

Subject Content

1. Program information

1.1 University	West University of Timișoara
1.2 Faculty	Physics
1.3 Department	Physics
1.4 Field of study	Physics
1.5 Study cycle	Master
1.6 Study programme	Physics and technology of advanced materials

2. Subject matter information

2.1 Module name	Chemical and physical properties of crystals						PM2305
2.2 Module leader	Victor E. Ambruș						
2.3 Problem classes leader	Victor E. Ambruș						
2.4 Laboratory leader	-						
2.5 Study year	II	2.6 Semester	I	2.7 Assessment type	E	2.8 Subject type	Ob

3. Study time allocation

3.1 Hours per week	4	of which course:	2	seminar	2	laboratory	-
3.2. Total hours per semester	56	of which course	28	seminar	28	laboratory	-
3.3. Time distribution:							hours
Study from lecture notes, course material, bibliography, notes							30
Additional documentation in the library, electronic specialist platforms							8
Seminar / laboratory preparation, homework, portfolio and essays							30
Tutoring							4
Examination							6
Other activities.....							-
3.4 Total independent study hours	78						
3.5 Total hours per semester	134						
3.6 Number of credits	6						

4. Preconditions (where applicable)

Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complements of solid state physics and statistical physics Complements of material physics Electricity and magnetism Solid state physics and semiconductors
Skills	-

5. Preconditions (where applicable)

6. Specific skills gained

Professional skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding - Define the main terms - Classification of tensors - Graphic representation of tensors
Competențe transversale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation and interpretation: - Brief explanation of the presented phenomena • Practical aptitudes: - Solving problems • Skills in research ethics • Skills in research project management • Team work in a research activity. • Efficient use of informational and communication resources in English language. • Capacity for critical evaluations and autoevaluation • Capacity for communication inside a group • Concern for permanent improvement of quality

7. Course objectives

7.1 Main objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of physical phenomena in rheology.
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training skills to understanding phenomena own this discipline. • Ability to put into practice the knowledge gained, the spirit of teamwork. • Developing the capacity for organization and investigation. • Growing scientific environment based on value and quality.

8. Table of content

8.1 Course	Teaching method	Obs
Chapter 1. Preliminary notions	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
1.1. Crystalline state		
1.2. Crystal unit cell; Bravais lattices		
1.3. Symmetry elements and operations		

1.4. Crystallographic planes and Miller indices		
1.5. Crystallographic directions indices		
Chapter 2. Tensor properties of crystals	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
2.1. Introduction and notations, definitions		
2.2. Transformation of tensor components through axis rotation		
2.3. Graphical representation of tensors; symmetrical and antisymmetrical tensors; diagonalization of a tensor, the Neumann's principle; some examples of tensors.	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Chapter 3. Crystal Optics	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
3.1. Dielectrical constant tensor		
3.2. Electrical susceptibility tensor		
3.3. Electrical conductivity and electrical resistivity		
3.4. Diffusion		
3.5. Thermal conductivity and thermal resistivity	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
3.6. Heat transfer in crystals.		
3.7. Plane wave structure in an anisotropic medium	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
3.8. Fresnel's equation for normal velocities		
3.9. Birefringence	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
3.10. Fresnel's equation for radial velocities		

3.11. Wave surface equation		
3.12. Wave surface in the uniaxial anisotropic media	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
3.13. Indices surface		
3.14. Light refraction in various media. Huygens' construction (case of isotropic media, case of uniaxial anisotropic media)	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
3.15. Obtaining of polarized light		
Chapter 4. Notions of nonlinear optics	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
4.1. Introduction		
4.2. Light self-focusing	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
4.3. Pockels effect (linear electro-optic effect)		
4.4. Kerr effect (quadratic electro-optic effect)	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
4.5. Second order harmonics generation. Second order nonlinear polarization; phase synchronism	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
4.6. Interferential nature of phase synchronism, coherence length phase synchronism regarded as a spatial resonance	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
4.7. Phase synchronism condition for generation of second harmonic		
4.8. Light scattering/dispersion.		
8.2 Seminar	Teaching method	Obs
Symmetry elements and operations	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Crystallographic planes and Miller indices		

Crystallographic directions indices		
Transformation of tensor components through axis rotation	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Graphical representation of tensors; symmetrical and antisymmetrical tensors; diagonalization of a tensor	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Tensors	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Thermal conductivity and thermal resistivity	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Fresnel's equation for normal velocities	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Fresnel's equation for radial velocities	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Wave surface equation; indices surface	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Huygens' construction	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
The polarization of light due to the phenomenon of birefringence.	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Optical activity of crystal; axial tensor.	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Experimental study of Pockels effect.	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
The study of birefringence induced by an electric field. Kerr effect.	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Presentations of essays.	Blackboard interactive.	2 hours
Bibliografy		
1. D. R. Lovett, Tensor properties of crystals (CRC Press, 2nd edition, 1999). ISBN: 978-0-750-30626-3 2. J. F. Nye, Physical properties of crystals: Their representation by tensors and matrices (Oxford University Press, 1985). ISBN: 978-0-198-51165-6. 3. Irina Nicoară, Cvasiparticule în teoria solidului (Tipografia Universității din Timișoara, 1998). 4. A. J. Dekker, Solid State Physics (Prentice Hall Inc, 1962), 5. C. Kittel, Introduction to solid state physics, 8th edition (Wiley, 2004). ISBN: 978-0-471-41526-8 6. G. Cone, Optica electromagnetică a mediilor anizotrope (Ed. Tehnică, 1990). 7. A. Belea, Optică neliniară (Ed. Universității din București, 1999). ISBN: 973-575-298-0.		

9. Relation between subject content and the expectations of employers

Chemical and physical properties of crystals gives work skills in almost all domains in which the future graduate

can work.

10. Assessment

Activity type	Assessment criteria	Assessment method	Percent of final mark
9.1 Course	The assimilation level of knowledge gained.	Oral	60%
9.2 Seminar	Capacity of solving specific problem	Written.	40%
Minimum performance standards			
Mark 5 corresponds to the minimum accumulated knowledge, i.e. for the student capacity to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define the main terms• Classification of tensors• Graphic representation of tensors• Brief explanation of the presented phenomena			

Data completării

Semnătura titularului de curs

Semnătura titularului de seminar

09. 11.2015

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Data avizării în catedră/departament

Semnătura şefului catedrei/departamentului