

SYLLABUS :-

Course Contents

Theory Component:

Overview of vibrations with emphasis on damped and forced oscillations, resonance, coupled oscillations, normal modes.

Wave Motion: longitudinal and transverse waves, wave equation, plane waves, phase velocity, superposition wave packets and group velocity, two and three dimensional waves, polarization.

Electromagnetic Waves: Maxwell's equations, wave equation, plane electromagnetic waves, energy-momentum, Poynting's theorem, electromagnetic boundary conditions, reflection and refraction, interference, Young's experiment, interferometers, diffraction, Fraunhofer diffraction (single slit), dispersion, radiation.

Wave Mechanics: failure of classical physics, qualitative review of relevant experiments, de Broglie waves, uncertainty principle, wave function and Schrodinger equation, probability interpretation, particle on a chain, potential barrier and quantum tunneling, potential well, qualitative summary of simple harmonic oscillator and Hydrogen atom. Occupation probability and examples.

Laboratory Component: Suggested Experiments

- 1.Oscillation in potential well
- 2.Normal modes of coupled oscillators
- 3.Measurement of velocity of acoustic waves
- 4.Newton's rings
- 5.Specific rotation of an optically active source
- 6.Diffraction with laser
- 7.Dispersive power of a prism
- 8.Fresnel biprism
- 9.Franck Hertz experiment
- 10.Photoelectric effect
- 11.Measurement of band gap in semiconductors
- 12.Measurement of Hall effect