questions in class (both quality and quantity)?

10. How do you feel about the overall pace of the course, on the scale of weeks rather than individual classes? Is the pace too fast, too slow, or just right? Is the pace consistent, or does it seem to speed up and then slow down?

11. How are the readings? The problem sets? The exams? (Please comment on quality, quantity, and level of difficulty.) Do you feel that there is a good balance between learning on your own and learning from your fellow students and me?