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Problem Sessions: W 6:30-8:00pm

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Problem sessions begin in Week 2 of classes. Attendance and participation is *mandatory*.

Grades: Grades will be assigned based upon homework, participation, and a

30-minute Oral Final Exam. The Oral Final Exam will be arranged

during Finals Week.

Content: This course focuses on the magnetized plasma, and particularly on

MHD and fluid models of plasmas. Emphasis is placed on dynamics and nonlinear phenomena. Applications include problems in

magnetic confinement, astrophysics, and geophysics.

This course may be taken independently of PHYS 218A. Prerequisites are upper division physics and mathematics, or the

equivalent.