LAB COURSE: 255B  
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REQUIREMENTS:  
2. Scientific calculator

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:  
One two-hour laboratory per week. Prerequisite: completion of or concurrent enrollment in 203B/205B; if the corresponding lecture course is dropped, the laboratory course must also be dropped.

CREDIT: 1 Hour

COURSE OBJECTIVE: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:  
- Establish a hands-on understanding of electromagnetism  
- Understand the wave-like behavior of nature with application to light.  
- Solve practical equations in a laboratory setting.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance for this course is mandatory. Since there are no make-up labs, you must attend every lab session. Allowed absences are given for the following documented reasons only: (i) Religious observance; (ii) Military service; (iii) Bereavement (i.e., death in your immediate family); (iv) Official university business (properly documented using appropriate forms from an athletic or academic advisor); and (v) a properly documented medical reason. Note: A slip stating that the student visited the Student Health Center does not fulfill this requirement. Documentation that you were hospitalized or an official doctor’s note is required.

LAB REPORTS: There will be two types of labs: (1) traditional labs (T), in which data is taken by hand and (2) computer labs (C), done using the computer and attached equipment to gather data. Attached to this syllabus is a schedule of the labs. The type of report will depend on which type of lab you are doing.

A. Traditional Lab Reports: Data will be collected manually and shared by all the members of the group. Report format is as follows (follow the format of the sample lab provided in your lab manual on page 5):  
- Title of the lab, your name, course number and section number, date.  
- Apparatus. What instruments and materials did you use in the lab?  
- Introduction/theory. In your own words, briefly, describe the theory behind the experiment.  
- Results. This section should include the data collected during the lab, graphs you made from data collected, calculation you had to do.  
- Discussion and Conclusions. Brief discussion of what you learned, what could be improved.  
- Answers to Questions.
Due date
Reports are due 3 days after the meeting.
• Late reports will not be accepted.
• Reports must be Uploaded onto SIU Online (Desire2Learn),
  https://online.siu.edu/

B. Computer Lab Reports
• Choose the electronic workbook that corresponds to the lab
  scheduled for that specific week.
• Follow the computer instructions in each section and answer all
  questions. Remember to include units when reporting results.
• Reports must be Uploaded onto SIU Online (Desire2Learn)

PRE-LAB:
The pre-lab is to determine that you have read the lab manual ahead of time and
have an idea what is going to be covered in that week’s labs. Lowest grade will
be dropped. No make-up pre-lab will be allowed

QUIZZES:
The written quizzes will cover material from the previous three labs. They will be
taken before the respective lab and will be between 15-20 minutes in length. The
last quiz will be a lab practical. The lowest grade will be dropped. A make-up
quiz will be given for valid absence only

GRADING:

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<td>Lab Report</td>
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Note: We will drop the lowest mark from each category of assignments.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY
We will follow this code as posted in http://policies.siuc.edu/policies/conduct.html

CELL PHONE USE POLICY
Cell phone use (of any kind – voice, texting, calculator, photography…) or the
use of other personal electronic devices (unless approved by the instructor) is not
allowed during the lab. Phones must be rendered inaudible (either turn them off
completely or at least set them to silent mode) during the lab time. Note: During
exams and quizzes, any cell phone or computer use will automatically constitute
cheating (and will be dealt with as such).

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to providing a safe and
healthy environment for study and work. Because some health and safety
circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with the
SIUC Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency Response Team
(BERT) program. Emergency response information is available on posters in
buildings on campus, available on BERT’s website at www.bert.siu.edu,
Department of Safety’s website www.dps.siu.edu (disaster drop down) and in
Emergency Response Guideline pamphlet. It is important that you follow these
instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering
emergency. The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to
your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.
## TENTATIVE LAB SCHEDULE

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<td>Orientation and Measurements and Uncertainties</td>
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<td>Jan 26th</td>
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<td>Basic Electricity and Magnetism: Explore fundamental electrostatic concepts of like/unlike charge; concepts of magnetism regarding like/unlike poles</td>
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<td>Electric Fields and Equipotential Lines: Determine the configuration of the electric field between various systems of electrodes by mapping equipotential lines</td>
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<td>Deflection of Electrons in an Electric Field: Observe the effect of an electric field on a charged particle</td>
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<td>Quiz 1</td>
<td>Ohm’s Law: Study the relationship between voltage, current, and resistance</td>
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<td>Resistors in Series and Parallel: Measure current and voltage in a series/parallel circuits</td>
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<td>The Potentiometer: Measure an unknown emf</td>
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<td>Determination of an Unknown Resistance using a Wheatstone Bridge: Measure an unknown resistance</td>
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<td>Charging and Discharging of a Capacitor: Use a voltage sensor to measure the voltage across a capacitor as it charges and discharges in a resistor-capacitor (RC) circuit and use data to calculate capacitance</td>
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<td>Magnetic Field Around a Wire: Use a magnetic field sensor and voltage-current sensor to find the magnetic field strength and current in a loop of wire</td>
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<td>Magnetic Field of a Solenoid: Discover what the magnetic field is like inside a coil of wire known as a solenoid and calculate the magnetic field strength</td>
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<td>Faraday’s Law: Measure the emf induced in a coil of wire when a magnet is dropped through the center of the coil</td>
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<td>Rays, Mirrors, and Thin Lenses: Study the reflection and refraction of light for mirrors and lenses</td>
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<td>Diffraction of Light: Investigate the wave nature of light by studying single-slit and double-slit diffraction patterns</td>
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