

OPTI 341: Semiconductor Physics and Lasers

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- Semiconductor Optoelectronic: Various semiconductors: IV, III-V, II-VI
- Solids and crystal structures
- Introduction to quantum mechanics: Energy, momentum, Uncertainty Principle, Schrödinger wave equation, potential well
- Atoms and Solids: Pauli exclusion principle
- Metal, Insulator, Semiconductor
- Conduction band, valance band, energy gap
- Electrons and holes
- Direct and indirect band
- Intrinsic, extrinsic (P and N doping)
- Distribution Functions and Fermi Energy
- Intrinsic Carrier concentration

----- **First Exam** -----

- Extrinsic Carrier Concentration: Majority and Minority Charges
- Carrier Transport
- P-N Junction: equilibrium potential, space charge, current-voltage
- Heterojunction
- Metal-Semiconductor contact
- Semiconductor-Light interaction: Absorption, Spontaneous vs Stimulated Emission

----- **Second Exam** -----

- Photoconductor, Photodiodes, Photovoltaic solar cells
- Light emitting diodes
- Waveguides: Snell's law, TIR
- Semiconductor Lasers: gain, lasing condition, Fabry-Perot Lasers, L-I characteristics
- Other Semiconductor Lasers (DFB, DBR, VCSEL, VECSEL)

----- **Final Exam** -----

Required Book: Semiconductor Physics and Devices: Basic Principles, 4th Edition, Author: Donald A. Neamen, Publisher: McGraw-Hill.

Recommended Books:

Semiconductor Optoelectronic Devices, Author: Pallab Bhattacharya, Publisher: Prentice Hall.
Essential of photonics: Author: Alan Rogers, CRC Press

Grading:

Homework:	15 %
First Exam:	25 %
Second Exam:	30 %
Final Exam:	30 %
Attendance:	5 %

Total: 105%