



Subject card

Subject name and code	Elements of modern physics, PG_00061199						
Field of study	Mechanical Engineering						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2023		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	first-cycle studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	Full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		5.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Institute of Physics and Applied Computer Science -> Faculty of Applied Physics and Mathematics -> Wydział Politechniki Gdańskiej						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr inż. Marcin Dampc				
	Teachers		dr inż. Marcin Dampc dr inż. Łukasz Haryński dr Piotr Weber				
Lesson types and methods of instruction	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	60
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	60		5.0		60.0	125
Subject objectives	During the course, students are to become familiar with the basic phenomena and theories of modern physics and the modern technologies used in science and industry based on them.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K6_U01] is able to acquire information from specialized literary sources, databases and other resources, essential for solving engineering tasks; is able to compile the obtained information pieces and to interpret them, additionally is able to form conclusions and present justified opinion		The student is able to use literature and databases when preparing laboratory studies and solving theoretical problems.		[SU2] Assessment of ability to analyse information [SU4] Assessment of ability to use methods and tools [SU3] Assessment of ability to use knowledge gained from the subject		
	[K6_W02] possesses an organized knowledge on physics, including classic mechanics, acoustics, optics, electricity and magnetism, shows knowledge of the elements of quantum physics		The student becomes familiar with phenomena and learns theories in the field of mechanics, wave physics, electricity and magnetism, and quantum mechanics.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		

Subject contents	<p>Lecture</p> <p>1. Classical Mechanics</p> <p>2. Wave Physics: Wave Description, Wave Equations, Wave Propagation, Interference, Acoustics, Ultra-Long Waves</p> <p>3. Geometric Optics: Laws of Reflection and Refraction, Dispersion, Optical Atmospheric Phenomena</p> <p>4. Wave Optics: Explanation of the Laws of Optics Using the Wave Model, Diffraction, Modern Optical Spectroscopy</p> <p>5. Electricity and Magnetism: Electric and Magnetic Fields, Field Sources, Field Interactions with Charges, Energy of Electromagnetic Fields</p> <p>6. Electromagnetic Waves: Dipole and Dipole Radiation, Propagation of Electromagnetic Waves Through Matter, Lasers</p> <p>7. Quantum Physics: Crisis of Classical Physics, Blackbody, Emission Spectra of Gases, Photoelectric Effect, Bohr's Model, Quantum Description of the Atom, Quantum Numbers</p> <p>8. Wave Quantum Theory: Matter Waves, Wave Equations and Their Interpretation, Uncertainty Principle, Quantum Cryptography, Quantum Computers.</p> <p>Exercises:</p> <p>1. Kinematics, two-dimensional motion in a gravitational field, dynamics of a material point</p> <p>2. Kinematics of oscillatory motion, mechanical waves, acoustics</p> <p>3. Wave optics: interference and diffraction, diffraction gratings.</p> <p>4. Determining electric field strength and magnetic field induction, motion of the charged particles in electromagnetic fields, polarization of electromagnetic waves</p> <p>5. Blackbody emission, Wien's law, Planck's distribution, the photoelectric effect, Balmer's formula, Bohr's model</p> <p>6. The uncertainty principle, diffraction of matter waves</p> <p>Lab:</p> <p>1. Wave Physics: Relationship of the Speed of Sound in Solids to Young's Modulus, Propagation of Sound in Air.</p> <p>2. Optics: Newton's Rings, Diffraction Gratings, Determining the Size of Slits and Obstacles Through Diffraction and Interference.</p> <p>3. Electricity and Magnetism: Electric Field, Electron Charge-to-Mass Ratio</p> <p>4. Quantum Physics: Photoelectric Effect, Blackbody Emission, Spectroscopy of Gas Emission Spectra.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge of classical mechanics		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Passing the labs	100.0%	25.0%
	Colloquium	50.0%	25.0%
	Exam	50.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. David Halliday, Robert Resnick, Jearl Walker, Fundamentals of Physics, vol 2-5, PWN, 2015	
	Supplementary literature	1. Hermann Haken, Hans Christoph Wolf, The physics of atoms and quanta, PWN 2012	
		2. Hugh D. Young, University Physics with Modern Physics, 15th Ed. Pearson, Addison-Wesley, 2019	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>Exam: Describe and explain the photoelectric effect. Sketch the dependence of the photocurrent on the stopping voltage for several different values of the following parameters: wavelength of incident radiation, radiation intensity, and work function.</p> <p>Exercises: Calculate the energy emitted per second by a 1 m² blackbody if its emission maximum falls at 550 nm.</p> <p>Lab: Based on the hydrogen emission spectrum, determine the Rydberg constant and state the uncertainty of the result.</p>		
Work placement	Not applicable		