
PHY 331 - Principles of Modern Electromagnetism

Fall 2013

Instructor: Dr. Igor A. ShovkovyDays: Monday, Wednesday,
Friday

Time: 12:00 – 12:50 pm

Location: PRLTA 313
(Polytechnic)

Description: A study of the unified description of electromagnetic phenomena provided by Maxwell's equations in differential and integral form. The planned list of topics includes Maxwell's equations, electrostatic fields, Laplace's and Poisson's equations, dielectrics, magnetic fields and materials, electromagnetic induction and Faraday's law, displacement current and Ampere's law, electromagnetic waves, and, if time permits, the photon theory of light.

Objectives: Students develop a sound theoretical understanding of electromagnetism

Prerequisites: APM 270 (Mathematics of Change I), MAT 274 (Elementary Differential Equations) or MAT 275 (Modern Differential Equations). Students should have practical knowledge of using differential equations to solve physics problems.

Textbook: *Introduction to Electrodynamics (3rd edition)* by David J. Griffiths.

(ISBN-10: 013805326X)

Attendance policy: Attendance is expected. Students are responsible for all material presented in class, all homework, and for all changes to the schedule or plans announced in class.

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Office hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and by appointment.

Grading policy:

Homework	40%
Midterm exams (20%+20%)	40%
Final exam	20%
TOTAL	100%

The grades will be determined as follows:

A (90%-100%), **B** (78%-89.99%), **C** (66%-77.99%), **D** (54%-65.99%), **E** (less than 54%)

Homework. Homework is truly one of the most important components in this course. This is because doing homework is the only way to really learn the material and build a good intuition for physics. Solving physics problems effectively is a skill that students must develop. The only known way to achieve this is by practicing. The lectures will only cover the key concepts. The text will elaborate on these concepts and provide further explanation of their meaning and on how one uses them to solve problems. There is no way to do well in this course if you do not give the homework assignments the effort they require. (Allow about 4 hours per week for homework assignments.)

Your homework assignment should be neatly and clearly written. The front page should list your name, the date and the homework assignment number. Each problem should be clearly labeled. The problem solutions should contain detailed explanations. Late homework will not be accepted.

Midterm exams. There will be two midterm tests on the dates shown below in the tentative schedule (the actual dates will be announced in class). The use of textbook will **not** be permitted during the exams.

Final Exam. A **comprehensive** final exam is *tentatively* scheduled from **9:50 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.** on **December 11, 2013**. The use of textbook will **not** be permitted during the final exam.

Electronic devices. The use of cell phones, pagers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), iPods, iPads, laptops, and other similar electronic devices is **not** permitted during lectures, exams and quizzes.

Tentative schedule

The exact schedule for lectures, quizzes and examinations will depend on how long it takes to cover the material. The following is my best guess as of now. See also the tentative schedule below.

Dates	Tentative schedule
August 23	First class
September 2	Labor Day – No class
October 9	1 st mid-term test
October 14	Fall Break – No class
November 11	Veterans Day – No class
November 25	2 nd mid-term test
November 29	Thanksgiving Holiday – No class
December 6	Last class
December 11	FINAL EXAM , see http://students.asu.edu/final-exam-schedule

Selected course materials, handouts, and grades can be obtained from [ASU Blackboard](#).

The course name is **PHY331: Prin Modern Electromagnetism (2013 Fall)**.

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