University of Maryland Department of Physics

Physics 260 Fall 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title: General Physics: Electricity, Magnetism and Thermodynamics

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Course Description: Electrostatics, magnetism, induction, DC and AC circuits,

Maxwells Equations, heat, and thermodynamics.

Text: H. D. Young and R. A. Freedman, *University Physics*,

15th Edition (2020),

Pearson

Homework: Assignments will be made on each Thursday and

will be due the following Thursday. Late homework will be penalized 20% for each day late and will not be accepted beyond Friday after it is due. The two lowest homework scores will be dropped.

Grading: There will be three exams: two midterms and a

final. Grades will be assigned as follows:

Homework 100 points 1st midterm 100 points 2nd midterm 100 points Final 200 points

The lowest score from the homework, either of the two midterms or half of the final will be dropped.