

**Birla Institute of Technology & Science – Pilani, K.K.Birla – Goa Campus,
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Handout for Course No.:- PHYF341

Course Title :- Solid State Physics

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Lecture Hrs. :- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (11 am- 12 pm),

All students are expected to be on time for lecture & tutorial session.

Tutorial Hrs :- Friday (2 pm)

Classroom : C307

Course Description :- This course is intended for students pursuing Masters in Physics. The course aims to provide a strong foundation for understanding the physical properties of solids. The course begins with a study of atomic arrangements and structures of various crystalline solids. Electron and lattice dynamics inside the crystal will be covered in detail. A thorough illustration of physics behind the thermal, electrical and magnetic properties of solids will be discussed in detail.

Text Book :- *Introduction to Solid State Physics* by Charles Kittel. (Eighth Edition) Wiley India

Reference Book :- *Solid State Physics*, by N.W Ascroft and N.D Mermin Thomson (1976).

:- *Structure and Properties of Materials* by M. A. Wahab, 2nd Edition, Narosa (2005).

Notices :- Please visit LMS on every Saturday to see latest announcements.

Make-Up Policy :- Only for hospitalized cases with proper medical certificate. No makeup for missed Quizzes for any reason. NC will be awarded to a student who misses 30% of evaluation components. NC will also be awarded to those scoring 0 or absent in comprehensive examination regardless of his performance in other evaluation components.

Consultation Hours :- Monday, Wednesday and Friday (6.30 pm to 7.30 pm)

Grading :- Mid-semester Grading will be displayed after mid semester results. Final grading will be displayed only by the Instruction Division. Students are expected to check the marks recorded and report any discrepancies in recording, and get the records corrected as soon as possible. They must retain all corrected answer books as proof if they want to correct discrepancies. Claims made without showing adequate proof (Un-tampered corrected answer books) will **not** be considered.

Attendance :- Students are expected to attend 100 % of all classes and tutorials.

Quizzes :- Marks for all **the** Quizzes will be taken for final grading. No make-ups for quizzes for any reason.

Lecture Plan:-

| Lecture Nos. | Topic to be covered in Lecture | Lecture Title | Ref. |
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| 1 | Course Objective and Motivation; Learning Outcomes; Lecture Plan; Evaluation Scheme Importance of crystal structure, Lattice types, characteristics of cubic lattices | Course Introduction and basics of crystal structure | Chapter 1: Charles Kittel |
| 2 | Lattice types, Index system for crystal planes, Different types of simple crystal structures | Crystal Lattices and Planes | Chapter 1: Charles Kittel |
| 3 | Wave diffraction inside crystals and Bragg Law. | Bragg's Law | Chapter 2: Charles Kittel |
| 4 | Concept of Reciprocal lattice, Diffraction condition and Laue equations. | Reciprocal Lattice | Chapter 2: Charles Kittel |
| 5 | Brillouin Zones and its practical implications, Structure factor and atomic form factor. | Brillouin zones | Chapter 2: Charles Kittel |
| 6-8 | Crystal vibration and concept of phonon. Vibration in crystal with monoatomic and diatomic basis, Group velocity. Quantization of elastic waves, Phonon Momentum and inelastic scattering by Phonons. | Crystal vibration | Chapter 4: Charles Kittel |
| 9 | Phonon heat capacity and Plank Distribution | Thermal properties | Chapter 5: Charles Kittel |
| 10 | Density of states for different dimensions. | Thermal properties | Chapter 5: Charles Kittel |
| 11 | Thermal conductivity, Umklapp processes and thermal expansion. | Thermal properties | Chapter 5: Charles Kittel |
| 12 | Fermi Dirac distribution, free electron gas in 3 dimensions | Free electron and Fermi gas | Chapter 6: Charles Kittel |
| 13 | Heat Capacity of electron gas and concept of heavy fermions. | Free electron and Fermi gas | Chapter 6: Charles Kittel |
| 14 | Electrical conductivity, Ohms Law, Effect of magnetic field, Hall effect | Free electron and Fermi gas | Chapter 6: Charles Kittel |
| 15 | Thermal conductivity of metals | Free electron and Fermi gas | Chapter 6: Charles Kittel |

