

# Optics and Optics Laboratory

## Physics 5340 and 5341

### Winter 2013

**Lectures:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:45am to 1:10pm in 177 Physics Building

**Labs and Discussion Sections:**

All Sections meet in 125 Physics Building

Section 1: Tuesdays, 2pm to 5pm

Section 2: Wednesdays, 9:35am to 12:35pm

**Final Exam:**

April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:40am to 1:10pm in 177 Physics Building

**Required Texts:**

- 1) **Physics of Light and Optic** by Peatross and Ware (PLO)

Free PDF at <http://optics.byu.edu/textbook.aspx>

Order a hard copy delivered for: \$18.77 (Save on shipping by ordering together?)

- 2) Any introductory physics text with the following subjects:

- Electromagnetic Waves
- Polarization
- Reflection and Refraction of Light
- Optical Instruments
- Interference and Diffraction
- Maxwell's Equations

Examples: Physics by Giambattista, Richardson, and Richardson;  
University Physics by Sears, Zemansky and Young;  
University Physics by Bauer and Westfall; or  
**Fundamentals of Physics** by Holliday, Resnick, and Walker

**Lecturer:**

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or by appointment.

**Teaching Assistants:**

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Office Hours: TBD

Our teaching assistants will be primarily in charge of grading, running discussion sections, hosting office hours, and helping your laboratory experiments run smoothly.

**Course Web Page:** WSU Blackboard @ [blackboard.wayne.edu](http://blackboard.wayne.edu)

**Pre-requisites:** PHY 2140 or PHY 2180; MAT 2030 or PHY 3700

**Co-requisites:** PHY 5341 for BMP majors

**How to be successful in this course:**

The key to being successful in this course is to engage at all levels. Read the relevant sections of the text before lectures/labs, be attentive during lectures, be a leader during labs, ask questions during discussion sections, learn from your mistakes on homework, quizzes, and exams, and follow up during office hours. Students who display a strong desire to thrive will display their efforts via detailed questions from the readings or assignments that reflect their individual effort to understand the subject matter. Utilize the numerous resources available to you (namely your textbook and material on Blackboard) and recognize that success in this course will not be achieved solely through passive observation of the lectures and labs.

**Course Content:**

This course will introduce the principles of optics both theoretically and practically. All sections will be covered by the cumulative final exam. Supplemental reading material will be put on Blackboard. This course will be broken into four sections:

Section 1: Introductory material, PLO chapter 0

Section 2: PLO chapters 1-4, 6

Section 3: PLO chapters 7-10

Section 4: Selections from PLO chapters 11-13 and supplemental reading

**Learning Objectives:**

- 1) Demonstrate a conceptual understanding of optics with ray diagrams and the ability to explain how various optical components affect light.
- 2) Utilize complex, multivariable calculus to analytically describe light experiencing diffraction, dispersion, polarization, and refraction.
- 3) Demonstrate an understanding of the capabilities and limitations of modern microscopes, including confocal, total internal reflection, and super-resolution techniques.

**Homework:**

Homework will be assigned and submitted on a weekly basis. Often, showing one's work will be necessary to get full marks. Diagrams and derivations are often required. Occasionally, only a selection of the required homework answers will be graded. Homework questions will mostly be graded on a 0, check-, check, check+ scale while some problems will be graded in greater detail.

0 : The question was not seriously attempted. 0 Points.

Check- : A strong effort and significant errors were made. 1 Point.

Check : The answer is close but with minor mistakes OR the answer is correct but insufficient work was shown to demonstrate student understands. 2 Points.

Check+ : The answer is perfect. The answer clearly shows that the student well understands the subject . 3 Points.

Homework solutions will be provided and the students are strongly encouraged to compare their answers to the solutions. Some questions can be answered in multiple ways and comparing your answers to the solution may often be informative.

Students are encouraged to work together on the homework via small study groups. However, each student is required to write their own answers without copying or plagiarizing others. Your homework is expected to be a reflection of your effort and your understanding. Any copying or plagiarizing will be considered cheating, result in no credit, and possibly university-level disciplinary actions. ([http://www.otl.wayne.edu/wsu\\_integrity.php](http://www.otl.wayne.edu/wsu_integrity.php))

### **Participation in Lecture:**

Your participation in all activities of the course will help you and other students learn the material. Participation points will be given for pre-class surveys, in-class activities, and out-of-class study-group participation. Participation points may count for up to 20% of your final grade in 5340.

A portion of your participation grade will come from an end-of-the-semester presentation. This presentation will be done in pairs to the whole class, as indicated in the schedule below. Details of the presentation will come later in the semester. This presentation is expected to take a couple weeks to prepare.

Should your participation in class prove to be distracting or disruptive, you may be asked to leave for the day and come to the lecturer's office hours to discuss the situation.

