

## PHYS 4203 Physical Applications of Fourier Analysis

**Lectures:** Tuesday 11:35 - 12:55 } (CRN 34626) Via cuLearn, Zoom, and Big Blue Button.  
 Thursday 11:35 - 12:55 }

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**Instruction modality:** The lectures are delivered live over Zoom or Big Blue Button, with recordings posted subsequently on cuLearn. Office hours will be held via Big Blue Button. Information such as announcements and problem assignments will be posted in cuLearn. Your term marks will be available in cuLearn and you should verify the numbers.

There is one combined cuLearn site for Phys 4203 + Phys 5313.

**Calendar Description:** Fourier transform, convolution. Sampling theorem. Applications to imaging: descriptors of spatial resolution, filtering. Correlation, noise power. Discrete Fourier transform, FFT. Filtering of noisy signals. Image reconstruction in computed tomography and magnetic resonance. Laplace transform. Integral transforms, application to boundary value problems.

**Prerequisite:** Math 3705, or permission of the Physics Department.

**Text:** R. N. Bracewell, The Fourier Transform and its Applications, McGraw-Hill, either 2nd edition (1978, ISBN = 0-07-007013-X), the 2nd edition revised (1986)(ISBN =0-07-007015-6), or the 3rd edition (2000)(ISBN = 0-07-303938-1). [The book is out of print. It's best to get a used copy. One can also download a pdf from the internet.]

**Other references:** E.O. Brigham, The Fast Fourier Transform, Prentice-Hall, 1974.  
 E. Butkov, Mathematical Physics, Addison-Wesley, 1968.  
 H.H. Barrett and W. Swindell, Radiological Imaging, Academic Press, 1981.  
 W.K. Pratt, Digital Image Processing, 2nd edition, Wiley, 1991.  
 R.V. Churchill, Fourier Series and Boundary Value Problems, McGraw-Hill, 1941.

**Course content:** Fourier transform: basic characteristics for odd and even functions  
 Convolution and correlation  
 Transforms of particular functions  
 Analysis of linear systems  
 Filtering  
 Sampling theorem, aliasing  
 Fourier series  
 Discrete Fourier transform  
 Fast Fourier transform (FFT)  
 Noise Power Spectrum  
 Filtering of noisy data  
 Relationship of Fourier series to Fourier integral  
 Two-dimensional Fourier transform  
 Resolution descriptors in imaging  
 Image reconstruction from projections - computed tomography (CT)  
 MR reconstruction with phase encoding  
 Fraunhofer diffraction  
 Laplace transform, with application to circuit analysis  
 Other transforms - e.g. Hadamard, wavelet  
 Applications of integral transforms to boundary value problems } (as time allows)

**Learning objectives:**

Upon completion of this course,

1. students will have mastery of the mathematics of convolution, Fourier analysis, and their application to linear systems in one dimension and in two and three dimensions.
2. students will visualize signal analysis problems in both the normal domain (time or space) and the reciprocal domain (time frequency or spatial frequency).
3. at a senior undergraduate level, students will be able to define and analyse multistep analytic problems in signal analysis, including in imaging, using Fourier transform tools and using tools from prior courses in calculus and algebra, and will be able to document their analysis for others.
4. students will have an introductory understanding of the Discrete Fourier Transform and of algorithms for its calculation.
5. at an introductory level, students will understand and be able to apply the mathematical bases of image reconstruction in CT and MRI.
6. students will have a sense of the history of the field, having been introduced to Joseph Fourier and to other mathematicians and physicists including Abel, Nyquist, Heaviside, Shannon, Hounsfield, and Cormack.

**Problem assignments:**

Expect about 7 problem sets, one every third lecture.

Late assignments will not be accepted.

Clarity, rigour, and organization are important parts of your solutions.

**Test & exam:**

1. There will be two tests, each with both a written and an oral component. The written component will be held during the lecture period. The likely dates are Thurs Oct 8 and Thurs Nov 5. The oral component will be scheduled outside class hours. You may use your notes, class handouts previously downloaded from cuLearn, and the text (Bracewell). No other aids.

2. There will be a 3.0 hour online exam in which you may use your notes, class handouts previously downloaded from cuLearn, and the text (Bracewell). No other aids.

**Grading scheme:**

The final marks for the course will be calculated as,	Assignments	=	45%
	Tests (2)	=	30%
	Exam	=	25%

**Course schedule:**

The first class will be Thursday September 10 at 11:35, and the final lecture will be Thurs Dec 10.

**Deferred final exam:**

This will replace only the Exam portion of the course mark, 25%. Hence students who earn  $\leq 28$  out of the possible 75 marks for the term need to be aware that it is likely pointless to attempt a deferred exam. Deferred Exams for the 2020 Fall term will be 2021 January 22-24 and 29-31. For more information see [carleton.ca/registrar/special-requests/deferral/](http://carleton.ca/registrar/special-requests/deferral/).

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Working through problems is essential in developing a deep understanding of Fourier analysis. Students are permitted to discuss concepts and strategies related to solving the homework assignments. The work handed in, however, must be your own. Submitting an examination or test of any kind, or an assignment, that is copied in whole or in part from someone else is considered plagiarism, which is an academic misconduct offence. This includes copying the full solution or any part of the solution from an online resource like Chegg, solutions manuals, examples posted at Carleton or elsewhere, or from any other type of unauthorized source.

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