

General Information

PHYS 107: Light, Perception, Photography & Visual Phenomena Laboratory

Fall 2008

Textbook: Physics 107 Laboratory Manual
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Laboratory Schedule

Section 0101: Tue 09:00 - 10 :50 (Akshay Kakar)

Section 0201: Tue 02:00 - 03:50 (Akshay Kakar)

Section 0501: Wed 12:00 - 01:50 (Dharma Teja Anne)

Section 0701: Thu 10:00 - 11:50 (Akshay Kakar)

Section 0801: Thu 02:00 - 03:50 (Akshay Kakar)

PHYSICS 107: LIGHT, PERCEPTION, PHOTOGRAPHY & VISUAL PHENOMENA LABORATORY

is a one credit-hour course that must be taken concurrently with **PHYSICS 106: LIGHT, PERCEPTION, PHOTOGRAPHY & VISUAL PHENOMENA** to receive CORE credit, and may not be taken for credit by physics majors. The lab meets for two hours weekly, giving students hands-on in-depth experience with some of the topics covered in the Physics 106 lecture class.

This is a participatory activity; it is mandatory that you attend all labs. It is also important that you prepare for your lab period by reading over the lab instruction sheet and doing the pre-lab questions. Pre-lab questions serve both as a review of important ideas and preparation for lab activities. If you do not do the pre-lab questions before you come to lab, points will be subtracted from your grade. If you do not understand the questions or have difficulty completing the assignment, you may ask questions. Lab reports are completed in lab, submitted to the TA at the end of the lab period for grading, and will be returned to students during the next lab session, so that writing (and grading) long and detailed lab reports is avoided. The questions that you must answer are embedded in the text in the Lab Manual that describes how the lab is to be done. Each of your answers must be self-contained. It should not be necessary for the TA to refer to the Lab Manual in order to determine the question you are answering. A simple yes or no answer by itself is never enough to receive full credit. The text is broken up into topics, T1, T2, T3, etc. Be very careful, as you read the Lab Manual, that you find all the questions, and that you answer them completely. Please include the experiment number, date, your own name and the name of your lab partner on your lab report. Write a brief summary of your work and the conclusions as the final section of your lab report.

If you miss a lab, the reasons for the absence must be submitted to the instructor in writing. If your absence is due to any of the University approved acceptable excuses, as given in the UMD Undergraduate Catalog, you will be permitted to make-up the missed lab. You are encouraged to make-up the missed lab by attending any other lab session during the same week (see the Laboratory Schedule above). You may also make up the missed lab/s by attending one or more lab sessions during one of the the two Make-Up weeks during the semester.

Grading will be based on total point accumulation for the 11 labs, each having a normalized total of 100 points. A histogram of total scores will be made, and letter grades assigned approximately as follows:

Top 20% -- A; Next 40% -- B; Next 30% -- C and Bottom 10% -- D or F

To qualify for an A, you must distinguish yourself among your peers. It is mandatory to do all labs. Missing one lab will lower your grade by at one letter grade; missing two labs will result in D grade and missing more than two labs will result in F grade.

Preparation for Lab #1: (a) Obtain your lab manual; (b) Read the Introduction and Lab Experiment #1, and come prepared to ask questions if you do not understand the material; and (c) Answer the pre-lab questions on the first page of the lab report (Data Sheet) for Lab #1 before coming to the lab.

Honors Code : The Student Honor Council respectfully requests that faculty members place the following passage in their course syllabi in order to inform students of the consequences of academic dishonesty: "The University of Maryland has a nationally recognized Code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council. This Code sets standards for academic integrity at Maryland for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student you are responsible for upholding these standards for this course. It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism. For more information on the Code of Academic Integrity or the Student Honor Council, please visit <http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/whatis.html>

PHYS 107 - Fall 2008 : Experiment Schedule

Sep 02 – Sep 04	Experiment # 1	Camera Obscura
Sep 09 – Sep 11	Experiment # 2	Pinhole Camera
Sep 16 – Sep 18	Experiment # 3	Light Reflection, Mirrors & Images
Sep 23 – Sep 25	Experiment # 4	Light Refraction
Sep 30 – Oct 02	Experiment # 5	Images Shaped Surfaces, Simple Lenses
Oct 07 – Oct 09	Experiment # 6	More Simple Lenses
Oct 14 – Oct 16	Make-Up Week # 1	
Oct 21 – Oct 23	Experiment # 7	The Camera
Oct 28 – Oct 30	Experiment # 8	Polarized Light and Birefringence
Nov 04 – Nov 06	Experiment # 9	Light Interference
Nov 11 – Nov 13	Experiment # 10	Light Diffraction
Nov 18 – Nov 20	Experiment # 11	Gratings, Color & Holography
Nov 25 – Nov 27	Thanksgiving Week	
Dec 02 – Dec 04	Make-Up Week # 2	
