

Practical Scanning Electron Microscopy -- Syllabus							
Course objectives							
To give an understanding of basic principles so users can optimize results							
Quiz on reading at beginning of certain lectures plus two exams constitute grade for 2-credit section							
HW is documentation of Lab session (e.g., SOP how to operate microscope, How to image uncoated samples; how to get hi-reso)							
Exams: slides based on examples we have given							
		lecture week	topic	Instructor	lab	Lab instructor	
Reading prior to lecture	7-Jan	1	SEM: what it can do for me? Vacuum principles	Matt		We are available, high expectations of student	
		LL-1	SEM overview (Leo photos)	Matt	LEO 440	Matt	Dirt is my friend. Neural array
Gold. Ch1; Joy 3	14-Jan	2	electron optics / apertures sources/optics/beam energy	Matt			
		LL-2	Leo details from SOP handout: getting started	Matt	Nova Nano	Matt/ Randy	Ni balls; Coated Duke balls
Gold. Ch2	Quiz!	Friday	LEO / nanoNova comparison	Matt			theory of magnification: copper grid
	21-Jan	3	MLK Holiday				contrast mechanisms; beam-sample interaction
					Nova Nano	Matt/ Randy	Ni balls; Coated Duke balls
Gold 3.0-3.4.1	Quiz!	Friday	beam diameter, current, spot	Matt			
			SE/BSE formation and use- finding the "sweet-spot" for uncoated imaging	Ian			
Gold 3.4.2 Quiz!	28-Jan	4	Nova Nano Operation	Matt	Nova Nano	Matt/ Randy	Ni balls; Coated Duke balls
		LL-4	"charging is my friend" & Hi- Vac imaging approaches	Ian			
Gold 15.1-3 Quiz!	4-Feb	5	Strategies for imaging	Ian			S-3000 SOP; getting a beam; optimizing beam conditions
		LL-5	using the S-3000	Ian			double up on lab schedule MSE staff
		Friday	No class (instructors are in formal training on the nanoNova)				
Gold 4.2-.4 Quiz!	11-Feb	6	electron detection	Ian			
		LL-6	Fatal errors; NovaNano		nanoNova	Randy	Matt leaves tues
		Friday	finish LV-SEM lab lecture	Matt			Intro to Nova nano; Ian: Friday lab
	18-Feb	7	Presidents Day				
			Lab this week: LV operation		nanoNova LV	Randy	
		Friday	"charging is my friend"	Ian			SOP hi-vac imaging choosing your HR detector
	25-Feb	8	Artifacts in SEM	Ian			alternatives to coating (low voltage)
Gold 5.1.3 & 5.3		LL-8	HV charge mitigation in nanoNova	Matt	nanoNova	Matt	
Gold 5.6	29-Feb	Friday	LV SEM / another perspective	Ian			
Gold 5.2 & quiz		LL-14	STEM-in-SEM	Matt	STEM		
			ESEM / water phase diagram & use in ESEM	Matt			detectors SE/BSE
Gold 14.1-.3 quiz	3-Mar	9	comparison of BSE detection	BSE			TLD nanoNova vs. 4-quad in Leo
	7-Mar	Friday	Matt, TBD				Ian gone

Gold 4.3 - 4.6 quiz	10-Mar	10	Physics of electron detection	Randy			Matt gone this week
		LL-10	lab midterm (self-sufficiency on NovaNano)	Randy	nanoNova: you choose the sample		
	14-Mar	Friday	Midterm exam	Randy			
	17-Mar	Spring Break					
Gold Ch 6.1-6.3 quiz	24-Mar	11	ESEM & EDX	Ian	TBD	TA's - project	Ian back
		LL-11	EDX overview		MetE system Topcon		
Gold 7.1-7.3; 8.1-8.3		Friday	EDX continues	Ian			
Gold 7.6,10.6 quiz	31-Mar	12	Quantitative microanalysis	Matt			
		LL-12	standardless (phi-rho-Z)	Matt	MetE system (quant) (Matt / ???)		
Gold 9.1-9.6 quiz		Friday	Quant continued	Matt			
Gold 7.3,7.4, 8.3 qu	7-Apr	13	WDX and the microprobe	Ian			
		LL-13	ESEM overview	Ian			
Gold 6.5		Friday	some clean-up: XRF; dynamic experiments in ESEM: video EM, heating & cooling	Ian			
	14-Apr	14	EBSD overview	Ian			
		Friday	how to specify and purchase your own SEM	Ian and Matt			
	21-Apr	15	Final review session	Ian, Matt, Randy			
		LL-15	Lab final: self-sufficiency on SEM of choice	Ian, Matt, Randy one-on-one at negotiated time; place TBD by student			
	28-Apr	16	Final exam 1300 - 1500 WEB 114				
			sample project for 4-cr students: image your sample under the following conditions				
			vacuum	voltage	detector		
(classical hairpin microscopy)		hi	15-30keV	SE / BSE	LEO 440		
(classical FEG)			2keV	SE	Quanta (ESEM)		
classical LVSEM		low-vacuum / air	15-30keV	BSE	Quanta (ESEM)		
ESEM mode		low-vacuum / water vapor	15-30keV	SE	ESEM		
HR-SEM		TLD	optimize	SE	Nova nano		
LV-HRSEM		Helix	optimize	SE	Nova nano		
LV-HRSEM		vCD	optimize	BSE	Nova nano		
(recent advancement)			50V (landing)	SE	Nova nano		