Nikon Training Notebook

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Before you begin...

- Complete the required safety training modules on UC Learning
  - Laboratory Safety Orientation (Fundamentals) 2013
  - Hazardous Waste Management
  - Compressed Gas Safety
- Submit a copy of your Training Transcript to Lab Manager
- Review the MSE Policies and Regulations
- Fill out the MSE 150, 250, 309 FAU Authorization Form with PI signature
- Provide your ENGR username to Lab Manager to set up Faces account
- Arrange a time for training with Lab Manager
- Schedule your reservation on Faces for your training
Nikon Microscope Operation

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I. Microscope Layout – 1/4

Camera ON/OFF Switch

Camera Mode Selector: M (default)

Camera

Binocular Eyepiece
I. Microscope Layout – 2/4

- Coarse Focus
- Fine Focus
- EPI/DIA Selector
- Lamp ON
- Lamp OFF
- Lamp Indicator
- Lower Stage
- Lamp Brightness Knob
- Lamp Power Switch
- EPI/DIA Selector
I. Microscope Layout – 3/4

- Analyser Plate
- Bright field/Dark field Selector Lever
- Polarizer Slider
- EPI Field Diaphragm Stop
- EPI Aperture Diaphragm Stop
I. Microscope Layout – 4/4

- Filter Selector
- Switches
- DIA Field Diaphragm Control
- Stage Movement
- Coarse Focus Stopper
- Tighten
- DIA Condenser Focus Knob
- DIA Condenser Aperture
- DIC Prism Plate
- In
- Out
- ND8
- NCB
- IN
- OUT
II. Startup – 1/5

1. Record your time in on the sign-in sheet

2. Sign-in to the computer with your **ENGR username** and **PW**

3. Double-click on **EOS Utility** icon

4. The EOS Utility Launcher may show that the camera is not connected to the computer

5. Toggle Camera **ON/OFF** switch to connect it to the computer – keep in **ON** position

6. Click on **Camera settings/Remote shooting**
II. Startup – 2/5

7. Confirm the following **Camera Settings** are set:
   - **Camera Software (right click to change)**
   - \textit{M} = Manual
   - \textit{1/50} = Shutter Speed
   - \textit{100} = ISO
   - \textit{Tungsten} = Brightness

8. Click on **Live View shoot**

9. Remote Live View window will appear
II. Startup – 3/5

10. Rotate the **Lamp Brightness Knob** until the light indicator goes from **orange (OFF)** to **green (ON)**

11. If light is missing, turn on **Lamp Power Switch** on back

12. For **Camera View**: Pull lever completely out
   For **Binocular Eyepiece**: Push lever completely in
II. Startup – 4/5

13. Lower stage first by turning *Coarse Focus* knob *TOWARD* you

14. Place sample on microscope stage

15. Rotate *Nosepiece* and start with the *10X magnification* first

16. Pull out *Analyzer, Polarizer* and *DIC Prism* if inserted
II. Startup – 5/5

17. Identify which microscope mode you wish to use:

Episcopic Illumination

III. Bright field
IV. Dark field
V. Polarization
VI. Differential Interference Contrast (DIC)

Diascopic Illumination

VII. Bright field
III. EPI: Bright Field – 1/3

1. Press the *EPI/DIA* selector and set to *EPI* ☀️

2. Push *Bright/Dark Field* selector lever to fully in *BF* position

3. Adjust the brightness with the *Brightness Control* as necessary

4. Focus on specimen by adjusting the *Coarse/Fine Focus* knobs
III. EPI: Bright Field – 2/3

5. Select if **NCB filter** (balances color) is desired:

6. Adjust the **F. STOP** (field diaphragm) by sliding levers up and down until **Image of Field Diaphragm** circumscribes the **Field of View**.
III. EPI: Bright Field – 3/3

7. Adjust the **A. STOP** (aperture diaphragm) by sliding levers up and down to adjust depth of field

8. For each objective, recommended **A. STOP** position (top of lever) is shown on markings

9. Switch to higher magnification objectives if desired by rotating nosepiece

10. Repeat steps 3-9 until desired magnification and image quality is obtained

11. Go to **Step VIII. Image Capture** when ready to acquire image
IV. EPI: Dark Field – 1/2

1. Press the _EPI/DIA_ selector and set to _EPI_ 🌞

2. Pull _Bright/Dark Field_ selector lever to fully out _DF_ position

3. Adjust the brightness with the _Brightness Control_ as necessary

4. Focus on specimen by adjusting the _Coarse/Fine Focus_ knobs
IV. EPI: Dark Field – 2/2

5. The **F. STOP** (field diaphragm) and **A. STOP** (aperture diaphragm) are automatically 100% open. Levers will have **NO** affect.

