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**SECOND SEMESTER 2020-2021**

# Course Handout Part II

Date: 16-01-2021

In addition to part-I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

*Course No.* : PHY F341

## Course Title : Solid State Physics

## Instructor-in-Charge : Aravinda Raghavan

**Scope and Objective of the Course:** Solid state physics is the most influential subject that shaped the destiny of the 20th century. It was fueled by technological concerns of the industry and the solutions for which led to theories and models that explain the physical properties of the solid state. Solid state includes the periodic crystalline matter and aperiodic amorphous matter. This course can be considered as a comprehensive application of the topics in the MSc- Physics program. Here are a few vignettes to underscore the point: Classical mechanics is invoked to understand scattering of photons by atoms, Optics is used to understand x-ray diffraction, Quantum mechanics is necessary to understand the origin of magnetism, Statistical mechanics is used to explain the distribution of electrons among electronic states, Electromagnetic theory helps to understand magnetic levitation of superconductors, concepts of free energy arising from Thermodynamics elucidates phase transitions such as that between conducting and superconducting phase.

**Textbooks:**

1. Fundamentals of Condensed Matter Physics and Crystalline Physics, D. L. Sidebottom, Cambridge University Press, 2012.

**Reference books**

1. Introduction to Solid State Physics, C. Kittel, 8th ed., Wiley (2005).
2. Solid State Physics, N W Ashcroft and N D Mermin, 1st ed., Thomson (1976).

**Course Plan:**

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| **Lecture No.** | **Learning objectives** | **Topics to be covered** | **Chapter in the Text Book** |
| 1-3 | Crystal structure | Crystal lattice, symmetry and Bravais lattices | Chapter 1 |
| 4-5 | Amorphous structure | Continuous random network, random closed packed structure, Pair distribution function, | Chapter 2 |
| 6-9 | Bonds and Cohesion | Types of bonds and cohesive energy | Chapter 3 |
| 10-13 | Scattering theory | Scattering cross-section, Static structure factor | Chapter 5 |
| 14-17 | Scattering by Crystals | Reciprocal lattice, crystal planes-Miller indices, Bragg diffraction | Chapter 6 |
| 18-21 | Crystal Vibrations | Monoatomic and diatomic basis, dispersion relation, Brillouin zone, scattering from phonons | Chapter 10 |
| 22-25 | Thermal properties | Specific heat of solids – Einstein and Debye models, Thermal conductivity | Chapter 11 |
| 26-29 | Electrons: Free electron model | Drude model, Free electron model, electronic conduction, Hall effect | Chapter 12 |
| 30-33 | Electrons: Band theory of solids | Nearly free electron model, Kronig-Penny model, band structure, Conductors, insulators, semiconductors | Chapter 13 |
| 34-37 | Magnetic structure | Dia-, para- and ferromagnetism in materials, exchange interaction, correlated domains | Chapter 4 |
| 39-40 | Phase transitions | Free energy, critical phenomenon, density fluctuations | Chapter 15 |
| 41-42 | Superconductivity | The phenomenon - critical energy, isotope effect, specific heat, energy gap | Chapter 18 |

**Evaluation Scheme:**

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| **Component** | **Duration** | **Weightage (%)** | **Date & Time** | **Nature of Component** |
| Mid-semester | 90 minutes | 35 | 06/03 1.30 - 3.00PM | OPEN |
| Project/Quiz |  | 25 |  | OPEN |
| Comprehensive exam | 120 minutes | 40 | 07/05 FN | OPEN |

**Chamber Consultation Hour:**

**Notices:** Initial notices concerning CANVAS login information and Google meet links will be posted in CMS. The course materials will be posted in CANVAS. Course evaluations will be conducted through CANVAS.

**Make-up Policy:** It is applicable to the following two cases and it is permissible on production of evidential documents:(i)Debilitating illness;(ii)Out of station with prior permission from the Instructor.

**Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:**

Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.



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