Phys 1020  - MidCourse Survey

**Overall rating for this class:**
I enjoy this class: AVE: 1.7
Strongly agree (1)  agree  neutral  disagree  strongly disagree (5)

I learn a lot in this class:  AVE 1.6
Strongly agree (1)  agree  neutral  disagree  strongly disagree (5)

**Particular elements of the class**, rate each:

1 – great  2 – good  3- neutral  4 – not so good  5 – awful

Lectures 1.6
Demonstrations 1.4
Simulations 2.2
Labs 2.4
Homework 2.8
Paper 3
Helproom 2
Exams 2.5
Web-page
  Feedback 1.8
  Schedule 1.75
  Assignments 2.4
  Solution sets 2.4
  Lecture notes 1.5
  Computer simulations 2.4

**The instructor for this class:**
Extremely helpful  somewhat helpful  neutral  mildly unhelpful  the worst
1.4
always available  usually available  neutral  hard to find  never around
2.0

**The TA’s**
Extremely helpful  somewhat helpful  neutral  mildly unhelpful  the worst
1.6

**The LA’s**
Extremely helpful  somewhat helpful  neutral  mildly unhelpful  the worst
1.6

**How much work is this class compared to others:**
Much more  a bit more  the same  less  way less
2.1

**How would you rate this class compared to other science classes:**
Way better  better  a’ait  worse  the worst
1.8

**Things I would like to definitely remain:**
Lectures/ demos / style – 8 responses
Lab 1
Help room 8

**Things I would like to change**
Book Homework approach Labs
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**Student Comments:**

- Demonstrations and simulations! They really help understanding.
- Labs were not the best some of the time.
- Improve the labs if at all possible.
- Your the man Professor Finkelstein!
- Definitely one of the best physics class I have taken.
- The lecture is great! The notes are easy to comprehend and the pace is just right. The homework can be a bit tedious, but I feel that it is very useful and reasonable.
- I would love to see more demonstrations, but I understand that it not always possible.
- Great class!
- Help sessions are awesome for working through the homework. The paper is cool to explore physics
- The help sessions are the most effective part of this class. I feel like I learn more from them than any other part of the class. I also like having the notes online, so I can check back on concepts I'm not clear about.
- I would change the ratio of essay and plain numbers answers on the homework. Having to explain every answer can sometimes get tedious, and I like the math aspect of physics as well.
- I feel like I've learned a lot this semester. Even though I don't like having to explain all of my answers in essay form, I feel like that helps me learn the material much better.
- I like the lecture and the demos are great. I am learning a lot. The labs are helpful.
- Great Class All Around.
- The lectures are good, but sometimes I feel that too much information is presented at the same time. The demonstrations are cool, the laser one with the water coming out was cool, and the big barrel that the air was taken out of was also great.
- I think the paper is a great aspect of the course. It allows students to indulge in subject areas that are of interest to them while also improving their research skills.
- Noah is a great engaging teacher, and having the LA's and TA's in class is helpful.
- I think the homework has come to a really good point. I'd prefer it to be one problem, but I know that's silly. I think the length is really good right now. The lectures are really helpful because the professor explains things really well and he always answers everybody's questions, even if we're running short on time.
- I think the labs were difficult and more information on the paper in class and before the outline was due would could have improved the class a little. Also, maybe have more than one knowledgeable TA at the help sessions.
- I really like physics, but it's very hard for me and I need someone to walk me through it as I'm learning it and then I can do fair on the tests. This teacher explains things well and I get a lot of help in the help sessions, so that's why I am successful in this class so far.
- The help sessions, the answers to homework (very helpful for studying for the exam) Notes online, very cool lectures, fun professor.
- The lectures are great! Very interesting. The test was manageable by studying hw and notes, nothing out of the blue.
- Not of fan of the hws. I understand things better by the test. Not always able to figure out questions by hws.
- Generally enjoy the class. Very lively compared to others.
- Noah's awesome
- the help sessions and clicker questions were very helpful. This class seemed a lot harder than 1010 although i believe they are supposed to be the same level classes.