| Current Course Code and Title | PAP742 Optical Design Theory |
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| Details of Course | Summary of course content |
| | Review of geometric optics, Finite raytracing, paraxial systems, ideal systems, aberration theory, Seidel aberrations, correction of aberrations, lens design fundamentals, diffractive elements, aspherical and freeform design. |
| | Aims and objectives |
| | a. The ability to carry out simple paraxial optics calculations (image positions, magnification etc. b. An understanding of aberrations and their description in terms of Seidel coefficients. c. To identify and understand the inter-relation of Seidel aberrations, d. To practically use Seidel sums e. To understand the correction of primary aberrations |
| | f. To be able to design simple optical systems such as an achromatic doublet. |
| | Syllabus |
| | Fermat's Principle, Snell's law. Gaussian (paraxial) optics, stops and pupils, ray tracing, principal and marginal rays. Transverse ray and wavefront aberrations, the aberration polynomial, primary aberrations, Seidel aberrations, Forms of Seidel aberrations, Chromatic aberration, Special surface conditions, Thin lens parameters, Correction of field curvature, Correction of chromatic aberration, Thin lens aberrations, The achromatic doublet correction of spherical aberration, coma and chromatic aberration, Control of astigmatism, Spherical mirrors, Aspheric mirrors, Diffractive optical elements. |
| Assessment | Continuous Assessment: |
| individually assessed or group assessed | 3 assessed problems: 60% (20% each, individual assessment) 1 design problem: 40% (group assessment) |
| | Total: 100 % |
| Hours of Contact/Academic Units | 39 contact hours/ 3 AU |
| Instructor and Co-instructor (if any) | Peter Török, Aalim Khan |
| Class size | 30 |
| Academic Year and | August 2021 |
| Semester/Irimester | (To be offered once per academic year) |