

Physics 3310 - Electricity and Magnetism I

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General Course Information

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- TAs/Graders:
 - Grader 1: Hang Du (hang.du@colorado.edu)
 - Grader 2: Qi Hu (qi.hu@colorado.edu)
- Class meets in DUAN G2B60, MWF 1:00-1:50.
- Problem sets are issued on Monday or Wednesday, and are due on Wednesday of the following week at the **beginning** of class. The folder will be closed after the lecture begins.
- No late problem sets will be accepted. This is for practical, not punitive reasons; the problem set solutions will be published on the due date. If you have an emergency please let me know, and I will excuse a set.
- I encourage students to work together on problem sets. However, you must generate solutions by yourself; simple copies of answers will not be accepted. Be warned that if you are collaborating too much and not learning on your own, you may find that your problem set scores outpace your understanding of the material. This tends to result in very unpleasant surprises when exams come around.
- Grading:
 - Problem Sets: 33%
 - Midterm 1: 17%
 - Midterm 2: 17%
 - Final: 33%
- Exam dates (tentative): Midterm 1: Thursday, February 22 evening; Midterm 2: Wednesday, April 4 evening. Please let me know if you have major conflicts with these dates; if not, they will be finalized in the next two weeks. Final exam will be May 8, 10:30am-1:00pm.
- Class Web Site: <http://www.colorado.edu/physics/phys3310>. Site will contain announcements, lecture notes, problem sets, and solutions.
- Office hours:
 - Prof. Zimmerman: Duane F-435, Tuesdays 10:00-11:45 AM. Other times by

appointment.

- Hang Du: Duane F-527, Tuesday, 3:00-4:00 PM.
- Qi Hu: Duane F-527, Tuesday, 3:00-4:00 PM.
- Student-led discussion session: Mondays at 5pm, Gamow Tower 11th floor Commons Room. I have booked this room weekly, so that students have a place for discussing the topics in this course. You should organize the discussion yourselves, and I will show up for part of the hour to answer questions in an informal recitation environment. (Note: Will be in the Reading Room January 22 ONLY.)
- Textbooks:
 - **Required:** D. Griffiths, *Introduction to Electrodynamics*, 3rd edition, Prentice-Hall, 1999.
 - Other Recommended Books (on reserve in the library):
 - * E. Purcell, *Electricity and Magnetism*, 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill, 1985. This is possibly the best book ever written for learning E&M. It was originally written in the 1960s for honors-level freshman courses, but its treatment of the material is nearly as sophisticated as Griffiths'. I use it as a reference all the time. Note: uses Gaussian units.
 - * Reitz, Milford, Christy, *Foundations of Electromagnetic Theory*, many editions (earlier ones by Reitz and Milford only). An alternative textbook at a similar level to Griffiths.
 - * J. D. Jackson, *Classical Electrodynamics*, any edition. Higher-level than Griffiths, and very heavy on the math. This book so universal in first-year graduate courses that the course is usually just called “Jackson” rather than “E&M”. If you’re going to graduate school, you might as well buy it now and save two years’ book price inflation. Note: uses Gaussian units (except for early chapters of 3rd edition).
- Material to be covered:
 1. Vectors, vector calculus
 2. Electrostatics
 - Electric Field and Coulomb’s Law
 - Gauss’s Law
 - Electrostatic potential and energy
 - Boundary value problems
 - Image charges
 - Multipole expansions
 - Electric fields in matter
 3. Magnetostatics
 - Magnetic field and forces
 - Biot-Savart Law

- Ampere's Law
- Vector potential
- Magnetic fields in matter

Other policies set by the University

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