ENG EC 455: Electromagnetics Systems I

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Grading Policy: Homework: 20%
Mid-term exam 1: 25%
Mid-term exam 2: 25%
Final Exam: 30%

Homework will be collected in the class.
Late homework will not be accepted.

Course Schedule:

1. Sept. 5 Introduction, A preview of the course, units (Chapter 1)

2. Sept. 7 Scalar and Vector, Systems of Coordinates (lecture notes, Chap. 2).

3. Sept. 12 Vector Calculus, time averages (lecture notes, Chap. 3).


5. Sept. 19 Forms of Maxwell’s equations and time-varying potential (9.5 – 9.6), boundary conditions (lecture notes).

7. Sept. 26 EM wave propagation in media, 10.4 – 10.6.

8. Sept. 28 EM wave polarization, Ponting vector and power, 10.7 – 10.8).

9. Oct. 3 Reflection and transmission of plane waves at normal incidence, 10.9, lecture notes.

10. Oct. 5 1st Midterm Exam

11. Oct. 10 Reflection and transmission of plane waves at oblique incidence, 10.10, lecture notes.


17. Oct. 31 Impedance matching, 11.6 – 11.8.

18. Nov. 2 Parallel-plate waveguides, lecture notes.


20. Nov. 9 2nd Midterm Exam


22. Nov. 16 Wave propagation in the guides, 12.5, lecture notes

24. Nov. 20 Waveguide current modes and mode excitation, waveguide resonators, 12.7 – 12.8.


27. Dec. 5 Antenna arrays, 13.7.


29. Dec. 12 Review for Final Exam

30. Final Exam (TBD)

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Collaboration Policy:

In this class you may use any textbooks or web sources when completing your homework, and/or one human collaborator (from class) per homework, subject to the following strictly enforced conditions:

· You must clearly acknowledge all your sources (including your collaborators) on the top of your homework.
· You must write all answers in your own words (although Java code may be shared with your collaborator)

· You must be able to fully explain your answers upon demand.

· You may not use any human resource outside of class (including web-based help services, outside tutors, etc.) in doing your homeworks or project. Obviously, you may not collaborate with anyone on exams.

Failure to meet any of the above conditions could constitute plagiarism and will be considered cheating in this class.