6. Switch to higher magnification objectives if desired by rotating the nosepiece.

7. Repeat steps 3-6 until desired magnification and image quality is obtained.

8. Go to **Step VIII. Image Capture** when ready to acquire image.
V. EPI: Polarization – 1/2

1. Press the **EPI/DIA** selector and set to **EPI**

2. Adjust **Bright/Dark Field** selector lever to desired

5. Push the **Analyzer Plate** in

6. Push the **Polarizer Slider** in

7. Rotate the polarizer to adjust the polarization from lateral ( ) to vertical ( )

8. Select **NCB filter** (balances color) if desired
V. EPI: Polarization – 2/2

9. Adjust the brightness with the **Brightness Control**

10. Adjust the **F. STOP** (field diaphragm) and **A. STOP** (aperture diaphragm) by sliding levers up and down from 100% open to 0% open

   Note: **F. STOP** and **A. STOP** levers will not work if in **DF** mode

11. Focus on specimen by adjusting the **Coarse/Fine Focus** knobs

12. Switch to higher magnification objectives if desired by rotating nosepiece

13. Repeat steps 7-12 until desired magnification and image quality is obtained

14. Go to **Step VIII. Image Capture** when ready to acquire image
VI. EPI: Differential Interference Contrast – 1/2

1. Press the **EPI/DIA** selector and set to **EPI**

2. Adjust **Bright/Dark Field** selector lever to desired

5. Push the **Analyzer Plate** in

6. Push the **Polarizer Slider** in

7. Rotate the polarizer to adjust the polarization from lateral to vertical

8. Push the **DIC Prism** in and set to **Position A**

9. Rotate small knob to adjust contrast and color
VI. EPI: Differential Interference Contrast – 2/2

10. Select **NCB filter** (balances color) if desired

11. Adjust the brightness with the **Brightness Control**

12. Adjust the **F. STOP** (field diaphragm) and **A. STOP** (aperture diaphragm) by sliding levers up and down from 100% open to 0% open

    **Note:** **F. STOP** and **A. STOP** levers will not work if in **DF** mode

13. Focus on specimen by adjusting the **Coarse/Fine Focus** knobs

14. Switch to higher magnification objectives if desired by rotating nosepiece

15. Repeat steps 7-14 until desired magnification and image quality is obtained

16. Go to **Step VIII. Image Capture** when ready to acquire image
VII. DIA: Bright Field – 1/2

1. Press the *EPI/DIA* selector and set to *DIA*  

2. Push *Bright/Dark Field* selector lever to fully in *BF* position

3. Select *NCB filter* (balances color) if desired

4. Adjust the brightness with the *Brightness Control*

5. Adjust the *Field Diaphragm Control* to fully closed

6. Adjust the *Condenser Height* until the field diaphragm is focused
VII. DIA: Bright Field – 2/2

7. Center the field diaphragm by adjusting **Centering Screws**

8. Open the **Field Diaphragm Control** until field diaphragm circumscribes the field of view

9. Focus on specimen by adjusting the **Coarse/Fine Focus** knobs

10. Adjust the **Condenser Aperture** to match **Numerical Aperture** for each objective:

    
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    \begin{align*}
    10X &= 0.3 \\
    20X &= 0.45 \\
    50X &= 0.8 \\
    100X &= 0.9
    \end{align*}
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10. Switch to higher magnification objectives if desired by rotating nosepiece

7. Repeat steps 3-11 until desired magnification and image quality is obtained

8. Go to **Step VIII. Image Capture** when ready to acquire image
1. Click on the **Folder** icon and select desired folder to store saved pictures in

2. Recommend creating your own personal folder with sub-folders for each sample to help distinguish among them later

3. It is important to record the objective used for **EACH** image taken (necessary for scale)

4. Review **Camera Settings** before acquiring image

5. Click on the **Shutter Button** to acquire your image
IX. Cleanup – 1/1

1. Lower the stage away from the objectives by rotating the **Coarse Focus** knob **TOWARD** you

2. Rotate nosepiece and place the 10x objective into position

3. Turn off Lamp Power Switch at the back of the microscope

4. Turn off the control software

5. Log out of your ENGR account and record your end time on the sign-in sheet

6. Clean up and dispose of any consumables used and return any tools back to its respective containers or bins

7. Confirm that the microscope is turned **OFF** again (**NO LIGHT!**), then place cover over microscope
X. ImageJ – 1/3

1. Double-click on **ImageJ** icon

2. Click **File > Open**

3. Locate the **Scale Bar Images** folder

4. Select the **Magnification** of the image you wish to measure (e.g. 100X) and **Open**

5. Click the **Segment Tool** and select **Straight Line**

6. Draw a line that contains the maximum number of tick marks

   **Note:** It matters where you start and end the line!

7. Count the number of tick marks contained (e.g. 15)

8. Each division is 0.01 mm (or 10 µm)
9. Click **Analyze > Set Scale**

10. Enter the **Known Distance** (e.g. 150 µm) based on the number of tick marks and each division = 0.01 mm (or 10 µm)

11. Enter the **Unit of Length** to desired unit (e.g. mm)

12. Check **Global** to set scale for all images

13. Confirm your scale by drawing a new **Straight Line**

14. Click **Analyze > Measure** and check value

   If incorrect, repeat steps 5 – 13

15. Click **File > Open** and select your image(s) of interest

16. Draw **Straight Lines** and click **Analyze > Measure**

17. Repeat steps 4 – 16 for other **Magnifications**
9. Click **Analyze > Tools > Scale Bar**

10. Enter **Width in um** (e.g. 50 µm) based on the length of scale bar desired

11. Enter **Height in pixels** for desired scale bar thickness

12. Enter **Font size** for desired text size

13. Identify **Color** of the scale bar

14. Identify **Background** color (if desired)

15. Identify **Location** where **Scale Bar** to be placed