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## Can exemption from practical(s) help students to pass physics modules?

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Pure BSc major and engineering students at University of Johannesburg undertake a standard calculus-based physics course as an introduction to their degree major. Each module in a semester consists of both theory and a practical component that need to be passed if credit has to be given. Failure to attain 50% pass mark in practical component makes it impossible for a student to sit for a final exam and this renders the students ineligible for promotion. Most of repeating students take the option of exemption from practicals, as a result some fail the module for the second time. This paper presents observations that reflect advantage of passing a module if good practical marks are attained, and the possibility of failing the module for the second time if exemption from practical sessions was chosen.

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