

ENGPHY 2A04
Electricity and Magnetism
Undergraduate Studies
Winter 2025
Course Outline

CALENDAR/COURSE DESCRIPTION

Development of electromagnetic theory - fields, Gauss' law, electric potential, Laplace equation, dielectrics, Ampere's law, magnetism, Faraday's law, inductance, development of Maxwell's equations via vector calculus.
Three lectures, one tutorial, one lab (three hours each) every other week, second term.

PRE-REQUISITES AND ANTI-REQUISITES

Prerequisite(s): Registration in any Engineering Physics or Mechatronics Engineering Program; PHYSICS 1E03; and credit or registration in ENGPHY 2E04 and MATH 2ZZ3
Antirequisite(s): ENGPHY 2A03

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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By appointment

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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During open lab periods

TEACHING ASSISTANT OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE WEBSITE/ALTERNATE METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

<http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/>

It is the students' responsibility to regularly check the course web page (Avenue to Learn) for updates and announcements.

COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate the basic fundamental knowledge of electricity and magnetism to provide background for future courses.
- Understand the development of Maxwell's electricity and magnetism equations via vector calculus.
- Demonstrate the knowledge and ability to solve problems in basic electromagnetic theory.
- Perform experiments to prove and explore electromagnetic theory.
- Apply the concepts of electromagnetic theory to basic design problems.

The topics covered include:

- Vector analysis
- Electrostatics
- Magnetostatics
- Maxwell's Equations
- Transformers, Generators, Motors
- Electromagnetic waves propagation

MATERIALS AND FEES

Recommended Texts:

Matthew N.O. Sadiku, Elements of Electromagnetics, Seventh Edition, Oxford University Press, 2018

Calculator:

Only the McMaster Standard Calculator will be permitted in tests and examinations. This is available at the Campus Store.

COURSE FORMAT AND EXPECTATIONS

The course is organized as follows:

- 3 classroom-based lectures per week: 5:30 - 6:20 pm, Mon/Wed/Thurs MDCL 1105
- 1 tutorial per week: Fri 10:30 – 11:20 am HSC 1A1
- Laboratory sessions every other week (5 labs in total) BSB B102
- 2 in-class midterm tests
- A final exam

Any changes to the schedule or course delivery will be communicated on the course announcements section on Avenue to Learn. Please check the announcements prior to attending class.

There will be two 50-minute midterm tests held during class time. The dates and locations will be announced in class and on Avenue to Learn. There will be no make-up midterms – if a midterm is missed for a valid reason the weight of the final exam will be increased accordingly.

INSTRUCTIONAL LABORATORIES

Laboratory manuals will be available on the course webpage. Laboratory work can only be carried out at your scheduled time. All lab sessions must be completed to pass the course.

Labs will be submitted on Avenue to Learn, but check A2L for updates (due dates, submission types, etc). Details about the requirements for the reports will be given during the lab session.

Attendance will be taken by the TAs during each lab. Lab notes must be signed by the TA and must be submitted with the lab report. Lab reports submitted for labs not attended are not acceptable. Late reports will not be marked and a grade of ZERO will be assigned.

ASSESSMENT

Component	Weight*
Labs (5 total)	25%
Midterm Test 1	20%
Midterm Test 2	20%
Final Exam	35%
Total	100%

*Midterms and final exam will be weighted to reflect the highest grade.

For midterms 1 and 2 and the final exam the best grade as determined from one of the following weighting schemes will be used to determine the final grade:

- a. 20% Midterm 1, 20% Midterm 2, 35% Final Exam
- b. 0% Midterm 1, 20% Midterm 2, 55% Final Exam
- c. 20% Midterm 1, 0% Midterm 2, 55% Final Exam

Note: for weighting schemes b or c to be applied, students must have written and obtained at least 20% on each of midterm 1 and 2 (i.e., showed up to write it!) and/or missed midterm 1 and/or 2 for a valid reason and obtained official approval.

To pass the course, students must obtain a pass mark in the instructional labs + design lab sections ($\geq 12.5/25$) AND obtain a passing mark in non-lab components ($\geq 37.5/75$). Students must attend all labs and submit all lab-related materials to pass.

ACCREDITATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Learning Outcomes defined in this section are measured for Accreditation purposes only and will not be directly taken into consideration in determining a student's grade in the course.

Outcomes	Indicators
Estimates outcomes, uncertainties and determines appropriate data to collect in laboratory experiments in electricity and magnetism.	3.3 – Estimates outcomes, uncertainties and determines appropriate data to collect.
Demonstrates individual leadership and teamwork and communication abilities to complete labs and reports on time.	6.3 – Works in a group, taking a leadership role as appropriate and relinquishing the leadership role as appropriate.
Demonstrates ability to write formal lab reports including appropriate discussion and analysis of results..	7.3 – Constructs effective oral or written arguments as appropriate to the circumstances.

