

# PHY390

## Optics and Modern Physics

Dillard University – Spring 2004

Meeting Times:

**STERN219 MWF 4:00p–4:50p**

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### Catalog Description:

#### **PHY390 Optics and Modern Physics (3 credits)**

Review of geometric and physical optics; optical analysis of typical systems, the experimental foundations of quantum physics, Schrodinger equations and the wave function. Atomic and molecular spectra, special relativity, electricity and radiation, introductory nuclear physics. Class meets three hours per week for lecture.

[Prerequisite: PHY230 (General Physics III) and junior standing, MAT203 (Analytic Geometry and Calculus III).]

### Required Textbooks:

**"Physics for Scientists and Engineers" (5th edition)** by Raymond A. Serway and Robert J. Beichner (published by Brooks/Cole: ISBN: 0-03-031716-9)

**"Modern Physics" (2nd edition)** by Serway, Moses, and Moyer (published by Brooks/Cole: ISBN 0-03-001547-2)

(Optional) Highly-recommended supplement:

**"Schaum's Outline of Preparatory Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism, Optics, Modern Physics"** by Erich Erlbach (Preface), Alvin M. Halpern (Preface) (published by McGraw-Hill: ISBN 0-07-025707-8)

### Electronic Materials:

I will maintain a website (for now: <http://physics.syr.edu/~salgado/390/>) that lists the assigned problems and solutions. I will also try to make available a few whiteboard/PowerPoint notes and any computer source code (e.g., Python, Maple) that I use for simulations or computations.

### Homework:

Homework will be assigned but will not be collected. We will discuss some homework in class. Other discussions for homework occur during Office Hours in the Learning Center. Exam and quiz problems are generally based on homework problems, textbook problems, and textbook examples.

Most of the learning you do in this course is done by doing homework problems outside of class!

You are encouraged to work on the homework with other students.

However, be sure that you can do the problems by yourself since you'll be working on quizzes and exams by yourself. If you need help with your homework, please visit me (with your textbook and your notebook and with proof that you have tried the problems) during Office Hours... the sooner the better.

### Classroom Rules:

Come to class **ONTIME**. Attendance is **REQUIRED**.

*"The University recognizes that a student may miss a class for legitimate reasons. In such cases these absences are excusable; however, the student must complete the Student Absence Form." ...*

*"A professor may drop a student with 3 or more uncused absences from a course." (2003-2005 University Catalog, page 15)*

Note that your attendance is recorded on the official midterm and final grades sheets. *"Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated."* (2003-2005 University Catalog, page 15)

Come to class **PREPARED** and **EQUIPPED**, having read or written any assignments.

Limit all discussion to the PHYSICS topic under discussion.

**Turn OFF** all phones, pagers, radios, and other disruptive devices.

Treat each other with **RESPECT**.

### Grades (for the lecture portion):

20% 5-minute QUIZZES (FORMAT: multiple-choice questions, a short problem, and vocabulary definitions for the next chapter or section)

30% EXAMS (FORMAT: conceptual and computational multiple-choice questions, two or three short problems)

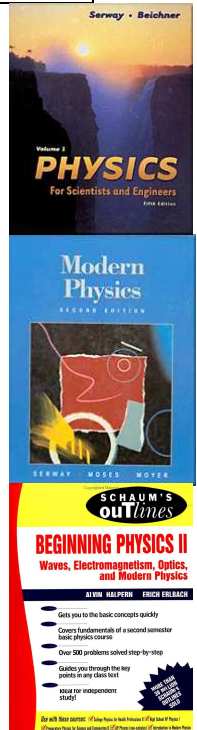
20% MIDTERM EXAM (FORMAT: conceptual and computational multiple-choice questions, two or three short problems)

30% FINAL EXAM (FORMAT: like two regular exams but cumulative)

A ≥ 88%, B ≥ 76%, C ≥ 64%, D ≥ 50%, F < 50%. This class is not graded on a curve.

Borderline cases (between two letter grades): If your exam shows an upward trend, your grade may be nudged upwards.

Exams and Quizzes: QUIZZES are not announced. They will begin at the start of the class period and will end promptly after five minutes of that period. [No makeups or extensions. This will be strictly enforced. Be on time.] After every two or three chapters, we will have an EXAM on these chapters. There is a cumulative one-hour in-class MIDTERM and a cumulative two-hour in-class FINAL.



Missed exams and quizzes: There are **no** make-up exams or quizzes. There are **no** exceptions.  
 If you are absent from an exam or quiz, *within one week*, you must present to me a written excuse from Academic Affairs.  
**Only if** that excuse is valid, **your final exam will carry the weight of your missed exam or quiz**.  
 Otherwise, you will get no credit for the missed exam or quiz.

Dates of which you should be aware:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Mon, Jan 19\*\*no class\*\*)  
 AAPT Winter 2004 Meeting (Mon, Jan 26–Wed, Jan 28 \*\*special arrangements will be made\*\*)  
 Mardi Gras Holidays Labor Day (Mon, Feb 23–Wed, Feb 25\*\*no class\*\*)

Midterm Period (Tue, Mar 2–Fri, Mar 5) [Grades due Mar 8]  
 Spring Break (Mon, Mar 8–Fri, Mar 12\*\*no class\*\*)  
 Academic Advising Day (Wed, Mar 17\*\*no class\*\*)

Easter Holiday (Fri, Apr 9\*\*no class\*\*)

Seniors Exam Period: (Wed, Apr 14–Fri, Apr 16)

Last Day to Withdraw (Wed, Apr 14)

Last Day of Classes: (Wed, Apr 28)

Exam Period: (Fri, Apr 30–Thu, May 6) [Grades due May 10]

*Read this aloud:* [the final is only given on the date and time assigned by the University --- do **not** make early travel plans]. *Read this aloud again.*

### Sequence of PHY 390 topics:

*What you really need to know about Waves*

Serway-PSE Ch 16 Wave Motion

Serway-PSE Ch 17 Sound Waves (17.4 Spherical and Plane Waves, 17.5 Doppler Effect)

Serway-PSE Ch 18 Superposition and Standing Waves

*Classically, Light is a Transverse Electromagnetic Wave*

Serway-PSE Ch 34 Electromagnetic Waves

*Geometric Optics*

Serway-PSE Ch 35 The Nature of Light and the Law of Geometric Optics

Serway-PSE Ch 36 Geometric Optics

*Physical Optics*

Serway-PSE Ch 37 Interference of Light Waves

Serway-PSE Ch 38 Diffraction and Polarization

*Quantum Mechanically, Light also has Particle-like properties*

Serway-MP Ch 2 The Quantum Theory of Light

*\*Quantum Mechanically, Particles have Wave-like properties (\*time permitting)*

Serway-MP Ch 3 The Particle Nature of Matter

Serway-MP Ch 4 Matter Waves

Serway-MP Ch 5 Quantum Mechanics in One Dimension

January							Rough Schedule	
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa		
					8	9	Ch 16	
	12		14		16			
	19		21		23		Ch 17	
	26		28		30		Ch 18 (with special arrangements)	
February								
	2		4		6		Ch 34	
	9		11		13			
	16		18		20		Ch 35	
	23	MG	25		27			
March								
	1		3		5		Midterm Exam on Monday or Wednesday	
	[SPRING BREAK]							
	15		17		19		Ch 36	
	22		24		26		Ch 37	
	29		31					
April								
				2			Ch 38	
	5		7		9			
ES	12		14		16		MP-Ch 2	
	19		21		23		MP-Ch 3	
	26		28		30			
May								
	3		4		5	6		