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# Schedule

Sunday, 15 March 2026

**08:30 - 12:30**

**SC105** Modulation Formats and Receiver Concepts for Optical Transmission Systems

**Instructors**

Peter Winzer, *Nubis Communications, USA*

Vivian Chen, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S4

**SC203** 400, 800Gb/s and Beyond Optical Communications Systems: Design and Design Trade-offs

**Instructors**

Ezra Ip, *NEC Labs, USA*

Chongjin Xie, *PhotonicX AI, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S1, S5

**SC395** Modeling and Simulation of Optical Transmitter and Receiver Components for Coherent Communications

**Instructors**

Harald Rohde, *Nokia, Germany*

Howard Wang, *Nokia, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner to Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

S4

**SC432 Hands-on:** Silicon Photonics Components

**Instructor**

Lukas Chrostowski, *University of British Columbia, Canada*

**Course Level**

Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

D2, D3



**SC452** FPGA Prototyping for Optical Subsystems

**Instructors**

Robert Elschner, *Fraunhofer HHI, Germany*

Noriaki Kaneda, *Nokia, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S4

**SC461** Data Center Interconnects for Hyper-scale Cloud & AI Networking

**Instructors**

Dirk van den Borne, *Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Germany*

Mark Filer, *Oracle, USA*

**Course Level**

Beginner

**Topic Categories**

N1, S1

Review the topic categories and course descriptions for a deeper understanding of what each course offers.

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## **08:30 - 12:30 (cont'd)**

**SC513** Data Center Short Links – Link Design, Modeling, Test and Measurements

**Instructors**

Greg D. Le Cheminant, *Keysight Technologies, USA*  
Petar Pepeljugoski, *Lightmatter, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S1, S5

**SC546** Applications of Coherent Distributed Fiber Sensing in Optical Communication Networks

**Instructor**

Mikael Mazur, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

N1, S4, N5

## **09:00 - 12:00**

**SC114** Technologies and Applications for Passive Optical Networks (PONs)

**Instructor**

Yuanqiu Luo, *Futurewei, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

N4, S4

**SC261** ROADM Technologies and Network Applications

**Instructor**

Thomas Strasser, *Molex, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D1, D2, N3

**SC459** Multimode Photonic Devices, Characterization and Applications

**Instructor**

Nicolas Fontaine, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D5

## **13:00 - 16:00**

**SC447** The Life Cycle of an Optical Network: From Planning to Decommissioning

**Instructors**

Lynn Nelson, *AT&T, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner to Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

N1

**SC512** Modern Subsea Cable Systems

**Instructor**

Mei Du, *Tata Communications, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S3



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## 13:00 - 17:00

**SC443** Optical Amplifiers: From Fundamental Principles to Technology Trends

### Instructors

Peter Andrekson, *Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden*  
Michael Vasilyev, *University of Texas, Arlington, USA*

### Course Level

Beginner

### Topic Categories

S2

**SC543** Deep Reinforcement Learning for Optical Networking

**NEW**

### Instructors

Carlos Natalino, *Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden*  
Sebastian Troia, *Polytechnic of Milan, Italy*

### Course Level

Beginner

### Topic Categories

N1, N3, N5

## 13:30 - 17:30

**SC160** Microwave Photonics

### Instructor

Jose Capmany, *Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain*

### Course Level

Advanced Beginner

### Topic Categories

S2

**SC216** An Introduction to Optical Network Design and Planning

### Instructor

George Rouskas, *North Carolina State University, USA*

### Course Level

Beginner

### Topic Categories

N1, N3

**SC267** Silicon Microphotonics: Technology Elements and the Roadmap to Implementation

### Instructor

Lionel Kimerling, *MIT, USA*

### Course Level

Beginner

### Topic Categories

D2, D3

**SC327** Modeling and Design of Long-Haul Fiber-Optic Communication Systems

### Instructor

René-Jean Essiambre, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

### Course Level

Advanced Beginner

### Topic Categories

S5

**SC384** Background Concepts of Optical Communication Systems

### Instructor

Alan Willner, *University of Southern California, USA*

### Course Level

Beginner

### Topic Categories

S4, S5

**SC514** FEC Techniques for Optical Communications

### Instructor

Georg Böcherer, *Huawei Technologies, Technical University of Munich, Germany*

### Course Level

Beginner, Intermediate

### Topic Categories

S2



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**SC325** Highly Integrated Monolithic Photonic Integrated Circuits

**Instructor**

Chris Doerr, *Doerr Consulting, LLC, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D2, D3

**SC369 Hands-on:** Test and Measurement for Coherent Optical Transceivers

**Instructors**

Fabio Pittala, *Keysight, Germany*  
Michael Koenigsmann, *Keysight, Germany*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S4

**SC393** Digital Signal Processing for Coherent Optical Transceivers

**Instructor**

Chris Fludger, *Attotude, Germany*

**Course Level**

Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

S4

**SC444** Emerging Optical Communication Technologies Towards 2030

**Instructor**

Dr. Xiang Liu, *Huawei Technologies, China*

**Course Level**

Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

N4



**SC453A Hands-on:** Fiber Optic Handling, Measurements and Component Testing

**Instructors**

J rome Allaire, *Data-Pixel, France*  
Tobie Blum, *Santec Canada Corporation, Canada*  
Alex Chew, *Seiko Giken, USA*  
Julien Maille, *Data-Pixel, France*

