

Physics 545
Syllabus

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Course Goals and
Topics:

The topics that we will study include: classical statistical mechanics; the formalism of the microcanonical, canonical and grand canonical ensembles; statistical mechanics of ideal gases of quantum particles: Fermi and Bose gases at low temperatures; phase equilibrium and phase transitions.

If there is time we will cover topics related to critical phenomena (depending on time, mean field theories, model systems, and modern theory of critical phenomena).

The goals for this course are for the students to become familiar with all the topics listed above and able to setup, and solve, problems in statistical mechanics involving partition functions.

Type of assignments: Homeworks will be assigned from the problems at the end of the chapters covered in the textbook. Occasionally, from additional assigned material.

Evaluation:

- Homeworks
- Midterm Exams (the number to be determined during the semester)
- An all-comprehensive Final Exam (December 10 at 7:50 am-9:50 am)

Syllabus Attachment Fall 2013

"We emphasize student achievement and success because achievement and success are essential if we are to shape future leaders and transform lives." 1

IMPORTANT DATES Last day to add a class (without instructor permission) **8/30/2013** Last day to withdraw completely and receive a 100% refund.....**9/01/2013** Last day to drop a course using SalukiNet**10/27/2013** Last day to file diploma application (for name to appear in Fall Commencement program).....**11/01/2013** Final examinations

.....**12/9 – 12/13/2013** *Note: For outreach, internet, and short course drop/add dates, visit Registrar's*

Academic webpage <http://registrar.siu.edu/> **FALL SEMESTER HOLIDAYS** Labor Day 09/02/2013 Fall Break 10/12—10/15/2013

Veterans Day 11/11/2013 Thanksgiving Break 11/27—12/1/2013 **WITHDRAWAL POLICY ~ Undergraduate only** Students who officially register for a session may not withdraw merely by the stopping of attendance. An official withdrawal form needs to be initiated by the student and processed by the University. For the proper procedures to follow when dropping courses and when withdrawing from the University, please visit <http://registrar.siu.edu/pdf/ugradcatalog1314.pdf> **INCOMPLETE POLICY~ Undergraduate only** An INC is assigned when, for reasons beyond their control, students engaged in passing work are unable to complete all class assignments. An INC must be changed to a completed grade within one semester following the term in which the course was taken, or *graduation*, whichever occurs first. Should the student fail to complete the course within the time period designated, that is, by no later than the end of the semester following the term in which the course was taken, or graduation, whichever occurs first, the incomplete will be converted to a grade of *F* and the grade will be computed in the student's grade point average. *For more information please visit:*

<http://registrar.siu.edu/grades/incomplete.html> **REPEAT POLICY** An undergraduate student may, for the purpose of raising a grade, enroll in a course for credit no more than two times (two total enrollments) unless otherwise noted in the course description. For students receiving a letter grade of A,B,C,D, or F, the course repetition must occur at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Only the most recent (last) grade will be calculated in the overall GPA and count toward hours earned. *See full policy at*

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To view the applicable policies for graduate students, please visit <http://gradschool.siu.edu/about-us/grad-catalog/index.html>

DISABILITY POLICY Disability Support Services provides the required academic and programmatic support services to students with permanent and temporary disabilities. DSS provides centralized coordination and referral services. To utilize DSS services, students must come to the DSS to open cases. The process involves interviews, reviews of student-supplied documentation, and completion of Disability Accommodation Agreements. <http://disabilityservices.siu.edu/> **STUDENT CONDUCT CODE**

http://policies.siu.edu/other_policies/chapter3/conduct.html

1 Southern Illinois University Carbondale. (2013). *Pathways to Excellence: A Strategic Plan*. Retrieved from http://chancellor.siu.edu/_common/docs/A_Strategic_Plan.pdf

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INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

SIU contains people from all walks of life, from many different cultures and sub-cultures, and representing all strata of society, nationalities, ethnicities, lifestyles, and affiliations. Learning from and working with people who differ is an important part of education as well as an essential preparation for any career. *For more information please visit:* <http://www.inclusiveexcellence.siu.edu/>

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Math Labs http://tutoring.siu.edu/math_tutoring/index.html **WRITING CENTER** The Writing Center offers free tutoring services to all SIU students and faculty. To find a Center or Schedule an appointment please visit <http://write.siu.edu/> **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** Our office's main focus is to ensure that the university complies with federal and state equity policies and handles reporting and investigating of discrimination cases. *For more information visit:* <http://diversity.siu.edu/#>

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