



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
Hyderabad Campus

FIRST SEMESTER 2021-2022
COURSE HANDOUT- Laser Science & Technology [PHY F346]

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Course No.	:	PHY F346
Course Title	:	Lasers Science and Technology
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1. Course Description: This course is on science and technology of lasers. Initial lectures will cover basic concepts of laser physics and technology. That will be followed by lectures on various types of lasers. After that, there will be lectures covering various applications of lasers in science and engineering. This course will be mostly concept and information based and mathematics will be used only when it helps to explain the concepts better.

2. Course outcome: After completing the course successfully, the students would have a thorough knowledge about the basic concepts related to lasers. They will have a good understanding about various types of lasers. They will have a very good idea as to how lasers can be used for various applications in basic science, applied research as well as in various engineering fields.

3. Recommended books:

1. Laser Physics, S. Hooker and C. Webb, Oxford Univ. Press.
2. Laser Fundamentals, W. T. Silfvast, Cambridge University Press.
3. Principles of Lasers, O. Swelto and D.C. Hanna, Springer India Pvt. Ltd.
4. Lasers: Theory and Applications, K. Thyagarajan and A. K. Ghatak, Macmillan Publishers India.
5. Optical Electronics, A. K. Ghatak and K. Thyagarajan, Cambridge Univ. Press.
6. Nonlinear Optics by Robert W. Boyd, Elsevier (Indian Edition).

4. Course Plan:

Lecture Number	Topics to be Covered
1-5	Laser basics: Laser basics , Theory of radiation , longitudinal modes, optical resonators, transverse modes
6-14	Pumping of laser media, properties of laser beams, Line broadening mechanisms, Transient behaviour, mode locking.
15-25	Types of lasers: Masers, solid state lasers, semiconductor lasers, liquid (dye) lasers, gas lasers, x-ray lasers, free electron laser, fibre lasers.
26-30	Nonlinear optics using lasers: second order nonlinear process
31-34	Nonlinear third order process
35-42	Applications of lasers: Telecommunication, Holography, Industry, Defence, Medicine, Thermonuclear fusion.

5. Evaluation Scheme:

EC No.	Evaluation Component	Duration	Weight age (%)	Date, Time	Nature of Component
1.	Test I	30 mins.	15%		Open Book
2.	Midsem test	90 mins	30%	21/10/2021 3.30 -5.00PM	Open Book
3.	Assignment		15%	NA	
4.	Comprehensive Exam	120 mins.	40%	21/12 FN	Open Book

6. Notices: Notices and solutions for examination's question papers will be displayed on the CMS website.

7. Make-up Policy: Make up may be considered provided a make-up application (for a genuine health issue) forwarded by the appropriate authority is produced. There will be no makeup for Class Test.

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