

ECE 672 Optoelectronic Devices (Winter 2017)

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Course Outline:

- Basic concepts and overview – optical properties of semiconductors, electromagnetic spectrum, elements of plane wave propagation, elements of solid state physics.
- Basic semiconductor electronics – Maxwell's equations and boundary conditions, semiconductor electronics equations, generation and recombination in semiconductors, semiconductor p-n heterojunctions.
- Basic quantum mechanics – Schrödinger equation, the square well, the harmonic oscillator.
- Electronic band structures in semiconductors – The Bloch Theorem and the k·p method for simple bands, The effective mass theory for a single band and degenerate bands, Kronig-Penney Model for a superlattice, band structures of semiconductor quantum wells.
- Optical waveguide theory – symmetric dielectric slab waveguides, asymmetric dielectric slab waveguides, wave guidance in a lossy or gain medium.
- Optical processes in semiconductors – optical transitions using Fermi's golden rule, spontaneous and stimulated emissions, population inversion, interband absorption and gain, intersubband absorption.
- Semiconductor lasers – carrier and optical confinement in heterostructures, double heterojunction semiconductor lasers, gain-guided and index-guided semiconductor lasers, quantum-well lasers, distributed feedback lasers, surface-emitting lasers.
- Photodetectors – photoconductors, p-n junction photodiodes, p-i-n photodiodes, avalanche photodiodes.
- Intersubband transition – intersubband quantum-well photodetectors, selection rule, quantum cascade lasers.

Prerequisites: ECE231, ECE209, ECE471 and ECE477, or equivalent.

Text: Lecture Notes.

Reference Books:

Shun Lien Chuang, *Physics of Photonic Devices*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2nd edition, 2009.

J. Wilson, J. F. B. Hawkes, *Optoelectronics: An Introduction*, Prentice-Hall International Inc., 1983. (QC673 W54)

Endel Uiga, *Optoelectronics*, Prentice Hall International Inc., 1995. (TA 1750 U35)

G. P. Agrawal, N. K. Dutta, *Semiconductor Lasers, 2nd ed.*, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1993.

G. H. B. Thompson, *Physics of Semiconductor Laser Devices*, John Wiley & Sons, 1980. (TA 1700, T45)

H. Schneider and H. C. Liu, *Quantum Well Infrared Photodetectors: Physics and Applications*, Springer, 2006 (ISBN-10:3-540-36323-8)

Grading: 5 Assignments (15%), Course Project 35%, Final exam 50%.