

**ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM II**  
SYLLABUS *Physics 212*

Fall 2023

This is the “*electrostatics*” part of the two-part E&M sequence. The second part is concerned with “*electrodynamics*”, the interaction between electric and magnetic fields and electromagnetic waves. This first part of the sequence is primarily concerned with static charges and steady-state currents, either in vacuum or in matter, and the static fields and potentials arising from them. In addition, it introduces the mathematical tools that we will use throughout the sequence.

This first part of the E&M sequence is itself divided in **two parts**, each of which is further divided into two subparts (Field and Potential):

**Chapter 1 Mathematical Foundations:** Vector Analysis

**Chapter 2 Electrostatics**

- Electric field created by a static and localized distribution of electrical charges
- Electric potential that give rise to this electric field
- Energy associated with this distribution of electric charges and Work required to move them
- Conductors
- Boundary Conditions at a Surface

**Chapter 3 Mathematics of Electrostatics** to calculate Potentials  $V(r)$  or  $V(x,y,z)$

- Laplace’s Equation
- Boundary Conditions and Uniqueness Theorems
- Methods to calculate potentials:
  - the method of Images
  - separation of variables
  - multipole expansion

**Chapter 4 Electric Fields in Matter** (polarizable medium/ dielectric matter)

- Polarization
- Electric field due to polarization
- Electrical Displacement
- Polarization Energy in and Force on Dielectrics

**Chapter 5 Magnetostatics**

- Magnetic Force from a moving electric charge (Lorentz Force Law)
- Magnetic Field from a steady current (Biot-Savart Law)
- Current associated with a magnetic field gradient (Ampere’s Law)
- Magnetic Vector Potential corresponding to a Magnetic Field
- Boundary Conditions at a Surface

**Chapter 6 Magnetic Fields in Matter**

- Magnetization
- Magnetic Field from a Magnetized Object
- Applied  $\mathbf{B}$  and induced  $\mathbf{H}$  fields
- Magnetic Susceptibility/Permeability of Matter
- Ferromagnetism

## **BOOK**

D.J. Griffiths Introduction to Electrodynamics 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Prentice Hall (1999)

You may also consult R.K.Wangsness, Electromagnetic Fields 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, John Wiley (1986)

## **GRADING**

Homework 20%

Midterm 25%

3-4 Quizzes 18-20%

Final 40%

## **FINAL COMPETENCIES**

The students should

- be able to explain how electric and magnetic fields arise respectively from a static distribution of localized electric charges or steady state currents.
- they should be able to calculate the potentials from simple distributions of charges or simple current configurations
- they should be able to calculate the electric and magnetic fields corresponding to these potentials
- should also understand and be able to quantitatively characterize the basic electromagnetic properties of dielectrics

## ***IMPORTANT NOTE:***

*Most if not all lectures will be delivered in-person at the regular class time, MWF from 12:10 to 1pm. A few lectures throughout the semester may however be delivered on-line using Zoom. These would be announced in advance.*

*A homework assignment will be given each week, usually due the following week.*

*For best and easiest learning, it is essential that you all read each new chapter in advance of the lectures. This will be tested on very simple quizzes, preceding my covering the material in class.*

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Please note that class attendance is mandatory (so that we are all on the same page throughout the semester)

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