

PHYS 325

Electromagnetic Theory

Mount Holyoke College - Fall 2008

Meeting Times:

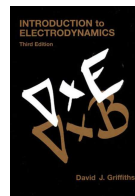
Cleveland 003L – TTh 11:00a – 12:15p [the location may change**]**

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Catalog Description:

PHYS 325 – Electromagnetic Theory (4 credits) - [64650]

This course presents the development of mathematical descriptions of electric and magnetic fields; study of interactions of fields with matter in static and dynamic situations; mathematical description of waves; and development of Maxwell's equations with a few applications to the reflection and refraction of light and microwave cavities. [*Prerequisite: PHYS 301, 315 or 324.*]



Required Textbook:

“Introduction to Electrodynamics (3rd Ed)”,
David Griffiths [Benjamin Cummings (1999), ISBN: 013805326X]

Electronic Materials:

I will maintain a website (for now: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/~rsalgado/325/>) that links to homework assignments, solutions, electronic-whiteboard notes, and handouts.

Course Goals:

- A. To further develop concepts in electromagnetism, especially the field concept.
- B. To reinforce important concepts in physics and mathematics.
- C. To further develop physical intuition, mathematical reasoning, and problem solving skills.
- D. To further prepare students for the necessarily rigorous sequence in physics and engineering.

Course Requirements:

Come to class **ON TIME and AWAKE**.
Attendance is **REQUIRED**.
Come to class PREPARED and EQUIPPED, having read or written any assignments.

Homework (assigned periodically):

Homework will be assigned and graded. (Late homework loses 10% per day.)
Most of the learning you do in this course is done by your doing homework problems outside of class! (I am merely a guide for you.)
You are strongly encouraged to discuss the homework with other students. However, be sure that you can do the homework *by yourself* and that you present your own work. You can always ask me for help after you have made an effort.

Grades are roughly weighted as follows:

- 40% HOMEWORK
- 20% EXAM #1 (open notes and textbook, take-home)
- 20% EXAM #2 (open notes and textbook, take-home)
- 20% FINAL EXAM (open notes and textbook, take-home)

Sequence of PHYS 325 topics:

- (Ch 1) Vector Analysis
- (Ch 2) Electrostatics
- (Ch 3) Special Techniques
- (Ch 4) Electric Fields in Matter
- (Ch 5) Magnetostatics
- (Ch 6) Magnetic Fields in Matter
- (Ch 7) Electrodynamics
- *(Ch 8) Conservation Laws - *time permitting
- *(Ch 9) Electromagnetic Waves - *time permitting

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Away giving a seminar:
(a Tuesday yet to be determined)

At a Conference:
Oct 24-26

Final Presentations