

Week	Weekly Reading	Class Meeting	Date	Lecture Notes	HW/Exams
1	GB Chap. 1–2 (p.1–18) “Plasmas” by Harold Grad (1969), <i>Physics Today</i> 22: 34-44	1	8/23	Lecture #1	
		2	8/25	Lecture #2	
2	GB Chap. 3, Sec. 3.1-3.2 (p.23-30) BS Chap. 2, Sec. 2.1-2.3 (p.12–19)	3	8/30	Lecture #3	HW#1 due 9/1
		4	9/1	Lecture #4	
3	GB Chap. 3, Sec. 3.3-3.4 (p.30–44) BS Chap. 2, Sec. 2.4–2.7 (p.19–28)	5	9/6	Lecture #5	HW#2 due 9/8
		6	9/8	Lecture #6	
4	GB Chap. 3, Sec. 3.5 (p.44–46) GB Chap. 3, Sec. 3.8 (p.52–64) BS Chap. 2, Sec. 2.8–2.11 (p.28–36) Sec. 16.0–16.1 from Numerical Recipes <i>Introduction to Matlab</i> , by Kristian Sandberg	7	9/13	Lecture #7	HW#3 due 9/15
		8	9/15	Lecture #8	
5	GB Chap. 3, Sec. 3.6–3.7 (p.46–51) BS Chap. 2, Sec. 2.12–2.15 (p.37–43)	9	9/20	Lecture #9	HW#4 due 9/22
		10	9/22	Lecture #10	
6	GB Chap. 5, Sec. 5.1–5.3 (p.148–157) BS Chap. 3, Sec. 3.1–3.2 (p.48–58)	11	9/27	Lecture #11	HW#5 due 9/29
		12	9/29	Lecture #12	
7	Review Lectures #1–11 Review HW #1–5	13	10/4	Midterm #1 Review	Midterm Exam #1
		14	10/6	No Lecture	
8	GB Chap. 5, Sec. 5.4 (p.157–167)	15	10/11	Lecture #13	
		16	10/13	Lecture #14	
9	GB Chap. 6, Sec. 6.1 (p.186–194) BS Chap. 3, Sec. 3.3–3.4 (p.58–70)	17	10/18	Lecture #15 (Zoom)	
		18	10/20	No Lecture	
10	GB Chap. 6, Sec. 6.2–6.4 (p.194–206) BS Chap. 4, Sec. 4.1–4.2 (p.77–81)	19	10/25	Lecture #16	HW#6 due 10/27
		20	10/27	Lecture #17	
11	GB Chap. 6, Sec. 6.5–6.6 (p.206–217) BS Chap. 4, Sec. 4.8 (p.130–132)	21	11/1	Lecture #18	HW#7 due 11/3
		22	11/3	Lecture #19	
12	GB Chap. 7, Sec. 7.1–7.2 (p.221–239) BS Chap. 4, Sec. 4.3–4.4 (p.82–107)	23	11/8	Lecture #20	HW#8 due 11/10
		24	11/10	Lecture #21	
13	Review Lectures #12–21 Review HW #6–8	25	11/15	Midterm #2 Review	Midterm #2
		26	11/17	No Lecture	
14	GB Chap. 4, Sec. 4.1–4.3 (p.87–105) BS Chap. 6, Sec. 6.1–6.3.1 (p.197–210)	27	11/29	Lecture #22	HW#9 due 12/1
		28	12/1	Lecture #23	
15	GB Chap. 5, Sec. 5.5 (p.167–173) BS Chap. 1, Sec. 1.1–1.2 (p.1–6)	29	12/6	Lecture #24	HW#10 due 12/8
		30	12/8	Lecture #25	
Finals Week, 12/12–12/16				Final Exam TBD	

**Textbooks:**

Required: **GB**=Gurnett & Bhattacharjee (2017) *Introduction to Plasma Physics: With Space and Laboratory Applications*

Optional: **BS**=Boyd & Sanderson (2003) *The Physics of Plasmas*