



Subject card

Subject name and code	Methods of structural testing of nanomaterials, PG_00063348						
Field of study	Nanotechnology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	first-cycle studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	Full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Institute of Nanotechnology and Materials Engineering -> Faculty of Applied Physics and Mathematics -> Wydziały Politechniki Gdańskiej						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. inż. Agnieszka Witkowska				
	Teachers						
Lesson types and methods of instruction	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	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	30		2.0		18.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the possibilities offered by modern structural research methods, including a description of the measurement systems used and a presentation of data analysis techniques that enable the determination of structural parameters (at the macro-, micro-, and nanoscale, as well as at the atomic level) of the studied functional materials, including biomaterials.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K6_W07] has systematic knowledge of the physical and chemical principles of nanotechnology (methods of obtaining nanostructures, types of nanostructures, their properties, basic research methods).		The student has systematic knowledge of the physical and chemical fundamentals related to the research techniques discussed during the course and the properties of nanomaterials analyzed using them.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K6_W09] Has knowledge of the structure and operation of scientific instruments, measuring and test equipment and in the field of planning and conducting a physical experiment and critical analysis of its results.		Students gain the knowledge of the construction and operation of diffraction, spectroscopic, and imaging devices for studying the micro- and nanostructure of materials. They understand how to plan and conduct appropriate experiments, as well as how to analyze data and interpret the results obtained using these research methods.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		

Subject contents	Lecture: 1. Diffraction methods: introduction and diffraction techniques - X-ray Diffraction - Neutron Diffraction 2. Spectroscopic methods: introduction and theoretical foundations - microwave and infrared molecular spectroscopy - UV-Vis molecular spectroscopy - Photoelectron Spectroscopy (PES) and Auger Electron Spectroscopy (AES) 3. Nanostructure imaging methods: introduction - optical microscopy - electron microscopy (SEM, TEM, STEM) - scanning probe microscopes (STM, AFM) - confocal microscopy		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge of the basics of physics, modern physics and crystallography		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Written exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	[1] D. S. Sivia, Elementary Scattering Theory For X-ray and Neutron Users, Oxford University Press (2014) [2] H. M. Rietveld, A profile refinement method for nuclear and magnetic structures, Journal of Applied Crystallography (1969) vol. 2, 65-71 [3] J.M.Hollas, Modern Spectroscopy, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. (2004) [4] W. Zhou, Z. Lin Wang, "Scanning Microscopy for Nanotechnology: Techniques and Applications", Springer (2007) [5] V. L. Mironov, "Fundamentals of Scanning Probe Microscopy", RAS (2014)	
	Supplementary literature	[1] Ch. Kittel, P. McEuen, Introduction to solid state physics, Wiley (2005) [2] W. Moebs, S.J. Ling, J.S. Sanny, University Physics, OpenStax, Volume 2 [3] W. Moebs, S.J. Ling, J.S. Sanny, University Physics, OpenStax, Volume 3	
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	Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. X-ray and neutron diffraction - identify similarities and differences. 2. What is a spectrum? List and describe the parameters that characterize a spectral line. 3. Explain the concepts of transmittance, absorbance, and absorption coefficient. Define the relationships between them. 4. Explain why XPS is a surface-sensitive technique. 5. Electron microscopy - list the types of electron microscopes, compare them, and define their range of applications. 6. Discuss the operating principle and imaging modes of an atomic force microscope.	
Work placement	Not applicable		

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