16:332:591:01 Optoelectronics I
Fall 2010

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Prerequisites: 332:580 Electromagnetic waves and 332:583 semiconductor devices or solid state electronics (please contact the instructor if you are not sure).

Course Description: Waveguides and optical fibers, optical resonators, principles of laser action, light emitting diodes, semiconductor lasers, other lasers, optical amplifiers, optical modulators and switches, photodetectors, wavelength-division-multiplexing (brief), solar cell (brief), and other optical devices.

Homework: Homework and exams will be based on class notes, which will be available in pdf version on the class web site. Additional research papers and reports may be given as "supplemental reading".

Week-by-Week Syllabus

Week 1: Introduction and Applications; Optical waveguides
Week 2: Optical waveguides & fibers;
Week 3: Basics of quantum mechanics
Week 4: Basics of semiconductor physics and materials
Week 5: Review 1; EXAM 1
Week 6: Optical Amplifiers
Week 7: Optical Resonators and optical gain
Week 8: Lasers: Threshold conditions & fundamental device characteristics
Week 9: LEDs & Various types of lasers
Week 10: Modulators: Internal modulation; external modulators (Mach-Zehnder etc)
Week 11: Electroabsorption modulators; optical switches; Review 2
Week 12: EXAM 2 (no class on Thur for Thanksgiving)
Week 13: Photo-detectors: basic physics, noise; Various types: (PIN, MSM, APD)
Week 14: Other devices (e.g. Wavelength-division-multiplexing, Solar cell--brief)
Week 15: Review for final exam

Textbooks
(just for references, all materials will be covered in lectures notes and posted on the course website* http://sakai.rutgers.edu)

Assignments: 5 homeworks. 2 exams and 1 final (instructor will provide formula sheets).

*Tentatively, notes are placed at http://www.ece.rutgers.edu/~wjiangnj

Note: this course will be collocated with 14:332:466 Optoelectronic Devices