

PALT 402 Geometrical Optics

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A hands-on introduction to geometrical optics that deals with image formation by considering light as rays. Topics Include: concepts of reflection, refraction, transmission, and dispersion; the interaction of light rays with optical elements like mirrors, lenses, prisms, and stops; image formation characteristics, aberration, and optical design using ray tracing and matrix methods; description of common optical systems like cameras and telescopes. *Letter Grade Only. Degree Credit.*

Units: 4

Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 48-54 Lab; 96-108 Homework

Prerequisites: Completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, PALT 401

Transfer Credit: CSU