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| 16 | Formation of energy bands, Periodic potential and wave equation in periodic potential. | Energy Bands | Chapter 7: Charles Kittel |
| 17 | Origin of band gap and Kronig Penney Model | Energy Bands | Chapter 7: Charles Kittel |
| 18 | Concept of metals, semiconductors and Insulators | Energy Bands | Chapter 7: Charles Kittel |
| 19 | Band gap in semiconductors, concept of holes, effective mass of electrons and holes and its physical interpretation. | Semiconductors | Chapter 8: Charles Kittel |
| 20 | Band gap in semiconductors, concept of holes, effective mass of electrons and holes and its physical interpretation. | Semiconductors | Chapter 8: Charles Kittel |
| 21 | Effective masses in semiconductors, effect of impurities on conduction in semiconductors | Semiconductors | Chapter 8: Charles Kittel |
| 22 | Thermoelectric effects-semimetals | Semiconductors | Chapter 8: Charles Kittel |
| 23 | Magnetism-origin of magnetism-Quantum theory | Magnetism | Chapter 11: Charles Kittel |
| 24 | Magnetic Susceptibility, Ferro and anti ferromagnetism | Ferromagnetism and anti ferromagnetism | Chapter 12: Charles Kittel |
| 25 | Magnons, Curie temperature, order in ferro and antiferromagnetism | Ferromagnetism and anti ferromagnetism | Chapter 12: Charles Kittel |

Evaluation Scheme:-

| Evaluation Component | Evaluation type | Date & Time | Wtg % | Remarks |
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| Attendance in Lectures and Tutorial classes | Attendance will be taken before the commencement of tutorial and lectures | All Lecture and Tutorial days | 5% | Marks will be awarded based on the percentage of class attended. |
| Quiz | Objective and descriptive | Will be announced in class | 15% | Closed or Open Book |
| Class room activity | Group or individual activity during the tutorial session | Will be in the class. | 10% | Text book can be used as reference |

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| Mid semester Exam | 1. Written test; 2.Descriptive and quantitative type questions 3. Time Duration = 90 mts | 6 th March (Friday) 9 am to 10.30 am | 25% | Closed Book |
| Student Project | Experimental or Theoretical Presentation. | April 2 nd Week | 5% | Details will be announced in the class |
| Compre | 1. Written test; 2. Descriptive and quantitative type questions 3. Time Duration = 180 mts | 12 th May (Tuesday) 9 am – 12 pm | 40% | Open Book |

Student Project Details:-

1. Student projects are meant to illustrate the concepts in Solid State Physics that is covered as a part of this course. It carries a weightage of 5%.
2. Students can undertake this project as a group. Lab access to students will be provided based on written request.
3. A maximum of only 2 students are permitted to be in the group.
4. Enrollment of student groups will commence from 20th January until 31st of January.
5. No groups will be enrolled beyond 31st January.
6. Students are entitled to take up any topic for their project provided it falls within the scope of this course. Some suggestions are given below.

Suggestions (Not limited to the topics presented below):

Suggestion 1: Growing Nanomaterials using chemical route and report their optical and electrical properties -Experimental

Suggestion 2: Growing nanomaterials using hydrothermal method and report their optical and electrical properties –
Experimental

Suggestion 3: Structural and electrical properties of any 4 crystalline materials - Experimental

Suggestion 4: Transmission electron microscopy and X-ray diffraction studies of four different materials - Theoretical

Suggestion 5: Organic Semiconductors - Theoretical

Suggestion 6: Superconductors and the possibility of room temperature superconductivity – Theoretical

Suggestion 7: 2D Materials Graphene, MoS₂, MoSe₂ Structural and electrical properties – Theoretical.

Suggestion 8: High Temperature Superconductivity