



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

# Electromagnetic Field Theory I

## ECE 6010

**Credit Hours:**

3.00 - 3.00

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**Course Levels:**

Graduate (5000-8000 level)

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**Course Components:**

Lecture

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**Course Description:**

Maxwell's Equations; plane waves; field representations and solutions in unbounded space; waveguides and cavities; elements of Green's Functions; cylindrical and spherical waves; electromagnetic theorems.

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**Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: 5010 (713), and 5011 or 613; or Grad standing in Engineering, Biological Sciences, or Math and Physical Sciences.

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**Course Goals / Objectives:**

- Learn some fundamental laws of electrodynamics based on Maxwell's equations
  - Learn electrical properties of materials, solutions of the wave equation as plane waves in source free regions
  - Learn about wave polarization, and reflection/transmission of plane waves
  - Learn about modal solutions in waveguides and cavities
  - Learn about cylindrical and spherical waves in the context of canonical scattering problems
  - Learn about electromagnetic theorems such as duality, uniqueness, reciprocity, and conservation laws
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**Course Topics:**

- Maxwell's equations: Differential and integral forms; continuity equation; constitutive relations; media classification; boundary conditions; Poynting theorem; time harmonic fields; complex Poynting vector, homogeneous wave equation and its solution
  - Plane waves: Polarization, attenuation, reflection, and refraction
  - Field representations and solutions in unbounded space: Electromagnetic sources, solutions of 2D and 3D inhomogeneous wave equation, vector and scalar potentials, Hertz potentials, potentials for static fields, near zone and far zone representations
  - Waveguides and cavities: Parallel plate waveguide, grounded dielectric slab, rectangular waveguide and cavity
  - Elements of Green's functions
  - Cylindrical waves and structures: Cylindrical wave functions, circular metallic guide, dielectric rod, cylindrical wave transformations, scattering by metallic cylinder
  - Spherical waves: Plane wave scattering by spheres, radar cross section
  - Electromagnetic theorems: Duality, uniqueness, image theory, equivalence principle, reciprocity and reaction theorem, conservation laws
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**Designation:**

Elective