



## Syllabus for “Advanced Optics ” course

*This course is similar to the “Fundamentals of Light Matter Interaction” course*

Course No. : 0321-4832-01. Course hours: Wednesday 14:00-17:00

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The course aims to provide the student with definitions, background and basic knowledge in the research field of light-matter interaction. The topics that will be covered in the course are listed as follow (some of the subjects will be briefly outlined):

1. Linear Optics – Overview from Geometric optics, Beam Optics, Wave optics :  
Length scale in optics, geometric optics and its limits, Maxwell's equations of isotropic media, interfaces, interferometers, thin-film Structures, ABCD formalism, Gaussian beams and paraxial wave equation, Fourier Optics.
2. Classical and semi-classical treatment of Light-Matter Interaction:  
Lorentz oscillator, Drude model, susceptibility and complex refractive index, Kramer-Kronig relation, Sellmeier equations, anisotropic media, polarization optics, electronic transitions in atoms, two-level interactions, Rabi-oscillations, density matrix formulation, energy and phase relaxation, dispersion, absorption, N-level dynamics.
3. Nonlinear optics:  
Nonlinear perturbation theory and coupled mode equations, anharmonic classical oscillator model, second order & third order effects, phase-matching mechanisms, vibrational transitions in molecules and Raman-nonlinearity, Kerr nonlinearity.
4. Ultrafast Optics:  
Definition of ultrashort pulses, propagation of ultrashort optical pulses through dispersive optical elements, femtosecond lasers and their applications, characterization of ultrashort pulses, temporal-lens, introduction to coherent control.



5. Advanced Topics:

Introduction to optical spectroscopy and ultrafast spectroscopy techniques. Pump-probe spectroscopy. Introduction to nano-photonics and metamaterials.

The final grade will be combined of:

- Three sets of HW that will be 12% from the final grade.
- Numerical assignment that will be 8% from the final grade
- Final exam that will be 80 % from the final grade. Must pass requirement.

**Textbooks:**

[1] Fundamentals of Photonics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition by B. E. A. Saleh and M.C. Teich

[2] Photonics by A. Yariv and P. Yeh

[3] Ultrashort Laser Pulse Phenomena, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition by J.C. Diels and W. Rudolph

[4] Rick Trebino's website: <http://www.frog.gatech.edu/talks.html>