



COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** PHYS 323, Optics and Electromagnetism - Fall 2023

Lecture 01 : MWF 09:00 - 09:50 in ENA 101

Instructor	Email	Phone	Office	Hours
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To account for any necessary transition to remote learning for the current semester, courses with in-person lectures, labs, or tutorials may be shifted to remote delivery for a certain period of time. In addition, adjustments may be made to the modality and format of assessments and deadlines, as well as to other course components and/or requirements, so that all coursework tasks are in line with the necessary and evolving health precautions for all involved (students and staff).

In Person Delivery Details:

This course will have in-person lectures, labs, and exams. Attendance at the lectures is optional but highly recommended as there are in-class activities for credit. Attendance at the labs and exams is compulsory. For information on missed labs and exams, see below. Safety protocols for in-person labs will be discussed during the first week of classes.

Course Site:

D2L: PHYS 323 L01-(Fall 2023)-Optics and Electromagnetism (For lectures)

D2L: PHYS 323 B01 - B10 (Fall 2023) - Optics and Electromagnetism (For Labs)

Note: Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

Equity Diversity & Inclusion:

The University of Calgary is committed to creating an equitable, diverse and inclusive campus, and condemns harm and discrimination of any form. We value all persons regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, age, LGBTQIA2S+ identity and expression, disability, religion, spirituality, and socioeconomic status. The Faculty of Science strives to extend these values in every aspect of our courses, research, and teachings to better promote academic excellence and foster belonging for all.

The Physics and Astronomy EDI Committee acknowledges there are persistent barriers that prevent such accessibility and hinder our progress towards EDI. Our representatives (faculty, postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students) are committed to addressing any concerns and work towards proactive solutions that enact necessary change within the department. To submit anonymous questions, comments or concerns regarding EDI related issues, please reach out to our Associate Head EDI, Claudia Gomes da Rocha (claudia.gomesdarocho@ucalgary.ca)

2. **Requisites:**

See section [3.5.C](#) in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

Prerequisite(s):

Physics 223 and 3 units from Physics 211, 221 or 227; and 3 units from Mathematics 249, 265 or 275.

3. **Grading:**

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in [F.1](#) and [F.2](#) of the online University Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Course Component	Weight	Due Date (duration for exams)	Modality for exams	Location for exams
Assignments (online) ¹	18%	Ongoing		
Laboratory experiments ²	20%	Ongoing		
Top Hat ³	8%	Ongoing		
Quiz 1 ⁴	8%	Oct 06 2023 at 09:00 am (50 Minutes)	in-person	In class
Quiz 2 ⁵	8%	Oct 27 2023 at 09:00 am (50 Minutes)	in-person	In class
Quiz 3 ⁶	8%	Nov 22 2023 at 09:00 am (50 Minutes)	in-person	In Class
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam ⁷	30%	Will be available when the final exam schedule is released by the Registrar	in person	Will be available when the final exam schedule is released by the Registrar

¹ Roughly weekly (Wiley Plus) homework sets, tentative dates below. The lowest homework grade will be dropped.

² 5 Labs beginning in the second week of classes.

³ Top Hat percentage grades will be multiplied by 1.25 and capped at 100%, so any score at or above 80% will result in a 100% grade on this component.

⁴ This quiz covers the topics from weeks 1, 2, and, 3.

⁵ This quiz covers the topics from weeks 4, 5, and, 6.

⁶ This quiz covers the topics from weeks 7, 8, 9 and 10.

⁷ The final exam is cumulative from all the topics covered over the semester.

Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D
Minimum % Required	95 %	90 %	85 %	80%	75%	70 %	65 %	60%	55%	50 %	45 %

This course will have a Registrar Scheduled Final exam that will be delivered in-person and on campus. [The Final Examination Schedule](#) will be published by the Registrar's Office approximately one month after the start of the term. The final exam for this course will be designed to be completed within 3 hours.

The University of Calgary offers a [flexible grade option](#), Credit Granted (CG) to support student's breadth of learning and student wellness. Faculty units may have additional requirements or restrictions for the use of the CG grade at the faculty, degree or program level. To see the full list of Faculty of Science courses where CG is not eligible, please visit the following website: <https://science.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate/program-advising/flexible-grading-option-cg-grade>

4. Missed Components Of Term Work:

In the event that a student legitimately fails to submit any online or in-person assessment on time (e.g. due to illness, domestic affliction, etc...), please contact the course coordinator, or the course instructor if this course does not have a coordinator to arrange for a re-adjustment of a submission date, or possible exemption and reweighing of components. Absences not reported within 48 hours will not be accommodated. Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation ([Section M.1](#)) for an excused absence, See [FAQ](#).

If an excused absence is approved, options for how the missed assessment is dealt with is at the discretion of the coordinator or course instructor. Some options such as an exemption and pro-rating among the components of the course may not be a viable option based on the design of this course.

