



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

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### Description: Optical Physics

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
PHY	2202	78234	2, 2008	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

<b>Academic group:</b>	FOSCI
<b>Academic org:</b>	FOS002
<b>Student contribution band:</b>	2
<b>ASCED code:</b>	010301

### STAFFING

Examiner: Brad Carter  
Moderator: Alfio Parisi

### REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: PHY2201

### RATIONALE

Scientists working in many areas depend on imaging systems for their basic data, and optical phenomena have, in recent years, formed some of the foundation stones of new industries. This laboratory-based course examines basic optical phenomena as part of the wider discipline of physics.

### SYNOPSIS

THIS COURSE WILL NOT BE OFFERED IN 2007 ONLY. This laboratory-based course builds upon the theory developed in first year Physics. The focus of the course is on wave optics and electromagnetic theory. Some of the topics covered include: interference, coherence, diffraction, light scattering, polarization, Fourier optics and applications of lasers.

### OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. analyse geometrical and wave optical systems and solve relevant problems using the laws applicable to such analysis (Reports; Exam);
2. describe optical theory at an appropriate level (Assignment; Reports; Exam);
3. demonstrate skills and knowledge required to perform laboratory experiments safely with appropriate equipment (Reports).

## TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Electromagnetic theory	8.00
2.	Geometrical, Meteorological Optics & Scattering	16.00
3.	Optical Systems	12.00
4.	Superposition and Coherence Theory	16.00
5.	Polarisation	16.00
6.	Interference	8.00
7.	Diffraction	8.00
8.	Fourier Optics	8.00
9.	Modern Optics	8.00

## TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Hecht, E 2002, *Optics*, 4th edn, Addison Wesley, Reading.

Sabburg, J 2007, *Laboratory Manual for Optical Physics*, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba.

Sabburg, J 2006, *Resource book for PHY2205*, USQ Publication, Toowoomba.

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Kirkup, L 1994, *Experimental methods : an introduction to the analysis and presentation of data*, John Wiley & Sons, Brisbane.

Lynch, D K & Livingston, W 2001, *Color and light in nature*, Cambridge University Press, New York.

Meschede, D 2004, *Optics, Light and Lasers: the practical approach to modern photonics and laser physics*, Wiley-VCH,

Rieke, G H 2003, *Detection of light: from the ultraviolet to the submillimeter*, 2nd edn, Cambridge University Press, New York.

(Available electronically through ebrary.)

## STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	2.00
Laboratory or Practical Classes	12.00
Lectures	24.00
Private Study	100.00
Report Writing	20.00
Tutorials	12.00

## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
LABORATORY REPORT	100.00	30.00	21 Jul 2008 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT	100.00	20.00	21 Jul 2008 (see note 2)
2HR RESTRICTED EXAM	100.00	50.00	END S2 (see note 3)

### NOTES

1. Examiner will advise due date for Laboratory Report
2. Examiner will advise of due date for Assignment
3. Examination dates will be available during the Semester. Please refer to the Examination Timetable when published.

## IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:  
It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. To maximise their chances of satisfying the objectives of the practical component of the course, students should attend and actively participate in the laboratory sessions in the course.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:  
To complete each of the assignments satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assignment. To complete the examination satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for the examination. To complete the practical component satisfactorily, students must submit 80% of nominated practical reports and obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each report submitted. Students must satisfy Objective 3 by including signed results with their laboratory reports.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:  
If students submit assignments after the due date without (prior) approval of the examiner then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply

- for each working day late up to ten working days at which time a mark of zero may be recorded. No assignments will be accepted after model answers have been posted.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:  
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
  - 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:  
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
  - 6 Examination information:  
In a Restricted Examination, candidates are allowed access to specific materials during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold textual information (students must indicate on their examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination. With the Examiner's approval, candidates may, take an appropriate non-electronic translation dictionary (but not technical dictionaries) into the examination. This will be subject to perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that could give the candidate an unfair advantage, it may be removed from the candidate's possession until the appropriate disciplinary action is completed.
  - 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:  
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.
  - 8 University Regulations:  
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

## **ASSESSMENT NOTES**

- 9 Students who obtain an overall passing mark, but who do not perform satisfactorily in an examination, may, at the discretion of the examiner, be granted a supplementary examination. Students will be granted a deferred examination only if they perform satisfactorily in all other assessment items.
- 10 The due date for an assignment/laboratory report is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. If requested by the Examiner, students will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made. The Examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 11 In order to attend laboratory classes, students must provide and wear appropriate personal protective equipment. This may include a laboratory coat, closed in shoes, and safety glasses. Such equipment must be approved by supervising staff. Failure to provide and wear the appropriate safety equipment will result in students being excluded from classes.