
PHY 331 - Principles of Modern Electromagnetism
Spring 2016
Instructor: Dr. Igor A. Shovkovy

Days: Tuesday, Thursday

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Location: SANTN 135 (Poly)

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 (4th edition)* by David J. Griffiths.

(ISBN: 9780321856562)

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 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and by appointment.

Grading policy:

Homework	30%
Midterm exams (20%+20%)	40%
Final exam	30%
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 **12:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** on **May 3, 2016**. 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
January 12	First class
February 25	1 st mid-term test
March 7 - 11	Spring Break – No class
April 19	2 nd mid-term test
April 28	Last class
May 3	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 (2016 Fall)**.

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Workload Expectations: *The Arizona Board of Regents, the governing board for ASU, NAU, and the U of A, has a policy for how much time students should invest in their courses: “At least 15 contact hours of recitation, lecture, discussion, testing or evaluation, seminar, or colloquium, as well as a minimum of 30 hours of student homework is required for each unit of credit” ([http://azregents.asu.edu/rrc/Policy Manual/2-224-Academic Credit.pdf](http://azregents.asu.edu/rrc/Policy%20Manual/2-224-Academic%20Credit.pdf)). Therefore, in a 3-credit course, students should expect to invest 45 hours in class meetings (or the online equivalent), as well as 90 hours doing homework and assignments—a total of 135 hours in any given session (A, B, or C). In this course and in other courses in your degree program, your faculty are committed to this standard because it promotes the breadth and depth of learning required in a first-rate university education. As you register for courses, keep this 135-hour standard in mind because during some semesters your work and/or family commitments may prevent you from taking a full load of classes.*

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Academic Integrity: *Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, laboratory work, academic transactions and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification and dismissal. For more information, see <http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity>.*

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