



*Fall 2017 Course Syllabus for*  
**Computational Electromagnetics**

*University of Texas at El Paso  
College of Engineering  
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**COURSE INFORMATION**

Course Prefix and Number:	EE 5337 (was EE 5390 and EE 5320)
Course Title:	Computational Electromagnetics
Course Website:	<a href="http://emlab.utep.edu/ee5390cem.htm">http://emlab.utep.edu/ee5390cem.htm</a>
Meeting day and time:	T/R, 4:30pm – 5:50pm
Room:	CCSB 1.0204
Final exam:	Tuesday, December 12, 4:00pm – 6:45pm
CRN:	18576
Credit hours:	3
Lecture hours:	3

**Catalog Description** – A course covering many of the most popular methods used in modern computational electromagnetics. Methods include transfer matrix method, finite-difference frequency-domain, finite-difference time-domain, beam propagation method, plane wave expansion method, rigorous coupled-wave analysis, method of lines, slice absorption method, finite element method, method of moments, and optimization.

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

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**COURSE MATERIALS**

The following items are required for this course

- Access to the internet.
- No textbook for this class.
- Access to MATLAB.  
A manual for this tool is available at:  
<http://www.mathworks.com/help/techdoc/>
- Binder/notebook with course notes, homework, exams, and other handouts.
- Course website: <http://emlab.utep.edu/ee5390cem.htm>

Students are required to archive their syllabus, lecture notes, homework solutions, and quizzes in a well-organized notebook.



## PREREQUISITES

By Course:

- MATH 2313 – Calculus III
- MATH 2326 – Differential Equations
- CS 1320 – Computer Programming Sci/Engr
- EE 3321 – Electromagnetic Field Theory
- EE 5303 EM Analysis Using FDTD or EE 4386/5301 Computational Methods in EE

By Topic:

- Maxwell's equations and basic electromagnetic theory,
- Calculus, differential equations, and linear algebra,
- MATLAB and basic computer programming skills.

## COREQUISITES

None.

## COURSE OUTLINE

Topics covered in this course include:

1. Preliminary concepts in computational electromagnetics
2. Transfer matrix method
3. Scattering matrices
4. Solid state electromagnetics
5. Perfectly matched layer
6. Finite-difference method
7. Finite-difference frequency-domain method
8. Maxwell's equations in Fourier space
9. Plane wave expansion method
10. Rigorous coupled-wave analysis
11. Other method: beam propagation method, finite-difference analysis of waveguides, method of lines, slice absorption method, variational methods, optimization, surface propagation methods

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

After this course, students will demonstrate a rich and deep understanding of computational electromagnetics, including formulation and implementation of several specific methods. The following items are the specific *student learning outcomes* for this course:

1. Student will be able to identify the best numerical method to simulate a given device.
2. The student will be able to formulate and implement the transfer matrix method.
3. The student will be able to formulate and implement the finite-difference frequency-domain method.
4. The student will be able to formulate and implement the plane wave expansion method.



5. The student will be able to formulate and implement rigorous coupled-wave analysis.

### *Contribution to Professional Component*

This is a prerequisite for the “21<sup>st</sup> Century Electromagnetics” course that teaches the most advanced topics in electromagnetics with specific attention to 3D printed electromagnetics.

## REMOTE STUDENTS

### **THIS IS NOT AN ONLINE CLASS !!!!**

Some lectures and course materials may be made available through the internet to help remote students, but this not an online class. Provision of these materials is not guaranteed and quality may be insufficient for learning the course material. Remote students will be held to the same standards as non-remote students and should be prepared to learn the course material independently. All policies apply equally to remote and non-remote students including due dates for projects and assignments as well as dates and duration of exams. The recorded lectures are not a replacement of lectures in the classroom. Non-remote students are still expected to attend class.

## RULES AND POLICIES

### *Attendance Policy*

Attendance is required and is assumed and expected. Students missing more than two lectures should seriously reflect on their commitment to this course, as missing classes is highly correlated with poor performance. Students absent from lecture are still held responsible for all information discussed, homework assigned, and exams administered during that missed lecture. In some cases, absence can be forgiven if coordinated with the course instructor well before the lecture is missed.