**Course Level**

Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D4, D5

**SC454 Hands-on:** Silicon Photonics Design - Circuits

**Instructor**

Wim Bogaerts, *University of Ghent, Belgium*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D3

**SC463** AI-Driven Optical Transport Networks: Architectures, Applications and Intelligent Automation

**Instructors**

Achim Autenrieth, *ADVA Optical Networking SE, Germany*  
J rg-Peter Elbers, *ADVA Optical Networking SE, Germany*

**Course Level**

Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

N1, N3

**SC473** Photonic Switching Systems

**Instructors**

Benjamin Lee, *NVIDIA, USA*  
David Neilson, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S5

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## 08:30 - 12:30 (cont'd)

**SC483** Machine Learning in Optical Networks

**Instructors**

Mëmëdhe Ibrahim, *Politecnico di Milano, Italy*  
Massimo Tornatore, *Politecnico di Milano, Italy*

**Course Level**

Beginner

**Topic Categories**

N3, N4, S4

**SC487 Hands-on:** Laboratory Automation and Control Using Python (Advanced)

**Instructors**

Jochen Schröder, *Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden*  
Nicolas Fontaine, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*  
John Dorighi, *Keysight Technologies Inc, USA*  
Binbin Guan, *OpenAI, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced

**Topic Categories**

S4, S5

**SC527** Satellite Communications

**Instructor**

Vincent Chan, *MIT, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

N1, N3, S5



## 09:00 - 12:00

**SC177** High-Speed Semiconductor Lasers and Modulators

**Instructor**

John Bowers, *University of California, Santa Barbara, USA*

**Course Level**

Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

D3

**SC347** Reliability and Qualification of Fiber-Optic Components

**Instructor**

Robert Herrick, *Robert Herrick Consulting, USA*

**Course Level**

Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D1, D4

**SC359** Networking for Data Centers and Machine Learning

**Instructors**

Hong Liu, *Google, USA*  
Ryohei Urata, *Google, USA*

**Course Level**

Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D1, N2

**SC465** Optical Fiber and Cable - Enabling Existing and Future Networks

**Instructors**

Nilson Gabela, *Corning Optical Communications, USA*  
John Hedgpeth, *Corning Optical Communications, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D4

## 13:30 - 16:30

**SC408** Space Division Multiplexing for Optical Communication Systems and Networks

**Instructor**

Roland Ryf, *Nokia Bell Labs, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S4, S5

**SC526** Optical Wireless Technologies, Systems and Applications

**Instructor**

Harald Haas, *University of Strathclyde, UK*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

N4, S5

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**SC217** Applications of Radio-Over-Fiber Technologies Including Future G Networks

**Instructor**

Dalma Novak, *Octane Wireless, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

S3

**SC328** Standards for High-Speed Optical Networking

**Instructor**

Tom Huber, *Nokia, USA*

**Course Level**

Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

N1, N3, S1, S4

**SC357** Circuits and Equalization Methods for Coherent and Direct Detection Optical Links

**Instructors**

Alexander Rylyakov, *Nokia, USA*

Sudip Shekhar, *University of British Columbia, Canada*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D1, D3, S1, S4

**SC431** Photonic Technologies in Data Centers and AI Machines

**Instructor**

Clint Schow, *University of California at Santa Barbara, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D1, D3



**SC433** Introduction to Photodetectors and Optical Receivers

**Instructor**

Andreas Beling, *University of Virginia, USA*

**Course Level**

Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D3

**SC451** Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing for Communication Networks and Infrastructure Applications

**Instructors**

Alexis Mendez, *MCH Engineering, LLC, USA*

Andres Chevarria, *VIAVI Solutions, USA*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner, Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

D5

**SC453B Hands-on:** Fiber Optic Handling, Measurements and Component Testing

**Instructors**

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Tobie Blum, *Santec Canada Corporation, Canada*

Alex Chew, *Seikoh Giken, USA*

Julien Maille, *Data-Pixel, France*

**Course Level**

Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D4, D5

**SC525** Photonic and Electronic Packaging - Materials, Processes, Equipment and Reliability

**Instructor**

Peter O'Brien, *Tyndall National Institute, Ireland*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

D1

**SC528 Hands-on:** Practical Optical Transmission and Fiber Network Testing for Real-World Scenarios **NEW**

**Instructors**

Gwenn Amice, *EXFO, USA*

Christine Tremblay, * cole de Technologie Sup rieure, Canada*

**Course Level**

Advanced Beginner

**Topic Categories**

N1, N5

**SC542** Generative AI Essentials for Telecommunications: from Fundamentals to Implementation

**Instructors**

Subhash Talluri, *Amazon Web Services, USA*

Qiong (Jo) Zhang, *Amazon Web Services, USA*

**Course Level**

Intermediate

**Topic Categories**

N1, N3, N5