For more information on Accreditation, please visit: <https://www.engineerscanada.ca>

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Every registered student belongs in this course. Diversity of backgrounds and experiences is expected and welcome. You can expect your Instructor to be respectful of this diversity in all aspects of the course, and the same is expected of you.

The Department of Engineering Physics is committed to creating an environment in which students of all genders, cultures, ethnicities, races, sexual orientations, abilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds have equal access to education and are welcomed and treated fairly. If you have any concerns regarding inclusion in our Department, in particular if you or one of your peers is experiencing harassment or discrimination, you are encouraged to contact the Chair, Associate Undergraduate Chair, Academic Advisor or to contact the [Equity and Inclusion Office](#).

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

For a list of McMaster University's resources, please refer to the [Student Wellness Centre](#).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. **It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty.**

Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: "Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty"), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the [Academic Integrity Policy](https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/), located at <https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

1. plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained.
2. improper collaboration in group work.
3. copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

COURSES WITH AN ON-LINE ELEMENT

McMaster is committed to an inclusive and respectful community. These principles and expectations extend to online activities including electronic chat groups, video calls, and other learning platforms.

In this course, we will be using Avenue to Learn. Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure, please discuss this with the course instructor.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

As a McMaster student, you have the right to experience, and the responsibility to demonstrate, respectful and dignified interactions within all of our living, learning and working communities. These expectations are described in the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#) (the “Code”). All students share the responsibility of maintaining a positive environment for the academic and personal growth of all McMaster community members, **whether in person or online.**

It is essential that students be mindful of their interactions online, as the Code remains in effect in virtual learning environments. The Code applies to any interactions that adversely affect, disrupt, or interfere with reasonable participation in University activities. Student disruptions or behaviours that interfere with university functions on online platforms (e.g. use of Avenue 2 Learn, WebEx or Zoom for delivery), will be taken very seriously and will be investigated. Outcomes may include restriction or removal of the involved students’ access to these platforms.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who require academic accommodation must contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) (SAS) at 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or sas@mcmaster.ca to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. For further information, consult McMaster University’s [Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities](#) policy.

COURSE POLICIES

1. It is the students’ responsibility to regularly check the course webpage (Avenue to Learn) for updates and announcements.
2. Students are required to obtain and maintain a McMaster e-mail account for timely communications between the instructor and the students.

SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR RELIEF FOR MISSED ACADEMIC WORK

In the event of an absence for medical or other reasons, students should review and follow the Academic Regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar “Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work”.

1. **Relief for missed academic work worth less than 25% of the final grade resulting from medical or personal situations lasting up to three calendar days:**
 - Use the [McMaster Student Absence Form](#) (MSAF) on-line self-reporting tool. No further documentation is required.
 - Students may submit requests for relief using the MSAF once per term.
 - An automated email will be sent to the course instructor, who will determine the appropriate relief. Students must immediately follow up with their instructors. Failure to do so may negate the opportunity for relief.
 - If using the MSAF for a lab, please contact the Instructional Assistant (Catherine Luck) as soon as possible.
 - The MSAF cannot be used to meet a religious obligation or to celebrate an important religious holiday.
 - The MSAF cannot be used for academic work that has already been completed attempted.
 - An MSAF applies only to work that is due within the period for which the MSAF applies, i.e. the 3-day period that is specified in the MSAF; however, all work due in that period can be covered by one MSAF.
 - The MSAF cannot be used to apply for relief for any final examination or its equivalent. See *Petitions for Special Consideration* above.

2. **For medical or personal situations lasting more than three calendar days, and/or for missed academic work worth 25% or more of the final grade, and/or for any request for relief in a term where the MSAF has been used previously in that term:**
 - Students must report to their Faculty Office to discuss their situation and will be required to provide appropriate **supporting documentation**.
 - If warranted, the Faculty Office will approve the absence, and the instructor will determine appropriate relief.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION FOR RELIGIOUS, INDIGENOUS OR SPIRITUAL OBSERVANCES (RISO)

Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the [RISO](#) policy. Students should submit their request to their Faculty Office **normally within 10 working days** of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar's Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

COPYRIGHT AND RECORDING

Students are advised that lectures, demonstrations, performances, and any other course material provided by an instructor include copyright protected works. The Copyright Act and copyright law protect every original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic work, **including lectures** by University instructors

The recording of lectures, tutorials, or other methods of instruction may occur during a course. Recording may be done by either the instructor for the purpose of authorized distribution, or by a student for the purpose of personal study. Students should be aware that their voice and/or image may be recorded by others during the class. Please speak with the instructor if this is a concern for you.

EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

The University reserves the right to change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances (e.g., severe weather, labour disruptions, etc.). Changes will be communicated through regular McMaster communication channels, such as McMaster Daily News, A2L and/or McMaster email.