

City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus

offered by Department of Materials Science and Engineering
with effect from Semester A 2024/25

Part I Course Overview

Course Title:	Photonics in Nanomaterial Systems and Devices
Course Code:	MSE6181
Course Duration:	One semester
Credit Units:	3
Level:	P6
Medium of Instruction:	English
Medium of Assessment:	English
Prerequisites: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	Nil
Precursors: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	Nil
Equivalent Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	AP6181 Photonics in Nanomaterial Systems and Devices (From the old curriculum)
Exclusive Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	AP8181 Photonics in Nanomaterial Systems and Devices (From the old curriculum)

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

(A 150-word description about the course)

To use the principles of physical optics and light-matter interaction to study the optical properties of materials and optical devices. To explore and discuss applications of the course's topics in science and technology and to explore the principles and applications of nano-optics and nano-photonics.

Upon successful completion of the course, students are expected to be equipped with sufficient knowledge to discuss the different techniques used to study the interaction of light with matter, to explain the propagation of light in different media as it relates to propagation, absorption, and emission processes, and to develop a working knowledge in the application of selected photonic and optical material systems and devices.

The students will be able to rationalize and explain the applications of the course contents to modern practical scientific and technological applications with emphasis in nanomaterials and nanotechnology.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

No.	CILOs	Weighting* (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Identify the physical principles involved in optical characterization systems.	25%	√		
2.	Describe the microscopic phenomena that occur during the propagation of light and the basic models that explain it.	25%		√	
3.	Use the principles of Fourier analysis and Fourier optics and describe its applications and importance.	25%			√
4.	Explain the principles of near field optics and its applications to nano-photonics.	25%	√		√
		100%			

* If weighting is assigned to CILOs, they should add up to 100%.

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

3. Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

(LTAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

LTA	Brief Description	CILO No.					Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4		
Lectures	Students will engage in formal lectures to gain knowledge about optics and their applications in nanomaterials and nanophotonics.	√	√	√	√		25 hrs
Tutorials	Students will engage in tutorial activities to extend the application of optical principles in solving practical problems.	√	√	√	√		5 hrs
Presentation	Students will engage in discussion on the optical phenomenon to strength their knowledge and skills.			√	√		9 hrs

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.					Weighting*	Remarks
	1	2	3	4			
Assignments	√	√	√	√		15%	
Mid-term Test	√	√				20%	
Presentation		√	√	√		15%	
Examination (duration: 2 hours)	√	√	√	√		50%	
						100%	

* The weightings should add up to 100%.

5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

Applicable to students admitted before Semester A 2022/23 and in Semester A 2024/25 & thereafter

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
1. Assignments	Able to describe basic principles and apply them to solve fundamental problems	High	Significant	Moderate	Basic	Not even reaching marginal level
2. Mid-term test	Understand concepts of ray, wave, and their use for the characterization of materials and design of device applications.	High	Significant	Moderate	Basic	Not even reaching marginal level
3. Presentation	Ability to select a project, design a protocol to address it, and advance its resolution. Demonstrate a curiosity driven approach to self-study and capacity to understand and explain new concepts.	High	Significant	Moderate	Basic	Not even reaching marginal level
4. Examination	Knowledge of the fundamental course contents including concepts of ray, wave, near-field optics, and light-matter interaction, and their use for the characterization of materials and design of device applications.	High	Significant	Moderate	Basic	Not even reaching marginal level

Applicable to students admitted from Semester A 2022/23 to Summer Term 2024

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B)	Marginal (B-, C+, C)	Failure (F)
1. Assignments	Able to describe basic principles and apply them to solve fundamental problems	High	Moderate	Basic	Not even reaching marginal level
2. Mid-term test	Understand concepts of ray, wave, and their use for the characterization of materials and design of device applications.	High	Moderate	Basic	Not even reaching marginal level
3. Presentation	Ability to select a project, design a protocol to address it, and advance its resolution. Demonstrate a curiosity driven approach to self-study and capacity to understand and explain new concepts.	High	Moderate	Basic	Not even reaching marginal level
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Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

1. Keyword Syllabus

(An indication of the key topics of the course.)

- Introduction and overview of principles of geometrical and wave optics: basic equations and concepts including optical cavities, polarization, coherence, laser beams, diffraction, and interference.
- Propagation of light: rarefied and dense media, Huygens' and Fermat's principle, speed of light, refractive index, Fresnel equations.
- Fourier series and Fourier integral: concepts of coherence, correlation, and convolution. Fourier transform spectroscopy, and applications to FTIR and related vibrational spectroscopies.
- Characterization of materials: transmission and reflection, ellipsometry, absorption, photoluminescence, and cathodoluminescence.
- Introduction to photonics and nano-optics: evanescent fields, propagation and focusing of optical fields, surface plasmons, optical antennae.
- Selected applications of modern nano-photonic devices (e.g., harnessing near-field optical techniques, plasmonic lasers, surface plasmons for biosensing applications).

2. Reading List

2.1 Compulsory Readings

(Compulsory readings can include books, book chapters, or journal/magazine articles. There are also collections of e-books, e-journals available from the CityU Library.)

1.	E Hecht, Optics, 4th edition, (Addison Wesley 2002). Reading MA.
2	Tigran V. Shahbazyan, Mark I. Stockman (Eds.), Plasmonics: Theory and Applications, Springer, 2013.
3.	S O Kasap, Optoelectronic and photonics: principles and practices, Prentice Hall, 2001.

2.2 Additional Readings

(Additional references for students to learn to expand their knowledge about the subject.)

1.	L Novotny and B Hetch, Principles of nano-optics Cambridge University Press, 2006
2.	Motoichi Ohtsu [et al.] Principles of nanophotonics CRC Press/Taylor & Francis,
3.	M Ohtsu (Eds.) Nanophotonics and nanofabrication Weinheim : Wiley-VCH, c2009.
4	Baldassare Di Bartolo and John Collins (Eds.), Biophotonics: spectroscopy, imaging, sensing, and manipulation.