

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.Sc. DEGREE COURSE IN PHYSICS**  
**SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021**

**BPS-CSC07**

**CORE-VII: OPTICS & SPECTROSCOPY**  
(Common to B.Sc.Physics with Computer Applications-III Sem.)

Lecture: 60 Hours

Tutorial: 15 Hours

Credits:4

**Course Objective :**

To understand the defects in lenses and rectifying methods.

To study the applications of Interference, diffraction and polarisation.

To gain overall knowledge in spectroscopic techniques.

**Learning Outcomes :**

After completing the course, the student will be able to

- Know the methods of rectifying different defects in lenses.
- Work with interferometers and other optical instruments.
- Distinguish between resolving power and dispersive power.
- Understand the rectilinear propagation of light.
- Be conversant with production and detection of different types of polarized light.
- Extract the dynamic information about the molecules using the spectroscopic techniques

**UNIT I: GEOMETRICAL OPTICS (12 Hours)**

Aberration in lenses - Spherical aberration in a lens - Methods of minimizing spherical aberration - Condition for minimum spherical aberration in the case of two lenses separated by a distance - Chromatic aberration in lenses - Condition for achromatism of two thin lenses (In and out of contact) - Dispersion produced by a thin prism - Achromatic prisms - Combination of prisms to produce (i) Dispersion without deviation (ii) Deviation without dispersion - Direct vision spectroscope.

Eyepieces -Ramsden's and Huygens's eyepieces -Construction, Theory

**UNIT II: INTERFERENCE (12 Hours)**

Analytical treatment of interference - Expression for intensity - Condition for maxima and minima in terms of phase and path difference - Coherent sources, Interference in thin films – transmitted and reflected - Colour of thin films -Air wedge - Determination of diameter of thin wire - Test for optical flatness - Determination of wavelength of light using Newton's rings - Haidinger's fringes - Michelson's Interferometer – Theory - Applications - Determination of wavelength - Thickness of thin transparent material and resolution of interferometer.

**UNIT III: DIFFRACTION (12 Hours)**

Fresnel diffraction - diffraction at a circular aperture and narrow wire – Fraunhofer diffraction - Single slit - Double slit - (Simple theory) - Plane diffraction grating – Plane transmission grating element – Missing order - Overlapping spectra - Maximum number of orders - Determination of

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wavelengths using grating - Normal incidence - Dispersive power of a grating - Rayleigh's criterion for resolution - Limit of resolution of the eye - Resolving power of Telescope and microscope - Resolving power of prism and grating - Difference between resolving power and dispersive power.

**UNIT IV: POLARISATION (12 Hours)**

Double refraction - Nicol prism - Polarizer and analyser - Huygens explanation of double refraction in uni-axial crystals - Dichroism - Polaroids and their uses - Double image polarizing prisms - Quarter wave plate and Half wave plate - Plane, elliptically and circularly polarized light - Production and detection - Babinet's Compensator - Optical Activity - Fresnel's explanation of optical activity - Specific rotatory power - Determination using Laurent's half shade polarimeter.

**UNIT V: SPECTROSCOPY (12 Hours)**

Introduction to spectroscopy - Electromagnetic spectrum - Characterization of electromagnetic radiation - Quantization of energy - Regions of the spectrum – Classification of molecules – Microwave spectroscopy – Rigid rotator - Vibrational spectroscopy – Harmonic oscillator - Raman effect - Experimental set up - Characteristics of Raman lines -Ultraviolet spectroscopy- Origin and theory of ultraviolet spectra- Introduction to Nuclear Magnetic Resonance – Quantum description of NMR- Larmor equation - Chemical shift (Qualitative study)

**BOOKS FOR STUDY:**

1. Optics, AjayGhatak, Tata McGraw-Hill publishing Co. Ltd., New Delhi (1998).
2. A Text book of Optics, Subrahmanyam N., BrijLal and M. N. Avadhanulu, S. Chand & Co., New Delhi (2006).
3. Molecular Structure and Spectroscopy, Aruldas, Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi (2005).
4. Optics and Spectroscopy, R. Murugesan and KiruthigaSivaprasath, S. Chand & Co., New Delhi (2006).

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1. Optics, Khanna D. R. & Gulati H. R., S. Chand & Co., New Delhi (1979).
2. Fundamental of optics, Jenkins & White, McGraw Hill 4th edition (1981).
3. Fundamentals of Physics, D. Halliday, R. Resnick and J. Walker, Wiley, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, New York (2001).
4. H. Lipson and D.S Tannhauser, S.G. Lipson, Optical Physics, (3rd edition), Cambridge University press (1995).
5. Miles V. Klein and Thomas E.Furtak, Optics, John Wiley & sons(2nd edition ) (1987)

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