### *Exam Policy*

Exams during the semester will be given in class. Remote students may have their exams administered by a proctor that is approved by the course instructor prior to the exam. No exam will be given earlier than scheduled. Duration of the exams will be strictly limited to the duration of the class. Students are permitted to have a calculator and a standard 8.5×11” sheet of paper with whatever they wish to have on it.

Exams will contain multiple choice, true/false questions, short answers (5 to 6 sentences), and some longer problems. Information tested on the midterm exams will be mostly focused on the material covered since the last exam. The final exam will be comprehensive.

A missed exam can be made-up **ONLY IF**: (1) the reason for missing the exam is beyond the student’s control, e.g. such as a medical excuse, jury duty, death in the family or automobile accident, or (2) prior consent is obtained from the instructor for missing the exam based on a non-frivolous excuse, e.g. such as a job interview or out-of-town job related travel. In either case, the student must submit a written and signed statement describing the reasons for missing the exam, with appropriate documentation, and petition for a makeup exam. **A missed exam will carry zero grade if these conditions are not met.**



### *Homework Policy*

Homework will be assigned on a weekly basis and graded on a 100 point scale. Show all work! Homework is due at the beginning of lecture on the assigned due date. In order to provide solutions in a timely manner, no homework assignments will be accepted after three days following the due date and 10 points will be deducted for every day late. Homework must be completed with a high level of professionalism and be formatted properly. Points will be deducted for sloppy work, incorrect formatting, or if not all of the work is shown. **Always do your own work. Do not ever copy from other students. This policy is strictly enforced.**

**Format** – Unless otherwise indicated, all homework assignments will be submitted as a single document stapled in the upper left corner with no additional binding. Remote students shall submit their assignments via e-mail as a single MS Word or PDF document. The first page must be a cover sheet with the student's name, student's 800 number, date of the assignment, course information, and assignment number. No problems or work should appear on the cover sheet. Homework shall be neat, well organized, and the writing clear. Answers to the homework questions must be provided in the order they were asked. Final answer(s) must be clearly boxed and given proper units. Finish all calculations. For example, answer with ' $\pm 4$ ' instead of  $\pm\sqrt{5^2-9}$ . Students may include computer codes if they wish, but all of the codes shall be placed at the end of the assignment in an appendix unless specifically requested to do otherwise.

### *Project Policy*

The purpose of the project for this class is to learn something outside of what is taught in the class or to apply what is taught in class to something not discussed in class. Project topics and the submission materials must be approved by the instructor by the middle of the semester. Unless otherwise approved by the course instructor, the project and results will be summarized in an MS PowerPoint and presented to the class at the end of the semester. The level of detail should be sufficient enough so that another student in the class can reproduce your work. No late projects will be accepted.

### *Participation Policy*

The following items are expected from students as part of their participation grade:

- Ask questions! Despite how "silly" or "dumb" you may think your question is, it is very likely that other students have the same question. Confusion on even small details in course material can cause bigger problems and hold you back. If you are truly embarrassed by your question, send an anonymous e-mail to the course instruction. I promise I will respond!
- Respond honestly to poles and provide real-time feedback to instructor about the course. This will contribute greatly to the quality of the course and your success in it.
- Visit the course instructor during office hours, or by appointment, if needed.
- Treat e-mail correspondence as a professional exchange of information.
- Turn off cell phones, pagers, or anything else that may distract the class.
- Complete any reading assignments or activities before class.
- Bring all of your course materials (text book, course notes, pens/pencils, paper, etc.) to every class.



- Show proper etiquette during class. Do not talk, make excessive noise, or otherwise distract the class. You will be asked to leave and it will affect your grade.
- Maintain your notebook. Keep everything well organized. This may be inspected periodically during the semester and will count toward your participation grade.

