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# Course

# ME - Electrial Engineering Materials

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# General information

Long name	Electrial Engineering Materials
Approving CModule	ME BaET
Responsible	Prof. DrIng. Dirk Poggemann Professor Fakultät IME
Level	Bachelor
Semester in the year	summer semester
Duration	Semester
Hours in self-study	60
ECTS	5
Professors	Prof. DrIng. Dirk Poggemann Professor Fakultät IME
Requirements	Basics in Mathematics Basics in Physics Basics in Electrical Engineering
Language	German, English if necessary
Separate final exam	Yes

### Final exam

#### Details

Technical discussion, students shall explain and discuss topics from the lecture. Materials shall be selected for an application on the basis of given boundary conditions and effects in electronic circuits / components shall be explained on the basis of material properties.

#### Minimum standard

Basics of atomic structure, periodic table and electrical conduction must be answered.

A total of at least 50% of the questions must be answered correctly.

#### **Exam Type**

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### Lecture / Exercises

### Learning goals

### Knowledge

Structure of the materials

- Atomic models
- Electron configuration & periodic table of elements
- Chemical bonds
- Crystal structures

Electrical Properties metals and metal alloys

- Specific resistance
- Electron conduction
- Superconductivity

### Semiconductors

- Definition and band structure
- Fermi-Dirac distribution and density of states
- Intrinsic conduction
- Extrinsic conduction and Doping
- Hall effect
- Development- and Production-Process

#### Dielectric materials

- Overview and definition
- Electric conductivity

Volume resistance

Surface resistance

Dielectric strength

- Dielectric polarization

Definition

Polarization mechanisms

Frequency dependence of the dielectric constant

Dielectric loss and its frequency dependence

- Dielectric material classification

Ferroelectrics

Piezoelectrics

Pyroelectrics

# Optical properties

- Particle theory

Description of absorption from the electronic structure

- Wave theory

Relationship between dielectric function and frequency dependence of optical constants

Magnetic materials

- Definition and classification according to magnetic behavior

Dia- and Paramagnetism

Ferro- and Ferrimagnetism

- Atomistic model of magnetism
- Magnetization and magnetic hysteresis
- Loss mechanisms and loss factor

#### Skills

description of the structure of the atoms according to the periodic table, in particular the electron configuration

Prediction of the type of chemical bonds between atoms

the conduction mechanism of metals and semiconductors can be explained

calculation of the specific conductivity by specifying the mobility and concentration of the charge carriers

Making statements about the conductivity and optical properties of solids from the electronic band structure

### Expenditure classroom teaching

Туре	Attendance (h/Wk.)
Lecture	3
Exercises (whole course)	1
Exercises (shared course)	0
Tutorial (voluntary)	0

### Separate exam

none

# Seminar

### Learning goals

#### Knowledge

In-depth study and presentation of a topic from the lecture, e.g. with supporting simulations

#### Skills

Research on literature presentation (simulation)

### Expenditure classroom teaching

Туре	Attendance (h/Wk.)
Seminar	1
Tutorial (voluntary)	0

### Separate exam

### Exam Type

discussion (interview) about special issues (szenario, project assignment, literature research)

#### **Details**

Topics for the presentations are fixed after the first 4 weeks of lectures, the topics should relate to the main areas of study. Students work on the topics and present the results (15min - 30min) in the last two weeks of the lecture, if a large number of students participates as a teamwork.

#### Minimum standard

Presentation shall go beyond the lecture slides and be correct.

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