220126 - Thermodynamics of Materials

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Teaching unit: 724 - MMT - Department of Heat Engines
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ECTS credits: 3  Teaching languages: English

Teaching staff
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Others: John M. Hutchinson, Yolanda Calventus

Teaching methodology
The course is divided into parts:
Theory classes
Practical classes
Self-study for doing exercises and activities.
In the theory classes, teachers will introduce the theoretical basis of the concepts, methods and results and illustrate them with appropriate examples to facilitate their understanding.
The practical classes will take place in the Laboratory, and in them, students will observe the different phenomena presented in the theory classes.
Students need to work independently on the materials provided by teachers in order to assimilate the concepts.
The teachers provide the syllabus and monitoring of activities (by ATENEA).

Learning objectives of the subject
- Understanding of Thermodynamics applied to the phase transitions and its application to polymeric materials.
- Learn some experimental techniques for detecting phase transitions in polymeric materials.

Study load

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# Content

## Module 1: Thermodynamic Property Relations

**Learning time:** 15h  
Theory classes: 6h  
Self study: 9h

**Description:**  
- Review of The Laws of Thermodynamics  
- Gibbs Equation  
- Fundamental Thermodynamics relationships  
- Maxwell’s Equations  
- General equations for internal energy, enthalpy and entropy in terms of P, v, T and specific heats  
- Equilibrium and stability criteria

**Related activities:**  
Theory classes

## Module 2: First and Second order phase transitions

**Learning time:** 7h  
Theory classes: 3h  
Self study: 4h

**Description:**  
- First order phase transitions  
- Second order phase transitions

**Related activities:**  
Theory classes

## Module 3: First order phase transitions: crystallization and melting in polymeric materials

**Learning time:** 20h  
Theory classes: 8h  
Self study: 12h

**Description:**  
- Introduction and concepts of morphology  
- Crystallisation kinetics. Nucleation and Growth  
- Factors which affect the crystallisation process  
- Properties related to the crystalline structure  
- Melting temperatures, enthalpies and entropies of Fusion

**Related activities:**  
Theory classes  
Practical classes
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## Qualification system

The final grade depends on the following criteria:

- Final exam: 50%
- Coursework: 50%

Students that fail or do not present to the final exam (50%) that will take place at the end of the elective classes, will have the chance to repeat it in January, but, in this case, the maximum grade which can be awarded is 5/10.
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Bibliography

Basic:

Complementary: