



Subject card

Subject name and code	Fuel cells and high temperature electrolyzers, PG_00058357						
Field of study	Hydrogen Technologies and Electromobility						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
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	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Department of Functional Materials Engineering -> Faculty of Electronics Telecommunications and Informatics -> Wydział Politechniki Gdańskiej						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. inż. Piotr Jasiński				
	Teachers						
Lesson types and methods of instruction	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	45
	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	45		6.0		24.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to learn about the mechanisms of operation, design and materials used in the construction of high-temperature fuel cells and electrolyzers						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K6_U01] Is able to obtain information from literature, databases and other sources, integrate them, interpret them and draw conclusions and formulate opinions; has the ability to self-educate m.in. in order to improve professional competences		The student is able to obtain information effectively from a variety of sources such as literature, databases and other available materials on topics related to high-temperature fuel cells and electrolyzers		[SU1] Assessment of task fulfilment		
Subject contents	Fundamentals of fuel cells and electrolyzers. The role of fuel cells and electrolyzers in energy systems. Applications of high temperature fuel cells (SOFC) and electrolyzers (SOEC). Mechanism of conversion of chemical energy of fuel into electrical energy. Structure and materials used in SOFCs: electrodes, electrolytes, interconnectors. Chemical reactions occurring in SOFCs: hydrogen oxidation, oxygen reduction. Principle of operation and differences between SOFC and SOEC. High temperature water electrolysis process: hydrogen production. Materials used in SOEC and their characteristics. Production methods for fuel cells and electrolyzers. Technological problems and challenges of high temperature fuel cells and electrolyzers. Energy efficiency and performance. Durability and stability of operation at high temperatures. Technical issues such as material degradation and corrosion. Industrial and domestic applications of SOFCs: micro-cogeneration, backup power. Examples of practical SOFC and SOEC implementations.						
Prerequisites and co-requisites							
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria		Passing threshold		Percentage of the final grade		
	Lab		50.0%		40.0%		
	Lecture - test		50.0%		60.0%		

Recommended reading	Basic literature	<p>SINGHAL, Subhash C.; KENDALL, Kevin (ed.). <i>High-temperature solid oxide fuel cells: fundamentals, design and applications</i>. Elsevier, 2003.</p> <p>HUANG, Kevin; GOODENOUGH, John B. <i>Solid oxide fuel cell technology: principles, performance and operations</i>. 2009.</p> <p>GODULA-JOPEK, Agata. <i>Hydrogen production: by electrolysis</i>. John Wiley & Sons, 2015</p>
	Supplementary literature	LARMINIE, James; DICKS, Andrew; MCDONALD, Maurice S. <i>Fuel cell systems explained</i> . Chichester, UK: J. Wiley, 2003.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Describe the designs and generations of fuel cells	
Work placement	Not applicable	

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