



Subject card

Subject name and code	Nanostructures in glasses and amorphous materials, PG_00031637										
Field of study	Nanotechnology										
Date of commencement of studies	October 2023	Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026							
Education level	first-cycle studies		Subject group		Optional subject group 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	6		ECTS credits		2.0						
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment						
Conducting unit	Division of Nanomaterials Physics -> Institute of Nanotechnology and Materials Engineering -> Faculty of Applied Physics and Mathematics -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology										
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr inż. Leszek Wicikowski								
	Teachers		dr inż. Leszek Wicikowski								
Lesson types	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		SUM					
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		18.0					
		50									
Subject objectives	The main aim is to present the fundamental knowledge and achievements in preparation of different nanostructures in glasses and amorphous materials and also to indicate their application in materials technology.										
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification					
	K6_W06		The student is able to describe the structural differences between crystalline and amorphous materials. Is able to indicate the basic research methods used to characterize the structure of glasses and amorphous materials. Knows the basic parameters used to characterize the glassy state. Knows the generally accepted theories related to the glassy state.			[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge [SW3] Assessment of knowledge contained in written work and projects					
	K6_U06		The student can provide methods of producing nanostructures in amorphous materials using the knowledge of physics, chemistry and material engineering			[SU5] Assessment of ability to present the results of task [SU3] Assessment of ability to use knowledge gained from the subject					
	K6_W07		The student knows the importance of nanostructures in defining the properties of materials. Can identify research tools for their characterization.			[SW3] Assessment of knowledge contained in written work and projects					
Subject contents	Course content – lecture Glassy state of matter. Glass transition. Glass formation criteria. Short range order. Phase separation. Processes of crystallization and nano-crystallization. Classification of inorganic oxide glasses. Special glasses: chalcogenide and metallic glasses. Preparation of glasses and amorphous materials. Aerogels and sol-gel films. Physical properties of glasses. Amorphous semiconductors (amorphous silicon, mobility gap, defects). Optical and electrical properties of glasses containing metallic and semiconducting nanostructures. Optical nonlinearity in glasses. Application of amorphous materials in electronics and opto-electronics.										
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Fundamental knowledge in solid state physics and quantum physics										

Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	
	Essay	100.0%	50.0%	
	Activity during lectures	50.0%	50.0%	
Recommended reading	Basic literature		1. R. Zallen, The physics of amorphous solids, Wiley NY, 1983 2. Fuxi Gan and Lei Xu, Photonic Glasses, World Scientific, 2006 3. S.R. Elliott, Physics of amorphous materials, Wiley, 1990 4. J. Zarzycki, Glasses and the vitreous state, Cambridge University Press, 1991 5. Arun K. Varshneya, Fundamentals of Inorganic Glasses	
	Supplementary literature		Scientific publications concerning topics of seminars	
	eResources addresses			
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Glassy state of matter. Glass transition. Glass formation criteria. Short range order. Phase separation. Processes of crystallization and nano-crystallization. Classification of inorganic oxide glasses. Special glasses: chalcogenide and metallic glasses. Preparation of glasses and amorphous materials. Aerogels and sol-gel films. Ionic and electronic conductivity in glasses. Thermal properties of glasses and aerogels. Electrical properties of amorphous semiconductors (amorphous silicon, mobility gap, defects). Optical and electrical properties of glasses containing metallic and semiconducting nanostructures. Optical nonlinearity in glasses.			
Practical activites within the subject	Not applicable			

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