# MSE 365– Physical Properties of Materials

Credits and contact hours:	3 credits and 45 contact hours
Indicate: math, basic science, engineering topic or other	Engineering Topic
Instructor's or course coordinator's name:	Dr. Krishna Muralidharan and Dr. Pierre Deymier
Textbook, title, author and year:	Online course material
Other Supplemental materials:	<ol> <li>The Oxford solid state basics, Simon</li> <li>Electronic properties of materials, <i>Hummel</i></li> <li>Introduction to solid state physics, <i>Kittel</i></li> <li>Introduction to the physics and chemistry of materials, <i>Naumann</i></li> <li>The physics and chemistry of solids, <i>Elliot</i></li> </ol>
2021-2022 catalog description:	Introductory solid-state theory for describing thermal, electrical, optical and magnetic properties of materials.
Prerequisites:	MSE 222 and 223R.
Co-requisites:	None
Required, Elective, or Selected Elective:	Required
Instruction Outcomes:	<ol> <li>(1) Develop a physical and theoretical understanding of the properties of materials including thermal, electrical (conductors and semiconductors), dielectric and magnetic properties</li> <li>(2) Know orders of magnitude of specific properties for various classes of materials</li> <li>(3) Develop a working knowledge regarding the relationship between properties and structure, especially the electronic and atomic structure</li> <li>(4) Improve student's material literacy</li> </ol>
Student Outcomes –	To produce graduates who can: ✓ 1. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics

Listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course:  $\checkmark$  2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors

 $\checkmark$  5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives

 ✓ 6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions

 $\checkmark$  7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies

# **Topics Covered:**

- 1 Introduction
  - Mathematical concepts: solution to the wave equation
  - lattice structure of solids: classification, reciprocal lattices, x-ray diffraction

# 2. Thermal properties of materials

- periodic systems: phononic band structure of solids using a mass-spring representation
- introductory statistical mechanics
- heat capacity: Einstein's model, Debye model
- thermal expansion
- thermal conductivity

# **3.** Electronic properties of materials

- Elementary quantum mechanics: particle in a box.
- Fermi electron gas: electronic heat capacity, cohesive energy
- Drude-Lorenz models
- electrons in periodic solids: electronic band structure-materials classification
- superconductivity
- semiconductors: intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors, semiconductor devices
- electron dynamics: scattering, electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity and thermoelectric materials
- dielectric materials: capacitors, batteries, polarization, ionic materials, piezoelectricity

# 4. Optical properties of materials

- optical properties of electrons in solids: photoluminescence, Laser, LEDs, quantum dots, photovoltaics
- 5. Magnetic properties of materials
  - diamagnetism, paramagnetism, ferromagnetism
  - Technological applications
- 6. Special topic: Nano-materials