### **Exams:**

There will be 3 mid-semester exams and 1 final. All exams will be cumulative, with an emphasis on the most recent section. The exams may include multiple choice, short answer, or long answer problems. The final exam will be worth double each of the mid-semester exams towards your final grade. Exams will be given during the lecture time.

You are allowed to only bring writing implements and a single-sided 8.5"x11" page of personally made, hand-written equations and diagrams for use on the exam. **NO COMPLETE NON-MATH SENTENCES ARE ALLOWED ON YOUR EQUATION SHEET.** You may not use any notes other than the single page of single-sided hand-written equation sheet that you made yourself. These notes will be handed in immediately following the exams.

No calculators, computers, phones, or non-preapproved textbooks are allowed for use on the exams. **Any use of telephones during an exam is strictly forbidden and may result in the assessment of cheating.** For the exams, any use of non-sanctioned assistance (e.g., electronic devices, other people, non-sanctioned cheat-sheets, or non-required books) will be considered cheating, result in no credit, and possibly university-level disciplinary actions.

Make-up exams are not available barring exceptional circumstances as assessed solely by the lecturer. A re-grading of some exam answers may or may not be permitted if requested. However, any re-grading may result in an increase, decrease, or no change in the grade given with a final decision made by the lecturer.

### **Surveys and Quizzes:**

Surveys and Quizzes will be given regularly in the discussion sections and lectures. The primary purpose of the quizzes is for assessment of your knowledge by the lecturer, teaching assistants, and yourself. Some of the quizzes will be graded and some will not but all quizzes will count towards your participation in the course. (Hint: some questions from the quizzes may come up again on exams!)

### **Participation in Lab:**

Physical participation in the experiment is required for all students within each group. Participation points will be awarded or reduced to the whole group based on their involvement of all group members. Effort should be taken by all students to get each group member involved with the setup of the experiment, the acquisition of data, and the analysis of the results. Groups who fail to get all members involved in the hands-on aspects of the experiments will receive reduced participation points.

Most laboratory experiments will require individual students to prepare via specialized reading and/or homework assignments. If preparatory homework is assigned, it will be graded similarly to homework associated with the lecture; however, the lab homework grade will contribute to the total grade for that lab.

Up to 40% of your final grade in 5341 will be based on whether or not you (1) show up to lab and discussion on time and ready to engage, (2) participate throughout the discussion section and the lab time, (3) ask questions, (4) physically engage with the experimental systems, and (5) act as a valuable team member to your lab group and the class as a whole. The lab supervisors will assess these points themselves and provide regular feedback on your performance.

Should your participation in lab prove to be distracting or disruptive, you may be asked to leave for the day and come to the lecturer's office hours to discuss the situation.

### Lab Reports:

**You are required to turn in 4 of your own detailed lab reports. You may not turn in the same detailed lab reports as your lab partner – you and your partner must turn in detailed lab reports for different labs. Each of these lab reports will be graded in detail and contribute to up to 10% of your final grade in 5341 for each lab report.** Lab reports should be no longer than 6 pages in total length and clearly display your understanding of the experiment. Each lab report will be graded on (1) Clarity and presentation, (2) Description of the experiment, (3) Data quality, and (4) Analysis and interpretation. You cannot write a lab report for "Lab 1: Introduction to Optics;" for lab 1 you must write a lab summary instead.

Greater detail of how a lab report should be written will be given later and examples can be found on Blackboard. The following qualities will be required of all lab reports:

- Your lab partner's name must be listed on your report, but since this is solely your lab-report and will only count towards your grade, make sure it is clear who's lab report it is.
- Lab reports must be typed.
- No font size smaller than 11 within the main text.
- All axes must be well labeled with units and of legible size.
- Significant figures must be reasonable.
- Uncertainty must be calculated and reported correctly whenever possible.
- No margins smaller than 1 inch.
- Pictures, diagrams, and graphs are strongly encouraged and often necessary for full marks.

Paper copies of your lab reports must be turned in to the TAs within 1 week after the lab was performed. Lab reports submitted late will be subjected to the following reduction in grade:

Days Late Turning in Report	Reduction in Lab Report Grade
1	10%
2-3	25%
4-7	35%
>7	50%

Laboratory experiments will be performed in pairs. However, each individual will be responsible for his/her own lab reports. Classmates are encouraged to discuss the experiment and how their data compares to the expected data. However,

you are responsible for creating each of your own graphs of the results/analysis and writing the content of your own report. Any copying or plagiarizing will be considered cheating, result in no credit, and possibly university-level disciplinary actions.

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### Lab Summaries:

For each lab that you do not write a 6-page lab report, you must instead turn in a 1-page lab summary digitally on Blackboard as directed by your TA. These lab summaries must be typed with well-written English. They are to include a basic summary of 1) what you did, 2) what you learned, 3) what went right, 4) what went wrong, 5) what you are proud of accomplishing, and 6) what you would do differently if you were to do the lab again. Pictures, diagrams, and graphs are strongly encouraged. Lab summaries are due 1 week after the lab was performed. The six lab summaries will compromise 20% of the final grade for 5341. If your lab partner is writing a 6-page lab report, you are required to write a 1-page lab summary. You and your lab partner may not both turn in 6-page lab reports for the same lab.

