**NONLINEAR OPTICS**

OSE 6334 - 3 credit hours  
Spring 2018  
CREOL A214, Mondays, Wednesdays 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM (some Fridays)  
Office hours - door open most of the time, also Mon, Wed. 9:30am

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Prerequisites for this course should be OSE5115 Interference and Diffraction, OSE5312 Light Matter Interaction, OSE 6111 Optical Wave Propagation, & a basic understanding of the wave equation and optical beam propagation.

**Required text:** Text: *"Nonlinear Optics", George Stegeman, Wiley 2012*

- Homework + Quizzes 20%
- Test 1, in class, closed book (end of first half of semester) 25%
- Test 2, take home, comprehensive (near semester end) 25%
- Final, in class final, open book, comprehensive 30%

**Total** 100%

(+ and - grades will be given on a sliding scale based on years of experience teaching NLO.  
grades can be picked up in my office 2 days after the final exam. Make-up exams will not be  
given. The final exam is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10 from 7:00am-9:50am)

This course gives you an introduction to the broad field of Nonlinear Optics (NLO). The goal is to prepare you to read and understand the NLO literature (i.e., to enable you to study NLO on your own). As such, we study a few basic interactions of low order nonlinear processes that most "optics types" are expected to know about, that is, the literature assumes this knowledge.

**Financial Aid and Attendance:** As of Fall 2014, all faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the following academic activity by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than August 27. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.

**Topics to be covered in this NLO course are:**

- wave equation and classical electron oscillator model for NLO  
- frequency conversion effects including second-harmonic generation, sum and difference frequency generation, optical rectification, and parametric processes (eg. optical parametric oscillators). Understanding how to get efficient conversion will require knowledge of phase matching and the susceptibility tensor. i.e. Chi-2 ($\chi^{(2)}$) effects  
- self-action and multiwave mixing. The self-action effects include two-photon absorption, self-phase modulation, self-focusing (or defocusing), and solitons (both temporal and
spatial). The multiwave mixing includes degenerate four-wave mixing (DFWM), and the frequency nondegenerate counterpart, i.e. Chi-3" ($\chi^{(3)}$) effects

- "Quasi-chi-3" ($\chi(3)$) effects including molecular reorientation index changes (Kerr effect), thermal refraction, photoinduced free-carrier effects in semiconductors (free-carrier nonlinearities), the analogous excited-state effects in organic dyes, coherent antistokes Raman scattering (CARS), electrostriction, photorefraction
- + other topics of interest

We will also look at possible applications along the way. For example, optical limiting, all-optical switching, pulse compression, beam clean-up with optical phase conjugation, multi-photon microscopy, high harmonic generation, optical memory with photorefraction, fiber communication with solitons, and new frequency sources using the various phenomena as well as stimulated Raman and Brillouin scattering.

**Nonlinear Optics Textbooks**

- *Nonlinear Optics, Third Edition, Robert W. Boyd* (Academic Press, Elsevier, Burlington, MA, 2008). Boyd finally changed his book from Gaussian units to MKS. This is great; however, you still need to be able to convert units since much of the literature is still in Gaussian (a pain!).

**Other books with sections on nonlinear optics**


**Other References:**

- Nonlinear optics;
- "The Principles of Nonlinear Optics", Y.R. Shen, Wiley
- "The Elements of Nonlinear Optics", Butcher and Cotter, Cambridge
- "Applied Nonlinear Optics", F. Zernike and J. Midwinter, Wiley
"Nonlinear Optics", Bloembergen, Benjamin
"Principles of Phase Conjugation", B.Ya. Zel'dovich, N.F. Pilipetsky and V.V. Shkunov, Springer Verlag
"Nonlinear Optics and Quantum Electronics", M. Schubert and B. Wilhelmi, Wiley
"Optics and Nonlinear Optics of Liquid Crystals", I.C. Khoo and S.T. Wu, World Scientific
Lasers and interaction of light with matter;
"Intro. to Quantum Electronics", Amnon Yariv, Wiley
"Laser Electronics", Verdeyen, Prentice Hall
"Quantum Electronics", Amnon Yariv, Wiley
"Lasers", Anthony Seigman, University Science Books
"Optical Resonance and 2-Level Atoms", Allen and Eberly, Wiley
"Elements of Quantum Optics", Meystre and Sargent, Springer Verlag