



COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** PHYS 507, Solid State Physics - Fall 2019

Lecture 01: MWF 11:00 - 11:50 in KN 120

Instructor	Email	Phone	Office	Hours
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Course Site:

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

2. **Requisites:**

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

Prerequisite(s):

Physics 443 or Chemistry 373; and Physics 449 and 455.

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:

Component(s)	Weighting %	Date
In class component	10	
Assignments	40	
Midterm exam	15	October 25
Final presentation	20	Last week of class
Final assignment	15	Due during the last week of class

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 %

4. **Missed Components Of Term Work:**

In the event that a student misses the midterm or any course work due to illness, supporting documentation, such as a medical note or a statutory declaration will be required (see [Section M.1](#); for more information regarding the use of statutory declaration/medical notes, see [FAQ](#)). Absences must be reported within 48 hrs.

The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in [Section 3.6](#). It is the student's responsibility to familiarize themselves with these regulations. See also [Section E.3](#) of the University Calendar.

5. **Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:**

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

6. **Course Materials:**

Required Textbook(s):

Steven H. Simon, *The Oxford Solid State Basics, 1st Edition*. Oxford.

7. **Examination Policy:**

Calculator and one page (double sided) formula sheet allowed.

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.

- a. **Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within **10 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 immediately submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered. The department will arrange for a re-assessment of the work if, and only if, the student has sufficient academic grounds. 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 Center:** The Students Union Wellness Centre provides health and wellness support for students including information and counselling on physical health, mental health and nutrition. For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre or call [403-210-9355](tel:403-210-9355).
- c. **Sexual Violence:** The University of Calgary is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. The Sexual Violence Policy (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf>) is a fundamental element in creating and sustaining a safer campus environment for all community members. We understand that sexual violence can undermine students' academic success and we encourage students who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need. 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 (svsa@ucalgary.ca) or phone at [403-220-2208](tel:403-220-2208).
- d. **Misconduct:** Academic misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the

sections of the University Calendar under [Section K](#). Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties. Examples of academic misconduct may include: submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work when it is not; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; collaborating in whole or in part without prior agreement of the instructor; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/ fabrication of experimental values in a report. **These are only examples.**

- e. **Assembly Points:** In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on [assembly points](#).
- f. **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the procedure for accommodations for students with disabilities available at [procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf](#).

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head of the Department of Physics & Astronomy, Dr. David Feder by email phas.ahugrd@ucalgary.ca or phone 403-220-8127. Religious accommodation requests relating to class, test or exam scheduling or absences must be submitted no later than **14 days** prior to the date in question. See [Section E.4](#) of the University Calendar.
- g. **Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (See the [Campus Safewalk](#) website). Call [403-220-5333](tel:403-220-5333) for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- h. **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.
- i. **Student Union Information:** [VP Academic](#), Phone: [403-220-3911](tel:403-220-3911) Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca. SU Faculty Rep., Phone: [403-220-3913](tel:403-220-3913) Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca. [Student Ombudsman](#), Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca.
- j. **Internet and Electronic Device Information:** Unless instructed otherwise, cell phones should be turned off during class. All communication with other individuals via laptop, tablet, smart phone or other device is prohibited during class unless specifically permitted by the instructor. Students that violate this policy may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated violations may result in a charge of misconduct.
- k. **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.
- l. **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.

Expected knowledge and skills of students entering the course:

Ability to solve the Schrödinger equation, understanding of wavefunctions, familiarity with perturbation theory, understanding of the wave properties of light, understanding of electromagnetics.

Schedule of topics:

Week 0: Lecture 0 (September)

Introduction and review of syllabus

Week 1: Lectures 1 - 3, (Sept. 9/11/13)

Boltzmann, Einstein and Debye specific heat

Chapter 2

Operational concepts: partition function calculation of energy

Fundamental concepts: thermal energy as excitations of a Harmonic oscillator, Boltzmann vs. Einstein statistics, particle in a box and density of states, Debye frequency/temperature.