It would be helpful if you would also include a brief summary of how well you like the lab and how you think it could be improved for next year.

### Final Grade for 5340:

The final grade for 5340 will be a combination of the grades from the homework (HW), Participation (P) the three mid-semester exams (E1, E2, E3), and the final exam (F). However, to accommodate the different learning methods of different students, final grades (FG) may be calculated according whichever of the following methods results in the highest final grade for each student.

$$FG = (HW+E1+E2+E3+2*F) / 6$$

$$FG = (P+HW+E1+E2 +2*F) / 6$$

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Final Grades may be scaled and converted to a final letter grade with the following scale:

FG	Letter Grade
85-100%	A-/A
70-84%	B-/B/B+
60-69	C-/C/C+
50-59	D-/D/D+
<50	E

### Final Grade for 5341:

The final score for each student comes is made up according to:

- 40% from four 6-page lab report,
- 40% from active participation in discussion sections, experiment setup, and data collection, etc.
- 20% from six 1-page summaries of each lab.

### Students with disabilities:

If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services for coordination of your academic accommodations. The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the Student Academic Success Services department. SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 or 313-577-3365 (TTD only). Once you have your accommodations in place, I will be glad to meet with you privately during my office hours or at another agreed upon time to discuss your needs. Student Disability Services' mission is to assist the university in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experience at Wayne State University.

**Syllabus Modifications:**

I will be trying a number of teaching techniques throughout this semester, some of which are described in this syllabus. As I learn what is working and what is not, I will be modifying the policies of this course. And so, this syllabus is a dynamic document that may be updated as the semester progresses.

**Tentative Lecture Schedule:**

Week	Date		Topics and Activities	Readings
1	1/7	T	Syllabus, Waves, Refraction	Introductory Text
	1/9	R	EM Waves	Introductory Text
2	1/14	T	Maxwell's Eqs., Reflection, Refraction, Diffraction	Introductory Text
	1/16	R	Math	PLO Chapter 0
3	1/21	T	Review	Intro. Text & PLO Ch 0
	1/23	R	<b>EXAM 1</b>	Intro. Text & PLO Ch. 0
4	1/28	T	Electromagnetic Phenomena, Maxwell's Eqs.	PLO Ch. 1
	1/30	R	PlaneWaves and Refractive Index	PLO Ch. 2
5	2/4	T	Reflection and Refraction	PLO Ch. 3
	2/6	R	Multiple Parallel Interfaces	PLO Ch. 4
6	2/11	T	Polarization of Light	PLO Ch. 6
	2/13	R	Review	PLO Chs. 1-4,6
7	2/18	T	<b>EXAM 2</b>	PLO Chs. 1-4,6
	2/20	R	Guest Lecture	TBD
8	2/25	T	Superposition of Quasi-Parallel PlaneWaves	PLO Ch. 7
	2/27	R	Coherence Theory	PLO Ch. 8
9	3/4	T	Light as Rays	PLO Ch. 9
	3/6	R	Diffraction	PLO Ch. 10
	3/11	T	<i>Spring Break</i>	
	3/13	R	<i>Spring Break</i>	
10	3/18	T	Diffraction, continued	PLO Ch. 10
	3/20	R	Review	PLO Chs. 7-10
11	3/25	T	<b>EXAM 3</b>	PLO Chs. 7-10
	3/27	R	Diffraction Applications	PLO Ch. 11
12	4/1	T	Photography and microscopy	Supplemental Material
	4/3	R	Photography by Millee Tibbs	TBD
13	4/8	T	Interferograms and Holography	PLO Ch. 12
	4/10	R	Blackbody Radiation	PLO Ch. 13
14	4/15	T	Presentations	Supplemental Material
	4/17	R	Review	Intro, PLO 1-4, 6-13
15	4/24	R	<b>FINAL EXAM – 10:40pm - 1:10pm in PHY 177</b>	

**THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Tentative Lab Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Lab</b>	
1	1/7	1	Introduction to Optics
2	1/14	2	Detection of Light
3	1/21	3	Attenuation of Light
4	1/28	4	Polarization of Light
5	2/4	5	Brewster's Law
6	2/11		<b>Review</b>
7	2/18	6	Michelson Interferometer
8	2/25	7	Total Internal Refraction
9	3/4	8	Fiber Optics
10	3/18		<b>Review</b>
11	3/25	9	Diffraction through Slits and Apertures
12	4/1	10	Microscopy
13	4/8		Work on Presentations in Groups
14	4/15		<b>Review</b>

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