



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

SOLID STATE IN CHEMISTRY - 69807

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HU Credits: 3

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Chemistry

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Eli Kraisler

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Teaching Staff:

Dr.

Course/Module description:

In this course we focus on crystalline solids, which are infinite periodic systems. Starting with their basic property – spatial periodicity – we will derive mechanical, electric, optical and other properties of solids with quantum-mechanical and semi-classical approaches.

Course/Module aims:

To present the main concepts and methods of solid state theory with possible subsequent application of this knowledge in the student's field of research.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- 1. The students will be able to identify and describe the particular properties of crystalline solids.*
- 2. The students will be able to connect the mechanical, electric, chemical and other properties of materials to their crystal structure.*
- 3. The students will develop intuition for periodic solids.*
- 4. The students will analyse a selected topic in solid state theory according to the literature and the material studied in class, will summarize their work in writing, according to accepted scientific standards.*

Attendance requirements(%):

Attendance is not compulsory, but it is expected and recommended.

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture, independent accomplishment of assignments, preparation of a written course work.

Course/Module Content:

- 1. Crystal structure. Periodicity. Bravais lattices, unit cells.*
- 2. Crystal vibrations, phonons, specific heat, melting criterion.*
- 3. X-Ray diffraction from crystals, Bragg's law, reciprocal lattice.*
- 4. Bonding types in solids. Ionic, covalent, metallic, hydrogen and van der Waals bonding.*
- 5. Electronic structure. Bloch theorem, nearly free and tightly bound electrons, bands, the bandgap, Fermi energy. Metals, insulators and semiconductors.*
- 6. Modern methods in electronic structure.*

Required Reading:

There are no mandatory reading assignments.

Additional Reading Material:

There are many textbooks on solid state theory. Some selected books are listed below.

- 1. C. Kittel, Introduction to solid state physics (Wiley)*
- 2. J.W. Ziman, Principles of the theory of solids (Cambridge University Press)*
- 3. A.R. West, Basic solid state chemistry (Wiley)*
- 4. M.P. Marder, Condensed Matter Physics (Wiley)*
- 5. N. W. Ashcroft, N. D. Mermin, Solid state physics (Brooks/Cole)*
- 6. Martin, Electronic structure (Cambridge University Press)*

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 100 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

By the end of the 9th week of the semester, it is mandatory to meet the lecturer and approve the project work: its subject, scope, main topics covered and the tentative list of references.