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PHYC/ECE 463, Advanced Optics I
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Text: Optics, by M.V. Klein and T.E. Furtak, Wiley & Sons Inc.

Other References: (*elementary*) Optics, by E. Hecht, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company,
(*advanced*) Principles of Optics, by Born & Wolf, Pergamon Press

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Tentative Syllabus

1- Introduction

- electromagnetic theory, Maxwell's equations
- modern developments (relativistic optics, quantum optics)

2- Optics of Planar Interfaces

- Maxwell's equations in matter
- reflection and transmission (Fresnel's Laws)
- prism optics
- dielectric waveguides

3- Geometrical Optics

- ray tracing
- imaging (spherical and aspherical surfaces, thin lenses, mirrors,...)
- paraxial optics
- matrix method
- thick lenses
- examples of optical systems (human eye, telescopes, microscopes, ...)
- aberration

5- Interference

- two-beam and multi-beam interference
- interferometers, applications

6- Polarization

- states of polarization
- polarizers, waveplates
- matrix techniques
- crystal optics, tensor properties

7- Diffraction (introductory)