Fundamentals of Photonics
EEL 4458  Section 2683

Class Periods:  Tuesday, Period 2,3 (8:30 – 10:25), Thursday, Period 3 (9:35 – 10:25)

Location:  100% online

Academic Term:  Spring 2021

Instructor:  Prof. Henry Zmuda
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Phone:  (352) 392 – 0990
Mobile  (850) 225 – 9200 (text me any time, voice calls for emergencies only please)

Office Hours:  The Thursday class begins at 9:35, however, I will be present in the (Zoom) classroom from 8:30 to
discuss class material or to answer questions until class time. Text me if you wish to schedule a private Zoom conference.

Teaching Assistant/Peer Mentor/Supervised Teaching Student:  None

Course Description
Credits: 3; Review of electromagnetic fields and waves, energy bands in semiconductors, p-n junctions and optical
properties of semiconductors. Fundamentals of optical modulators and waveguides, and photonic applications.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites
Physics of Electrical Engineering (EEL 3008). The ability to write a computer program is essential. A working knowledge
of Matlab is sufficient.

Required, Elective, or Selected Elective:  Selected Elective

Materials and Supply Fees:  None

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Required Textbooks and Software
None – Extensive course notes developed by the instructor are posted on the Canvas page.

Recommended Textbooks
Title:  Optoelectronics and Photonics
Authors:  S.O. Kasap

Course Schedule
1. Introduction to Photonics
2. Electromagnetic Fields for Photonic Systems
3. The Planar Slab Waveguide
4. Integrated Waveguide
5. Dispersion in Waveguides
6. Graded Index Waveguide
7. Wave Propagation in Periodic Media, Introduction to Photonic Crystals
8. Optical Coupling, Coupled Mode Theory, and the Beam Propagation Method
9. Birefringent Media and Electrooptic Modulators
10. Nonlinear Effects and Loss Mechanisms in Waveguides
11. Detection and Noise
12. Semiconductor Photodetectors

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy
Attendance is not required. Makeup for a missed exam(s) due to an excused absence is arranged with the instructor. Excused absences must be in compliance with university policies in the Graduate Catalog (http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#attendance) and require appropriate documentation.

**Evaluation of Grades**

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This course is taught jointly with the undergraduate course EEL 4458. The graduate section will contain problems of greater complexity on homework and exams.

**Grading Policy**

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More information on UF grading policy may be found at: http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades

**Students Requiring Accommodations**

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

**Course Evaluation**

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/.

**University Honesty Policy**

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On
my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

**Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment**
The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values broad diversity within our community and is committed to individual and group empowerment, inclusion, and the elimination of discrimination. It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and culture.

If you feel like your performance in class is being impacted by discrimination or harassment of any kind, please contact your instructor or any of the following:

- Your academic advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator
- Robin Bielling, Director of Human Resources, 352-392-0903, rbielling@eng.ufl.edu
- Curtis Taylor, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, taylor@eng.ufl.edu
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, nishida@eng.ufl.edu

**Software Use**
All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

**Student Privacy**
There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html

**Campus Resources:**

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<td><strong>U Matter, We Care:</strong></td>
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<td>Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact <a href="mailto:umatter@ufl.edu">umatter@ufl.edu</a> so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.</td>
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<td><strong>Counseling and Wellness Center:</strong> <a href="http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc">http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc</a>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.</td>
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<td>If you or a friend has been subjected to sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violence contact the <a href="mailto:title-ix@ufl.edu">Office of Title IX Compliance</a>, located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, <a href="mailto:title-ix@ufl.edu">title-ix@ufl.edu</a></td>
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**E-learning technical support**, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.  
https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml.


**Library Support**, [http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask](http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask). Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

**Teaching Center**, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.  
https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/.

**Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall**, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.  
https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/.
