I. TITLE: Optics

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREREQUISITE(S): Reflection, refraction, thin lenses, interference, diffraction, polarization, and selected optical devices. Prerequisites: PHY 132 or PHY 255, and MAT 250

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES:
The student should gain an understanding of, and proficiency in the following topics:
1. Electromagnetic waves and propagation of light
2. Polarization
3. Interference
4. Diffraction

IV. CONTENT OUTLINE:
1. Electromagnetic Waves
2. Propagation of Light
3. Polarization
4. Interference
5. Diffraction
6. Geometrical Optics

V. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Lecture, discussion, homework, and examinations

VI. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES: N/A.

VII. TEXT(S) AND RESOURCES:
Semester: Fall 2015
Classroom: Blackburn 155
Class times: 11:00 – 12:15 TR
Instructor: Dr. Josh Ridley, BL 113, jridley@murraystate.edu
Office Hours: 9:30 - 10:45 TR and by appointment

VIII. EVALUATION AND GRADING PROCEDURES: Performances on four regular lecture examinations (15% each), a comprehensive final exam (20%), and homework (20%) are used to determine the final grade. The final grade is based on the following:

A = 90 - 100  B = 80 - 89  C = 70 - 79  D = 60 - 69  E = 0 - 59

IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY: An attendance record will not be kept. Each student will be held responsible for all material covered, homework assignments made, changes in exam time, etc. that might have occurred during missed classes. There will be no make-up exams.

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:
Murray State University takes seriously its moral and educational obligation to maintain high standards of academic honesty and ethical behavior. Instructors are expected to evaluate students’ academic achievements accurately, as well as ascertain that work submitted by students is authentic and the result of their own efforts, and consistent with established academic standards. Students are obligated to respect and abide by the basic standards of personal and professional integrity.

Violations of Academic Honesty include:

Cheating - Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized information such as books, notes, study aids, or other electronic, online, or digital devices in any academic exercise; as well as unauthorized communication of information by any means to or from others during any academic exercise.
Fabrication and Falsification - Intentional alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification involves changing information whereas fabrication involves inventing or counterfeiting information.
Multiple Submission - The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work, including oral reports, for credit more than once without authorization from the instructor.
Plagiarism - Intentionally or knowingly representing the words, ideas, creative work, or data of someone else as one’s own in any academic exercise, without due and proper acknowledgement.

Instructors should outline their expectations that may go beyond the scope of this policy at the beginning of each course and identify such expectations and restrictions in the course syllabus. When an instructor receives evidence, either directly or indirectly, of academic dishonesty, he or she should investigate the instance. The faculty member should then take appropriate disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to the following:
1) Requiring the student(s) to repeat the exercise or do additional related exercise(s).
2) Lowering the grade or failing the student(s) on the particular exercise(s) involved.
3) Lowering the grade or failing the student(s) in the course.

If the disciplinary action results in the awarding of a grade of E in the course, the student(s) may not drop the course.

Faculty reserve the right to invalidate any exercise or other evaluative measures if substantial evidence exists that the integrity of the exercise has been compromised. Faculty also reserve the right to document in the course syllabi further academic honesty policy elements related to the individual disciplines.

A student may appeal the decision of the faculty member with the department chair in writing within five working days. Note: If, at any point in this process, the student alleges that actions have taken place that may be in violation of the Murray State University Non-Discrimination Statement, this process must be suspended and the matter be directed to the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access. Any appeal will be forwarded to the appropriate university committee as determined by the Provost.

Complete academic integrity is expected of all students. Graded individual assignments and examinations should consist solely of the work of that individual whose name is on the document. Cheating on examinations will not be tolerated. Cheating is defined to be the use of any unauthorized source of information for the purpose of deceiving the instructor in evaluating the student's performance or to gain an unfair advantage over fellow students. Students caught cheating will receive a failing grade in the course.

XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

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Students with Disabilities

Students requiring special assistance due to a disability should visit the Office of Student Disability Services immediately for assistance with accommodations. For more information, students should contact the Office of Student Disability Services, 423 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071. 270-809-2018 (voice) 270-809-5889 (TDD).

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