

PHYSICS 423 – ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM I

Autumn Semester 2019

LECTURES

Mon., Wed., & Fri. 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m., CHCB 231

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SCOPE

- Development of mathematical tools for electromagnetic theory
- Overview of electromagnetic theory including Maxwell's equations and the potential formulation
- Detailed studies of electrostatics and magnetostatics

OUTCOME

- Will be proficient in vector analysis including the use of curvilinear coordinates and the Dirac delta function
- Will be exposed to full electromagnetism including scalar and vector potentials
- Will have acquired physical understanding and working knowledge of electrostatics and magnetostatics

NUMBER OF CREDITS

3 credits

PREREQUISITE

PHSX 301 – Introduction to Theoretical Physics

TEXTBOOK

Introduction to Electrodynamics, 4th ed. By David J. Griffiths
(Cambridge University Press, 2017) ISBN 978-1-108-42041-9

HOMEWORK

Reading assignments and problem sets

EXAMS

Three midterm exams (Mon. 9/23, Fri. 10/25, Mon. 12/2)

Final exam (1:10 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. on Wed. 12/11)

COURSE GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

Student Conduct Code

The Student Conduct Code at the University of Montana embodies and promotes honesty, integrity, accountability, rights, and responsibilities associated with constructive citizenship in our academic community. This Code describes expected standards of behavior for all students, including academic conduct and general conduct, and it outlines students' rights, responsibilities, and the campus processes for adjudicating alleged violations. [Full student conduct code.](http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php)
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Course Withdrawal

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Disability Modifications

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Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on the following:

Problem sets:	25%
Midterm exams:	45% (15% each)
Final exam:	30%

Typical cutoffs for the final course grade:

A-/B+	82%
B-/C+	70%
C-/D+	58%
D-/F	45%

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Date	Topics
Week 1: Aug 26, 28, 30	Overview of electromagnetic theory Review of vector analysis (Griffiths Sections 1.1, 1.2 & 1.3)
Week 2: Sept 4, 6	Curvilinear coordinates (Griffiths Section 1.4 & Appendix A) 1/r potential (Sept 3 – No class Labor Day)
Week 3: Sept 9, 11, 13	Dirac delta function Helmholtz theorem Maxwell's equations (Griffiths Section 1.5, 1.6, Appendix B & Section 7.3 7.3)
Week 4: Sept 16, 18, 20	Wave equations Potential formulation (Griffith Sections 9.2 & 10.1)
Week 5: Sept 23 Sept 25, 27	EXAM #1 Coulomb's law, electric fields (Griffiths Section 2.1)
Week 6: Sept 30, Oct 2, 4	Gauss's law Electric potential (Griffiths Sections 2.2 & 2.3)
Week 7: Oct 7, 9, 11	Boundary conditions, conductors Laplace's equation (Griffiths Sections 2.3, 2.4 & 2.5)
Week 8: Oct 14, 16, 18	Image method Separation of variables in Cartesian and spherical coordinates (Griffiths Sections 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3)
Week 9: Oct 21, 23 Oct 25	More on separation of variables (Griffiths Section 3.3) EXAM #2
Week 10: Oct 28, 30 Nov 1	Magnetic fields, the Lorentz force law, currents (Griffiths Sections 5.1)
Week 11: Nov 4, 6, 8	Biot-Savart law, Ampere's law (Griffiths Sections 5.2 & 5.3)
Week 12: Nov 13, 15	Multipole expansion in electrostatics (Griffiths Sections 3.4) (Nov 11 – No class, Veterans Day)
Week 13: Nov 18, 20, 22	More on multipole expansion in electrostatics (Griffiths Section 3.4) Multipole expansion in magnetostatics (Griffiths Section 5.4) Dipole electric and magnetic fields
Week 14: Nov 25	Introduction to electric and magnetic fields in matter THANKSGIVING BREAK (Nov. 27 – Dec. 1)
Week 15: Dec 2 Dec 4, 6	EXAM #3 Review
Week 16: Dec 11	FINAL EXAM