Missed Lab

Students are NOT allowed to attend a different lab section than the one in which they are registered. A make-up lab session will be scheduled in the last week of classes. You can make up one lab. Please fill in the *Make-up lab request form* (Excel file, should be saved as an Excel file) posted on D2L and submit it to the appropriate D2L Dropbox. Requests submitted more than **2 days** after the date of the missed lab will not be considered.

Missed Quiz

If a student misses the quiz, they must fill out the *Missed Quiz form* on D2L and submit it to the appropriate Dropbox within **2 days** of the missed quiz. If the request is approved, the weight of the missed quiz will be shifted to the final exam. A missed quiz that does not have an approved accommodation from the course coordinator will result in a zero for that quiz.

Missed WileyPlus assignments

The deadline for the online homework will not be extended. The lowest homework grade will automatically be dropped to account for technical problems, sickness, etc. Please do not contact the course coordinator or your instructor if you miss homework questions.

Missed Top Hat

The Top Hat component scores will be multiplied by 1.25 to account for any technical problems, sickness, etc. No further accommodations or exceptions will be made. Please do not contact the course coordinator or your instructor if you miss Top Hat questions.

5. Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:

There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

6. Course Materials:

Recommended Textbook(s):

David Halliday, Robert Resnick, and Jearl Walker, *Fundamentals of Physics, 11th Edition*, : Wiley.

- WileyPLUS license (see information about online Assignments below)

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection.

For more information please refer to the UofC [ELearning](#) online website.

7. Examination Policy:

No aids are allowed on tests or examinations.

Students should also read the Calendar, [Section G](#), on Examinations.

8. Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:

There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.

9. Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section [E.2](#) of the University Calendar.

10. Human Studies Statement:

Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

See also [Section E.5](#) of the University Calendar.

11. Reappraisal Of Grades:

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

- Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course

coordinator/instructor within **ten business days** of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work [form](#) to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections [I.1](#) and [I.2](#) of the University Calendar

- b. **Final Exam:** The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See [Section I.3](#) of the University Calendar.

12. Other Important Information For Students:

- a. **Mental Health** The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, [Mental Health Services Website](#)) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website ([Mental Health](#)).
- b. **SU Wellness Services:** For more information, see their [website](#) or call [403-210-9355](#).
- c. **Sexual Violence:** The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (syva@ucalgary.ca) or phone at [403-220-2208](#). The complete University of Calgary policy on sexual violence can be viewed [here](#).
- d. **Student Ombuds Office:** A safe place for all students of the University of Calgary to discuss student related issues, interpersonal conflict, academic and non-academic concerns, and many other problems.
- e. **Student Union Information:** [SU contact](#), Email your SU Science Reps: science1@su.ucalgary.ca, science2@su.ucalgary.ca, science3@su.ucalgary.ca,
- f. **Academic Accommodation Policy:**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf>.

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, by filling out the [Request for Academic Accommodation Form](#) and sending it to Dr. David Feder by email phas.ahugrd@ucalgary.ca preferably 10 business days before the due date of an assessment or scheduled absence.

- g. **Misconduct:** Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional [Code of Conduct](#) and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary's reputation of excellence. Some examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to: posting course material to online platforms or file sharing without the course instructor's consent; submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/fabrication of experimental values in a report. Please read the following to inform yourself more on academic integrity:

[Student Handbook on Academic Integrity](#)
[Student Academic Misconduct Policy](#) and [Procedure](#)
[Faculty of Science Academic Misconduct Process](#)
[Research Integrity Policy](#)

Additional information is available on the [Student Success Centre Academic Integrity page](#)

- h. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or [non-academic misconduct](#), in addition to any other remedies available at law.
- i. **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see [Legal Services](#) website.
- j. **Surveys:** At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction ([USRI](#)) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.

LABORATORIES

Laboratories begin during the week of September 12; check the timetable below for the dates of your labs. Labs take place in person in **ST 34**. You must attend your lab and contribute to your group's lab write-up in order to receive points for it. TAs offer assistance and guidance and check student understanding periodically throughout the session.

Lab schedule

Week #	Dates	Lab	Lab section
1	Sept 05 - Sept 08	No Labs	
2	Sept 11 - Sept 15	Uncertainty in the Pendulum	B04, B08
3	Sept 18 - Sept 22	Uncertainty in the Pendulum	B01, B03, B05, B07, B09
4	Sept 25 - Sept 29	Gauss' Law	B04, B08
5	Oct 02 - Oct 06	Gauss' Law	B01, B03, B05, B07, B09
6	Oct 10 - Oct 13	Biot-Savart Law	B04, B08
7	Oct 16 - Oct 20	Biot-Savart Law	B01, B03, B05, B07, B09
8	Oct 23 - Oct 27	Frauhoffer Diffraction	B04, B08
9	Oct 30 - Nov 03	Frauhoffer Diffraction	B01, B03, B05, B07, B09
10	Nov 06 - Nov 10	Concave Mirrors	B04, B08
11	Nov 13 - Nov 17	No Labs (Reading Week)	
12	Nov 20 - Nov 24	Concave Mirrors	B01, B03, B05, B07, B09
13	Nov 27 - Dec 01	Make-up labs	Schedule TBD

TOP HAT

As a vehicle to encourage class participation and student interaction, as well as to provide instructors with rapid, real-time feedback, the Top Hat student response system will be employed. Detailed instructions on how to register for an account will be provided via D2L. The Top Hat questions are graded for 50% participation and 50% correctness. The type and number of questions asked over the semester are at the sole discretion of your instructor.