Week 2: Lectures 4 - 6, (Sept. 16/18/20)

Drude theory of electrons Chapter 3
Sommerfeld theory of electrons Chapter 4 (not 4.3)

Fundamental concepts: electron gas, electronic conductivity matrix, Fermi-Dirac statistics, Fermi exclusion principle, Fermi energy/temperature, density of states, difference between Fermi temperature and sample temperature and explanation/interpretation of this difference, impact of high Fermi temperature.

Week 3: Lectures 7 - 9, (Sept. 23/25/27)

Periodic table Chapter 5
Bonding in solids Chapter 6 (6.2 in detail)
Types of matter (not covered in class) Chapter 7

Fundamental concepts: filling of electron states due to Fermi exclusion principle, interactions between outer shell electrons of nearby atoms, bonding = minimizing energy.

Vibrations of atoms in a lattice Chapter 9

Week 4: Lectures 10 - 12, (Sept. 30, Oct. 2/4)

Vibrations of diatomic atomic lattice Chapter 10

Fundamental concepts: reciprocal lattice, normal modes and phonons, phonon dispersion, optical and acoustic phonons, Brillouin zone

Tight binding of electrons Chapter 11

Fundamental concepts: properties of tight binding potential, electron bands, band filling (influence of Fermi statistics), effective mass, valence and conduction band, conduction and insulation properties of full vs. partially full bands.

Week 5: Lectures 13 - 15, (Oct. 7/9/11)

Crystal structure Chapter 12
Reciprocal lattice Chapter 13
Discussion of scattering by a periodic potential (optical and electronic) Chapter 14
Photonic Crystal book

Lattice properties (primitive lattice vector, other definitions in 12.1), different 3D lattices, lattice notation, reciprocal lattice vectors, Brillouin zones in 3D (warning: very important section!)

Week 6: Lectures 16 - 18 (Oct. 16/18)

Thanksgiving Oct. 14 - no class

Electrons in a periodic potential Chapter 15

Nearly free electron model, perturbation theory, Bloch's theorem

Week 7: Lectures 19 - 20 and midterm (Oct. 21/23/25)

Insulator, semiconductors, and metals Chapter 16

Predicting electronic and optical properties of materials from their bandstructure

Midterm on October 25

Week 8: Lectures 21 - 23 (Oct. 28/30, Nov. 1)

Semiconductors Chapter 17

Week 9: Lectures 24 - 27 (Nov. 4/6/8)

Semiconductors devices Chapter 18

Week 10: Reading week (Nov. 11 - 15)

No class

Week 11: Lectures 28 - 30 (Nov. 18/20/22)

Semiconductors devices/lasers: Chapter 18

Week 12: Lectures 34 - 36 (Nov. 25/27/29)

Week 13: Lectures 34 - 36 (Dec. 2/4/6)

Review

In class presentations

In class evaluation information

Each week one or two students will present a research journal article of their choice. Each presentation will be 7 minutes with 3 minutes for discussion after, and should be made using powerpoint or other presentation software. Feedback will be provided. Full marks will be awarded for any presentation that has been prepared in advances and includes (1) high level discussing of the paper's background, abstract, and main results (2) detailed discussion of at least one figure from the paper. Typical presentation should be roughly 5 slides in length.

A schedule of presentations will be provided in class. The frequency of presentation will depend on the class size.

Final project information

The final project will consist of an oral presentation of a scientific research paper that is related to material covered in class.

It will be given during class time at the end of term.

Length: 10 minutes + 2 minutes for questions

Slides in PDF or PPT form

Evaluation criteria:

Clarity of visual presentation: 30%

Oral presentation: 30%

Communication of scientific content: 30%

Response to questions: 10%

Course outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course you will understand the basics of the behaviour of solid state / condensed matter systems. You will know how to derive quantities such as electrical and thermal conductivity, and will understand the origin and importance of electronic bandstructure. You will be able to explain the impact of periodic potentials on the wavefunction of an electron, and be able to make analogous predictions for other systems including photonic and phononic crystals. You will be able to predict the behaviour of materials and understand how they are used in technologies including transistors, integrated circuits, and lasers.

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Department Approval:

Electronically Approved

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Associate Dean's Approval for out of regular class-time activity:

Electronically Approved

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