

## Optics 505 – Diffraction and Interferometry

**Term:** Spring 2023  
**Course #:** OPTI 505R  
**Course Title:** Diffraction and Interferometry  
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**Course Time:** 9:30 – 10:45 AM  
**Dates:** Tuesday/Thursday  
**Location:** OPTI 307  
**Prerequisites:** Optics (501), 512  
**TA:** TBD

### Course Description:

Waves and Polarization, Interference and interferometry; diffraction theory; Fraunhofer and Fresnel diffraction; concepts of coherence; optical transfer function (Holography and Speckle are presented in optional lectures).

### Homework, Grades, and Exams/Final

There is a midterm exam and a comprehensive final exam. Required online mini quizzes are given about once per week. The final grade in the course is calculated as follows (100pts total):

Midterm exam	30pts
Comprehensive final	40pts
Homework Problems	24pts (4pts each set)
Online mini quizzes	6pts (0.5pt each)

I do not grade on a curve. Grades are assigned by:

- A: 100-90pts
- B: 89-80pts
- C: 79-70pts
- D: 69-60pts
- E: Below 60pts

*Class notes:* Class notes, homework solutions and other information are provided on the D2L website under the “Content” menu bar item. The posted class notes are selected chapters from an upcoming book entitled “Laser Light Engineering.” They are the primary reading resource for the class. Not all of the material contained in LLE chapters will be discussed in the lectures. Students are responsible only for the material covered in lectures.

*In-class lectures:* The primary lecture resource for the class is in the form of in-class lectures, which are also available as recorded videos shortly after the lecture is complete. Instructions for viewing the videos will be posted on the D2L web page “News” section and distributed via email. At times when the instructor is away on travel, pre-recorded lectures will be available that cover content of the missing in-class lectures.

*Detailed online mini-quiz information:* Twelve online mini-quizzes (0.5pt each) are given during the semester through the D2L website (Login at <http://d2l.arizona.edu>). Points accumulated through working the mini quizzes will count as credit for the class. Each quiz covers one or more lectures of material. Quizzes are a combination of randomized multiple choice and true-false questions. You need a UA NetID in order to logon to the system and take quizzes. Quizzes are available at any time during the semester, once they are posted. Quizzes have a time limit of 10 minutes, once you start the quiz. You may use any resource, other than another person, in order to work the online mini-quizzes. Each quiz has five questions, which are worth 0.1pts each. You are allowed an infinite number of attempts to take each quiz. Your final score for each quiz is the highest score of all attempts by the completion time that is posted. Online mini quizzes must be completed by 5:00pm on the day according to the schedule shown below. Distance students have an additional week to complete the mini quizzes.

*Homework problems:* Homework problems are listed in the course notes and schedule outline. Homework is uploaded into D2L and is checked for completeness by the grader. Late submissions are not accepted. Solutions to all problems are posted on D2L. Distance students have an additional week to turn in the problems.

*Midterm exam information:* This exam is problem oriented and will cover Sections 1 through 3A. Problems are similar to homework problems and appropriate sections of written comprehensive/qualifying exam questions. This exam will be administered through D2L, where exam questions are posted during a fixed time period once you start the exam. Your answers and work pages must be scanned and uploaded into D2L within 30 minutes of exam completion.

*Final comprehensive exam:* The final exam is administered at a time determined by the UA listing for final exams, as listed below. This comprehensive exam covers all material in the class. The exam questions are problem oriented and are variations of 505R written Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam questions drawn from approximately the last 20 years. Like the midterm exam, the final exam will be administered through D2L, where exam questions are posted during a fixed time period once you start the exam. Your answers and work pages must be scanned and uploaded into D2L within 30 minutes of exam completion.

*Academic integrity:* All students are expected to follow the University of Arizona Code of Academic Integrity. Violations will be immediately sanctioned, according to the guidelines found at: <http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/codeofacademicintegrity>.

Attached you will find a tentative outline, schedule, and recommended texts.

