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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 power point version on the class web site. Additional reference books and research papers will be given throughout the lectures. Some of the 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: LEDs & Optical Amplifiers  
Week 7: Optical Resonators and optical gain  
Week 8: Lasers: Threshold conditions & fundamental device characteristics  
Week 9: Lasers: various types  
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
- Amnon Yariv, Quantum Electronics, Wiley, ISBN 0471609978,

Assignments: 5 homeworks.

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