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**PHYS 3200Y ELECTRICITY & MAGNETISM
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PETERBOROUGH**

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Course Description:

Electrostatics, magnetostatics, electric and magnetic properties of matter, Maxwell's equations, electromagnetic wave propagation. A short library skills component will be included. This course will cover chapters 1-7 and 9 of Griffiths *Introduction to Electrodynamics*.

Course Pre-requisites: PHYS 1002H (1000Y, 100), MATH 2110H (201H), MATH 2120H (202H), and PHYS-MATH 2150H (205H). Excludes PHYS-COSC 321 and 3210Y.

Required Texts: David J. Griffiths, *Introduction to Electrodynamics*, 4th ed.

Recommended Resources:

Student Version of MATLAB recommended: http://www.mathworks.com/academia/student_version/
Don't forget 1st year resource: R.D. Knight, *Physics for Scientists and Engineers*

Course Format:

Check the online Academic Timetable to confirm times and locations.

Type (e.g., Lecture, Seminar, Tutorial, Lab, etc.)	Day	Time	Location
Lecture	Mon	16:00 – 16:50	SC 317
Lecture	Wed	09:00 – 10:50	SC 317
Laboratory	Mon	09:00 – 11:50	SC 305

Each week, pre-class reading will be assigned from the textbook, and there will be quizzes at the beginning of some classes based on these readings. The main points of the readings will then be summarized, and we will work in small groups on short, ungraded assignments designed to develop a strong understanding of the material. Take-home assignments requiring more in-depth quantitative analysis will be submitted for marking. The seminars (~bi-weekly) will review assignments after they are marked and handed back. The schedule of topics is listed below. Although specific dates are not listed, I will follow the order of topics as given and will regularly communicate in class and on the learningSystem/Blackboard about the pacing of the classes. For this reason, it is important for you to attend class and log on to the learningSystem/Blackboard regularly.

Learning Outcomes/Objectives/Goals/Expectations: By the end of the course a successful student should:

1. understand fundamental theories of electricity and magnetism
2. be able to calculate electromagnetic forces and fields, and their effect on simple materials
3. be able to use library resources for research.
4. know computational methods for calculating electromagnetic fields and forces

Course Evaluation:

Type of Assignment	Weighting	Due Date
In-class quizzes	5%	~weekly
Problem sets (8-10 throughout the year)	20% total	~Bi-weekly
Tests (2)	15% each	Week 9 FA (Nov 16) & week 5 WI (Feb 8)
Final exam	25%	April exam period
Laboratory	17%	Throughout the year
Library skills	3%	Week 11 FA

The **in-class quizzes** include short questions based on the readings. Typical **problem sets** comprise a half-dozen problems based on the lecture material. These are to be solved and handed in for grading. Problem sets will include one problem to be solved numerically using Matlab. **Tests** will be held in-class and are of 1 hour 50 minute duration. These mostly cover material from the preceding 8 weeks. Test questions are similar to those on problem sets. The **final exam** will cover material from the entire year. The **library skills** component is administered by Bata library, and consists of a short assignment and a presentation. **Laboratories** consist of a schedule of experiments that will be determined once classes have started.

Week-by-week schedule:

We will cover chapters 1-7, and parts of ch. 9 of Griffiths' textbook. Although specific dates are not listed, I will generally follow the order of topics in the textbook and will regularly communicate in class and on Bb about the pacing of the lectures. This is just one of many reasons why you should attend class each week. A tentative schedule of topics is given below:

Weeks 1-4 FA: Chapter 2 - Electrostatics (electric fields, electric potential, work and energy, conductors)

Weeks 5-9 FA: Chapter 3 - Special techniques (Laplace's equation, image charges, separation of variables, multipoles)

Weeks 10-12 FA: Chapter 4 - Electric fields in matter (polarization, electric displacement, dielectrics)

Weeks 1-3 WI: Chapter 5 - Magnetostatics (Lorentz law, Biot-Savart law, vector properties of the magnetic field, magnetic vector potential)

Weeks 4-7 WI: Chapter 6 - Magnetic fields in matter (magnetization, linear and nonlinear media)

Weeks 8-10 WI: Chapter 7 - Electrodynamics (EMF, induction, Maxwell's equations)

Weeks 11-12 WI: Chapter 9 - Electromagnetic waves.

Department and/or Course Policies:

Except by prior arrangement, late assignments will be assessed a 10% penalty for each working day they are late, and will not be accepted more than one week late. Note that a minimum 40% average must be obtained on the tests and final exam in order to pass this course. If this minimum is not met, then a maximum grade of 45% (i.e. an F) will be assigned for the course.

University Policies

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty, which includes plagiarism and cheating, is an extremely serious academic offence and carries penalties varying from a 0 grade on an assignment to expulsion from the University. Definitions, penalties, and procedures for dealing with plagiarism and cheating are set out in Trent University's *Academic Integrity Policy*. You have a responsibility to educate yourself – unfamiliarity with the policy is not an excuse. You are strongly encouraged to visit Trent's Academic Integrity website to learn more: www.trentu.ca/academicintegrity.

Access to Instruction:

It is Trent University's intent to create an inclusive learning environment. If a student has a disability and/or health consideration and feels that he/she may need accommodations to succeed in this course, the student should contact the Student Accessibility Services Office (SAS), (BH Suite 132, 705-748-1281 or email accessibilityservices@trentu.ca). For Trent University in Oshawa Student Accessibility Services Office contact 905-435-5102 ext. 5024. Complete text can be found under Access to Instruction in the Academic Calendar.