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#### TOPICAL LIST OF SUBJECTS

- 1) Introduction
  - a) Administrative items
  - b) Introduction to interferometry and diffraction
  - c) Mathematical preliminaries
- 2) SECTION 1: Waves and Polarization (LLE Chapter 3)

- a) Scalar, one-dimensional analysis
    - i) Transverse waves
    - ii) Linear superposition
    - iii) Beats
    - iv) Standing waves
  - b) Plane waves
  - c) Spherical Waves
  - d) Polarization
    - i) Linear polarization
    - ii) Circular polarization
    - iii) Elliptical polarization
    - iv) Ellipticity
    - v) Jones calculus
    - vi) Stokes parameters and Mueller calculus
    - vii) Degree of polarization
- 3) SECTION 2: Interference and Interferometry (LLE Chapter 4)
- a) Basic two-beam interference
    - i) Two plane waves
    - ii) Two spherical waves
    - iii) Plane wave and spherical wave
    - iv) Plane wave and cylindrical wave
    - v) Two cylindrical waves
  - b) Classical two-beam interferometers
    - i) Methods of beam division
    - ii) Young's double-pinhole interferometer (YDPI)
    - iii) Young's double-slit interferometer (YDSI)
    - iv) Lloyd's mirror
    - v) Fresnel's mirrors
    - vi) Fresnel's biprism
    - vii) Twyman-Green
    - viii) Mach-Zehnder
    - ix) Michelson
    - x) Fizeau and Newton's rings
    - xi) Plane parallel plate
    - xii) Fizeau and Newton's Rings
    - xiii) Lateral shear
    - xiv) Radial shear
    - xv) Polarization splitters
    - xvi) Diffraction gratings
  - c) Multiple Beam Interference
    - i) Airy's formula
    - ii) Absorbing coatings
    - iii) Fabry Perot (plane and spherical)
  - d) Multilayer Films (Separate notes)
    - i) Theory
    - ii) AR film
    - iii) High reflectance film
- 4) SECTIONS 3A and 3B: Scalar Diffraction (LLE Chapter 5)
- SECTION 3A:
- a) Introduction
  - b) Mathematical Description of Diffraction
    - i) Integral Theorem of Helmholtz and Kirchhoff

- ii) Diffraction by a plane screen
- iii) Huygens-Fresnel Principle
- iv) Derivation of a Huygens wavelet
- v) Transfer function of free space
- vi) Angular spectrum of plane waves
- vii) Talbot effect
- viii) Babinet's principle

SECTION 3B:

- c) Fresnel Diffraction
  - i) Fresnel zones
  - ii) Fresnel diffraction from apertures
  - iii) Poisson's spot
  - iv) Fresnel zone plates
  - v) Edge diffraction
  - vi) Atlas of diffraction patterns in the near field
- d) Fraunhofer Diffraction
  - i) Circular aperture
  - ii) Exit pupil of an imaging system
  - iii) Rectangular aperture
  - iv) Diffraction from slits
- e) Theory of Gratings
  - i) Geometric OPD theory
  - ii) Fraunhofer diffraction from thin gratings
  - iii) Thick gratings and Bragg diffraction
- 5) SECTION 4: Coherence and fringe localization (LLE Chapter 6)
  - a) The mutual coherence function
  - b) Two-wavelength point source
  - c) Power spectrum
  - d) Basic temporal coherence
  - e) Basic spatial coherence
  - f) van Cittert – Zernike
  - g) Coherence area
  - h) Terminology
  - i) Fringe localization
- 6) SECTION 5: Optical Transfer Function – OTF
  - a) Coherent imaging
  - b) Incoherent imaging
- 7) Direct Phase Measurement (through additional lecture)
  - a) Methods of phase shifting
  - b) Algorithms
- 8) Holography (through optional lectures – no exam questions)
  - a) Physical description
  - b) Mathematical proof of reconstruction process
  - c) Minimum reference beam angle to separate orders
  - d) Recording and playback geometry
  - e) Light sources and recording materials
  - f) Volume holograms
  - g) Applications
- 9) Speckle (through optional lectures – no exam questions)
  - a) Physical origin
  - b) Applications

