

# Course Syllabus

**OSE 3052 Introduction to Photonics, Fall 2014**

**T, R 3:00 –4:15 pm, CREOL 103**

**Instructor: Dr. David Hagan**

**Recitation section Friday, 10:00 – 10:50 am, CREOL A214**

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**Web site: Materials available on UCF Webcourses system**

**Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 2:00 – 3:00 pm (before class).  
Wednesday, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. (This time may be rearranged to  
best meet the needs of students time. – Will be discussed in class.)**

I will be in my office at these times, but of course I will be happy to discuss the material with you anytime. Often, I get questions via e-mail that can be quickly answered.

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## **Catalog Description:**

*Introduction to light as rays, waves, and photons. Optical fibers. Interference and diffraction. Polarization. Image formation. LEDs and Lasers. Detectors. Optical systems (cameras, scanners, sensors).*

Prerequisites: MAP 2302 Differential Equations

Also you will need to have completed PHY 2049C Physics for Engineers 2, and the other courses required for entry into the Photonic Science and Engineering major.

## **Detailed course description and learning outcomes:**

### *Introduction:*

Some of the main growth areas in the “high-tech” sector are centered on the branch of optics known as “Photonics”, examples are; displays, data storage, telecommunication systems. This is not a temporary phenomenon. Continued growth of optics and photonics based industries means that there will be a growing and permanent need for engineers and scientists with some training in optics. Other areas of optics, such as bio-photonics, laser machining, laser marking, infrared imaging, etc. are growing strongly also. These topics are covered in the other courses in the Photonic Science and Engineering degree program. This course provides students with the strong foundation in optics that will be needed for the subsequent courses. We will frequently make reference to applications as we go.

### *Content:*

This course introduces the basic descriptions of light as rays (geometrical optics), waves (physical optics), and photons. Reflection and refraction of light rays and waves from planar and curved surfaces are introduced together with applications to basic optical systems such as single-lens imaging, microscopes, telescopes, scanning systems, concentrators, etc). Total internal

reflection of rays is used to describe light propagation through optical fibers. Interference of optical waves is described along with interferometers and their applications to optical metrology and sensing. Diffraction of optical waves propagating through apertures is examined and the effects on the resolution of imaging systems and the spreading and focusing of optical beams are covered. Diffraction gratings and grating spectrometers. Polarization and polarization devices. Regarding light as photons, a brief introduction to absorption, emission, and luminescence phenomena is followed by a brief description of light emitting diodes, lasers and optical detectors. The electromagnetic properties of light are mostly postponed to the next course in the sequence: *OSE 3053 Electromagnetic Waves for Photonics*.

### **Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, students should understand the basic principles of modern geometrical and physical optics and photonics. They should be able to read the specifications of commercial optical instruments such as a scanner for a laser printer, a telescope, or a spectrometer, and determine how these specifications impact the intended application. They should also be able to solve analysis and design problems for basic optical systems such as the following examples:

- Design an imaging system with prescribed magnification using a given lens, and determine the spatial resolution.
- Determine the critical angle for a given optical fiber and the angle of the cones of the incident and transmitted rays at the input and output of the fiber.
- Determine the changes in the Young's double-slit interference pattern that result from bringing the slits closer by some factor.
- Determine the changes in the Michelson interferogram that result from moving one of the mirrors or inserting a thin glass slab in one of the arms.
- Design an optical modulator by use of two polarizers and a wave retarder with variable retardation.
- Design an optical communication link.

### **Topics: (A detailed schedule with dates follows at the end of this document.)**

- Geometrical optics: Optical rays. Refractive index. Fermat's principle. Reflection and refraction from planar mirrors and boundaries between media of different refractive indexes. Total internal reflection. *Applications: single-lens imaging, microscopes, telescopes, prism scanning systems, concentrators, optical fibers.*
- Physical optics: Wave propagation. Planar and spherical waves. Reflection and refraction from planar mirrors and planar boundaries between media of different refractive indexes. Comparison between geometrical and wave optics.
- Interference of light and optical interferometers. *Applications: optical sensing and metrology.*
- Diffraction of light. *Applications: resolution of imaging systems. Angular spreading and focusing of optical beams.*
- Diffraction gratings and grating spectrometers.
- Polarization and polarization devices (polarizers, retarders, rotators).
- Light as Photons. Brief introduction to absorption, emission, and luminescence.
- Optical devices: detectors, LEDs, and lasers.

**Textbook:**

*Introduction to Optics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., F. L. Pedrotti, L.S. Pedrotti and L. M. Pedrotti, Prentice-Hall, 2009. Chapters covered: 1 through 11; 13; 15.

**Recommended Reference:**

*Schaum's Outline of Theory and Problems of Optics*, Eugene Hecht, McGraw Hill, 1975.  
Chapters covered: 1; 3; 4; 6; 7.

**Other Reference books:**

*Optics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., E. Hecht, Addison-Wesley.  
*Fundamentals of Photonics*, B. Saleh and M. Teich, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Wiley, 2007.

**Class Web site:**

Materials used for classes will be available on UCF Webcourses for download before each class. If you want a hard copy of the slides, print them. These are only printed for you for the first class.

**You are required to read or view materials prior to class. If you do not, you will not be able to do well in this class.** See below.

**Teaching vs. Learning**

Most people learn things for themselves. As a teacher, my job is to help students to learn the material. In order to help you learn in depth, I plan to use a significant amount of class time for detailed discussion of concepts, and problem-solving. Credit will be given for these activities. These types of activities require that students actually carry out reading assignments prior to class. I will occasionally set in-class quizzes to ensure that students come to class prepared.