### Grading

Student achievement in the course objectives will be assessed using a combination of homework, a final project, and participation. Student grades are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. Your course grade will be determined by your weighted performance in the following categories:

Homework/Projects .....	50%	90% – 100% → <b>A</b>
Final Project .....	30%	80% – 89% → <b>B</b>
Participation .....	20%	70% – 79% → <b>C</b>
.....		60% – 69% → <b>D</b>
.....		0% – 59% → <b>F</b>

**Homework/Projects** – Each assignment/project will be graded out of 100 points. The assignments are due at the start of lecture on the due date. Late assignments will be deducted 10 points per 24 hours late and will be given zero points after 72 hours. Final projects will be given a grade of zero if all electronic files are not submitted or the project is not presented during the final exam period.

### ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

As an entity of The University of Texas at El Paso, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is committed to the development of its students and to the promotion of personal integrity and self responsibility. The assumption that a student's work is a fair representation of the student's ability to perform forms the basis for departmental and institutional quality. All students within the Department are expected to observe appropriate standards of conduct. Acts of scholastic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in the whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student, or the attempt to commit such acts will not be tolerated. Any case involving academic dishonesty will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students. The Dean will assign a Student Judicial Affairs Coordinator who will investigate the charge and alert the student as to its disposition. Consequences of academic dishonesty may be as severe as dismissal from the University.

See the Office of the Dean of Students' homepage (Office of Student Life) at <http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/dos> for more information.

You can also refer to the IEEE website for information on our code of ethics: <http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance/p7-8.html>



## AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

The UTEP Disabled Student Services Office was established for the purpose of providing appropriate and reasonable accommodations as mandated in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/regs/statutes/sec504.htm>) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (<http://www.ada.gov/>). If you have needs regarding learning disabilities, please help by reporting your special needs to the course instructor the first week of classes.

For addition help, contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS):

(915) 747-5148  
[cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu)  
<http://sa.utep.edu/cass/>

## DISCRIMINATION

I do not discriminate, nor will I allow discrimination, on the basis of age, gender, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or favorite sports team. Members of the UTEP community are protected from discrimination and harassment by the State and Federal Laws.

## COURSE SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE

### *Important Dates*

Aug 29	First day of class!!! ☺
Sep 4	Labor Day – University closed
Nov 3	Course drop deadline
Nov 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday – University closed
Dec 8	Dead Day
Dec 12	Final Exam, 4:00pm – 6:45pm

### *Schedule of Topics*

Lecture 0 -- Rules and Procedures  
Lecture 1 -- Introduction to CEM  
Lecture 2 -- Maxwell's Equations  
Lecture 3 -- Preliminary Topics in CEM  
Lecture 4 -- Transfer Matrix Method  
Lecture 5 -- TMM Using Scattering Matrices  
Lecture 6 -- TMM Extras  
Lecture 7 -- Periodic Structures (Lecture 7 from EM21)  
Lecture 8 -- Diffraction Gratings and the Plane Wave Spectrum  
Lecture 9 -- Perfectly Matched Layer  
Lecture 10 -- Finite Difference Method  
Lecture 11 -- Maxwell's Equations on a Yee Grid  
Lecture 12 -- Finite-Difference Analysis of Waveguides  
Lecture 13 -- FDFD Formulation  
Lecture 14 -- FDFD Implementation  
Lecture 15 -- FDFD Extras  
Lecture 16 -- Finite-Difference Time-Domain  
Lecture 17 -- Beam Propagation Method



- Lecture 18 -- Maxwell's Equations in Fourier Space
- Lecture 19 -- Plane Wave Expansion Method
- Lecture 20 -- PWEM Extras
- Lecture 21 -- RCWA Formulation
- Lecture 22 -- RCWA Implementation
- Lecture 23 -- RCWA Extras
- Lecture 24 -- Method of Lines
- Lecture 25 -- Slice Absorption Method
- Lecture 26 -- Introduction to Variational Methods
- Lecture 27 -- Finite Element Method
- Lecture 28 -- Method of Moments for Thin Wires
- Lecture 29 -- Method of Moments with RWG Edge Elements
- Lecture 30 -- Spectral Domain Method
- Lecture 31 -- Optimization
- Lecture 32 -- Surface Propagation Methods