<b>Class No:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Material Covered</b>	
1	12-Jan (Th)	Syllabus, Background, LLE Ch 3	
	16-Jan (M)		<b>NO CLASS - MLK Holiday</b>
2	17-Jan (Tu)	LLE Ch 3	
3	19-Jan (Th)	LLE Ch 3	
	20-Jan (F)		HW 1, MQ 1 (DUE 5:00 PM)
4	24-Jan (Tu)	LLE Ch 4	
5	26-Jan (Th)	LLE Ch 4	
	27-Jan (F)		MQ 2 (5:00 PM)
6	31-Jan (Tu)	LLE Ch 4	
7	2-Feb (Th)	LLE Ch 4	
	3-Feb (F)		MQ 3 (5:00 PM)
8	7-Feb (Tu)	LLE Ch 4	
9	9-Feb (Th)	LLE Ch 4	
	10-Feb (F)		MQ 4 (5:00 PM)
10	14-Feb (Tu)	LLE Ch 4	
11	16-Feb (Th)	LLE Ch 4	
	17-Feb (F)		HW 2, MQ 5 (5:00 PM)
12	21-Feb (Tu)	LLE Ch 5	
13	23-Feb (Th)	LLE Ch 5	
14	28-Feb (Tu)	LLE Ch 5	
15	2-Mar (Th)	LLE Ch 5	
	3-Mar (F)		MQ 6 (5:00 PM)
	7-Mar (Tu)		<b>SPRING RECESS – NO CLASSES</b>
	9-Mar (Th)		
	13-Mar (M)		<b>MIDTERM EXAM (6pm to 8 pm)</b>
16	14-Mar (Tu)	LLE Ch 5	
17	16-Mar (Th)	LLE Ch 5	
	17-Mar (F)		HW 3, MQ 7 (5:00 PM)
18	21-Mar (Tu)	LLE Ch 5	
19	23-Mar (Th)	LLE Ch 5	
	24-Mar (F)		MQ 8 (5:00 PM)
20	28-Mar (Tu)	LLE Ch 5	
21	30-Mar (Th)	LLE Ch 5	
	31-Mar (F)		HW 4, MQ 9 (5:00 PM)
22	4-Apr (Tu)	LLE Ch 6	
23	6-Apr (Th)	LLE Ch 6	
24	11-Apr (Tu)	LLE Ch 6	
25	13-Apr (Th)	LLE Ch 6	
	14-Apr (F)		MQ 10 (5:00 PM)
26	18-Apr (Tu)	LLE Ch 6, OTF	
27	20-Apr (Th)	OTF	
	21-Apr (F)		HW 5, MQ 11 (5:00 PM)
28	25-Apr (Tu)	OTF	
29	27-Apr (Th)	OTF	
	28-Apr (F)		
30	2-May (Tu)	OTF	
	3-May (W)		HW6 and MQ 12 (5:00 PM)

**COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, May 9, 8 am to 10 am, in class or over D2L**

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Lectures	Reading Suggestion	HW Problems
1	Introduction, LLE Ch 3: 3.0 through 3.3	
2	LLE: 3.4.1.1 through 3.4.1.3	
3	LLE: 3.4.1.4 through 3.4.3.2 (Exclude 3.4.2.7)	HW 1: 3-2, 3-3, 3-7, 3-11, 3-13, 3-22 A few notes: Irradiance $I = c\epsilon_0 \langle E^2 \rangle$ , where $c$ = speed of light in vacuum, $\epsilon_0$ is permittivity of free space, and angle brackets are time average. Visibility = $(I_{\max} - I_{\min}) / (I_{\max} + I_{\min})$ . In Problem 3-3, use $P$ (W) = integral of irradiance (W/m <sup>2</sup> ). $E$ is in units of Volt/m.
4	LLE: 4.0 through 4.1.1.4	
5	LLE: 4.1.2 through 4.1.3	
6	LLE: 4.2.0 through 4.2.7	
7	LLE: 4.2.8	
8	LLE: 4.2.9, 4.2.11 through 4.2.14	
9	LLE: 4.3.0 through 4.3.5	
10	LLE: 4.3.6 through 4.3.6.4	
11	Thin Films Notes	HW 2: 4-2, 4-7, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-18, 4-22, 4-23, and 4-37
12		
13	LLE: 5.1 through 5.2.3	
14	LLE: 5.2.4 through 5.2.7	
15	LLE: 5.2.8 through 5.2.9	
16	LLE: 5.2.9, 5.2.11 and Example 5.4	
17	LLE: 5.2.10, 5.3.1.1, 5.3.1.2, 5.3.2.1, and 5.3.2.2	HW 3: 5-2b, 5-4, 5-5, 5-9, 5-10, 5-12, 5-17
18	LLE: 5.3.2.3, 5.3.2.4 (including examples), and 5.3.4	
19	LLE: 5.3.4, 5.3.3 (Exclude Example 5.10), 5.3.5, 5.4 (intro) through 5.4.3, 5.4.5 (qualitative), and 5.4.6	
20	LLE: 5.4.7, 5.5 (intro) through 5.5.1	
21	LLE: 5.5.2 through 5.5.3	HW 4: 5-11, 5-16, 5-18, 5-21, 5-25, 5-28
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23	LLE: 6.1 through 6.32	
24	LLE: 6.3.3	
25	LLE: 6.4.1 through 6.4.3	
26	LLE: 6.4.4 through 6.4.6 and 6.6	HW 5: 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, 6-9, 6-13, 6-15
27	LLE: 8.1 through 8.2.2	
28	LLE: 8.2.3 through 8.2.3.1	
29	LLE: 8.2.3.2	
30	LLE: 8.2.3.3	HW 6: 8-1, 8-2, 8-7