

SAMPLE CONTRACT FOR GROUP
Physics 116 – Spring 2005

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Group will meet once a week

Compromise where appropriate

Equal contributions from all group members

Be prepared for your assignment

Proceed efficiently (good time management)

Meet deadlines

Communication

Constructive criticism only

Sharing of opinions

Listen to others

Open minded attitude

Social Issues

All members will be punctual

24 hour notice for missed meetings

Always bring a copy of any material to be discussed for everyone.

No condescending remarks

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