**Professionalism and Ethics**

Per university policy and plain classroom etiquette, mobile phones, etc. must be silenced during all classroom lectures, unless you are specifically asked to make use of such devices for certain activities.

Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. If you are uncertain as to what constitutes academic dishonesty, please consult The Golden Rule, the University of Central Florida's Student Handbook (<http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/>) for further details. As in all University courses, The Golden Rule Rules of Conduct will be applied. Violations of these rules will result in a record of the infraction being placed in your file and the student receiving a zero on the work in question AT A MINIMUM. At the instructor's discretion, you may also receive a failing grade for the course. Confirmation of such incidents can also result in expulsion from the University.

**Students with Special Testing/Learning Needs**

Students with special needs and require special accommodations must be registered with UCF Student Disability Services prior to receiving those accommodations. Students must have documented disabilities requiring the special accommodations and must meet with the instructor to discuss the special needs as early as possible in the first week of classes. UCF Student Disability Services can be contacted at <http://www.sds.sdes.ucf.edu/>, or at (407)823-2371.

**Final Exam: Thursday, December 04, 2014, 1:00 PM – 3:50 PM**

## Relationship of Course to ABET Criteria

ABET Criteria	Level of Emphasis During Course (Low, Medium, High)
(a) An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering.	H
(b) An ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data.	L
(c) An ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability.	L
(d) An ability to function on multidisciplinary teams.	L
(e) An ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems.	H
(f) An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility.	L
(g) An ability to communicate effectively.	M
(h) The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context.	L
(i) A recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning.	L
(j) A knowledge of contemporary issues.	M
(k) An ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.	H

## Grading:

Activity	Grade weighting
Homework	15%
Quizzes	5%
In class participation,	10%
oral exam	5%
Two mid-terms, each worth 20% of total grade,	40%
Final exam	25%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Grading Scale (%)	Rubric Description
100 ≥ A > 90	Excellent, has a strong understanding of all concepts and is able to apply the concepts in all and novel situations. Has full mastery of the content of the course.
> B ≥	Good, has a strong understanding of most or all of the concepts and is able to apply them to stated and defined situations.
> C ≥	Average, has a basic understanding of the major concepts of the course and is able to apply to basic situations.
> D ≥	Below average, has a basic understanding of only the simple concepts and is able to apply to only a limited number of the most basic situations.
> F ≥ 0	Demonstrates no understanding of the course content.

**Grade Objections:** All objections to grades should be made **in writing within one week** of the the grade being posted for the work in question.

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Daily Schedule (subject to change!)**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subjects covered</b>	<b>Textbook chapter</b>
1	Tuesday, August 19	Course overview/Introduction to Photonics/Nature of light	1
	Thursday, Aug 21	Geometrical Optics: Laws of refraction and reflection	2
2	Tuesday, August 26	Geometrical Optics: Total internal refraction and Fiber Optics; Imaging and spherical surfaces	2
	Thursday, Aug 28	Geometrical Optics: Refractive Power and Magnification	2
3	Tuesday, Sept 2	Martin Luther King day Holiday (no classes)	
	Thursday, Sept 4	Geometrical Optics: Eyesight correction and introduction to optical instruments.	2,3
4	Tuesday, Sept 9	Optical Instruments: Stops and Pupils; Eyepieces	3
	Thursday, Sept 11	Optical Instruments: Microscopes and telescopes	3
5	Tuesday, Sept 16	Waves and wave equations: representation of plane and spherical waves. Time and frequency domain representation.	4
	Thursday, Sept 18	Superposition of waves	5
6	Tuesday, Sept 23	Recap	
	Thursday, Sept 25	<b>Mid Term Exam 1</b>	
7	Tuesday, Sept 30	Properties of Lasers: Photons; Emission and Absorption; Light Amplification; Simple description of a laser.	6
	Thursday, Oct 2	Lasers and LEDs	6
8	Tuesday, Oct 7	Interference of light: Two-beam interference; Young's Slits; Thin Film interference.	7
	Thursday, Oct 9	<b>Campus closes at 3:00 PM for Football Game</b>	
9	Tuesday, Oct 14	Interference of light: Stokes relations and Multiple beam interference	7
	Thursday, Oct 16	Interferometry: Michelson Interferometer, Fabry-Perot interferometer	8
9	Tuesday, Oct 21	Optical quality inspection. Recap	8
	Thursday, Oct 23	<b>Mid Term Exam 2</b>	
10	Tuesday, Oct 28	Coherence: Simple description of Spatial and temporal	9

		coherence; Temporal coherence and linewidth.	
	Thursday, Oct 30	Fiber optics: Communication; Allowed modes, Bandwidth and data-rate	10
11	Tuesday, Nov 4	Diffraction: Far-Field: Single slit; beam spreading, rectangular and circular apertures	11
	Thursday, Nov 6	Diffraction: Far-field: Double and many-slit diffraction; Diffraction grating.	11,12
12	Tuesday, Nov 11	Veterans' Day (Campus closed)	
	Thursday, Nov 13	Diffraction: Near field: From Huygens' principle to Fresnel diffraction; Circular apertures and Zone plates. Babinet's principle	13
13	Tuesday, Nov 18	Diffraction: Near field: Circular apertures Zone plates	13
	Thursday, Nov 20	Polarized light: types of polarized light	14
14	Tuesday, Nov 25	Production and applications of polarized light-optical modulation	14,15
	Thursday, Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day (Campus Closed)	15
15	Tuesday, Dec 2	No classes – UCF Study Day	
	<b>Thursday, December 4, 2014, 1:00 PM – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	

*Note: Withdrawal Deadline is Monday, October 27.*

### **Financial Aid and Attendance:**

As of Fall 2014, all faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete and submit the first homework assignment by the due date of August 26, 5 pm. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.