Make sure you are using your correct **UCID** and your **ucalgary.ca email address** for your Top Hat enrollment, otherwise, the grade for TopHat will not be counted towards your final.

WILEYPLUS ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS

Your textbook, "Fundamentals of Physics" by Halliday, Resnick, and Walker, is available in the bookstore. If you purchased the book and WileyPLUS last year, you will not need another code as your access is still valid. A new textbook comes bundled with a code, which will give you access to the eBook and assignments. If you would like to purchase just WileyPLUS standalone (without the text), you can do so through the bookstore.

If you choose not to purchase a new book or the WileyPLUS standalone, you will be able to access the homework from an on-campus library computer (with no textbook or resources access). You need to register as directed below. When you click an assignment you will not be prompted to enter an access code if you are accessing from the on-campus library.

To register in WileyPLUS go to: www.wileyplus.com/go/login. If you have a WileyPLUS account already, login using the account you used previously. Once you have an account or you have logged into your existing account press "+Add Courses." Once in the course finder, enter the 6-digit Course ID provided by your instructor (find it on D2L) into the space provided. Once you enter your WileyPLUS course, click on one of the content links and you will be asked to verify your purchase using the code provided.

New users: If you are using WileyPLUS for the first time, please click Sign up and complete the form. Once you hit submit, check your email for an email from Noreply@wileyplus.com. The email will include a link titled "Click here." This link will take you to the password screen where you can create and set your WileyPLUS password. Once you create your password you will be taken to the course finder.

Tentative Homework Schedule

Assignment	Topics covered	Available date (Wednesday 7:00 PM)	Due/Closing date (Sunday 11:59 PM)
Assignment 01	Week 1, 2	September 13	September 24
Assignment 02	Week 3	September 20	October 01
Assignment 03	Week 4	September 27	October 8
Assignment 04	Week 5	October 4	October 15
Assignment 05	Week 6	October 11	October 22
Assignment 06	Week 7, part of 8	October 18	October 29
Assignment 07	Week 8, 9	October 25	November 5
Assignment 08	Week 10	November 01	November 12
Assignment 09	Week 11, 12	November 08	November 26
Assignment 10	Week 13	November 15	Dec 03

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week#	Dates	Topics	Notes	Textbook reference
1	Sept 05 - Sept 08	Electric fields of point charges		22.1 - 22.3
2	Sept 11 - Sept 15	Continuous charge distributions		22.4 - 22.7
3	Sept 18 - Sept 22	Electric flux and Gauss' Law		23.1 - 23.6
4	Sept 25 - Sept 29	Biot-Savart and Ampere's Laws		29.1, 29.3, 29.4
5	Oct 02 - Oct 06	Induced Electric Fields	In-class Quiz (1) on Friday, Oct 6 from weeks 1,2, and 3	30.1, 30.3
6	Oct 9 - Oct 13	Maxwell's Equations	UofC closed on Monday, Oct 9 (Thanksgiving)	32.1 - 32.3
7	Oct 16 - Oct 20	Interference of waves, Power, and Intensity		16.1, 16.5, 17.4
8	Oct 23 - Oct 27	Interference in 1D and 2D	In-class Quiz (2) on Friday, Oct 27 from weeks 4,5, and 6	35.1 - 35.3
9	Oct 30 - Nov 03	Diffraction		36.1, 36.2
10	Nov 06 - Nov 10	Polarization, Reflection, Refraction		33.4 - 33.7
11	Nov 13 - Nov 17	no classes, Winter break		
12	Nov 20 - Nov 24	Thin Lenses, Spherical Mirrors	In-class Quiz (3) on Wednesday, Nov 22 from weeks 7,8, 9 and 10	34.2 - 34.4
13	Nov 27 - Dec 01	Optical Instruments		34.5
14	Dec 04 - Dec 06	Final exam review		

Course Incomes:

This course is the natural follow-up to PHYS 223. Students should be comfortable with the concepts of electric and magnetic fields learned there. Should be comfortable working with algebra, vectors, derivatives, and integrals. Students will build on the mathematical skills developed in PHYS 223, and/or other introductory physics and math courses.

Course Outcomes:

- By the end of the course students will have built on the physical principles and mathematical skills they learned in PHYS 223 and should be able to:
- Use Gauss's law to find the electric field of a continuous charge distribution;
- Work with electric field and magnetic field vectors in three dimensions;
- Use Maxwell's equations to show how light can be explained in terms of electromagnetic waves;
- Obtain experimental data and relate them to predicted physical laws governing electricity and magnetism;
- Analyze optical systems consisting of lenses and mirrors;
- Understand the effects of constructive and destructive interference, refraction, and diffraction of light.

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