Course guides
820743 - EFV - Photovoltaic Devices

Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering
Teaching unit: 710 - EEL - Department of Electronic Engineering.

Degree: MASTER’S DEGREE IN RENEWABLE ENERGIES (Syllabus 2011). (Optional subject).
ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER’S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PATHWAYS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS (Syllabus 2012). (Optional subject).
ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER’S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PATHWAYS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS (Syllabus 2013). (Optional subject).
MASTER’S DEGREE IN ENERGY ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2020 ECTS Credits: 5.0 Languages: Catalan, English, Spanish

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Joaquim Puigdollers
Others: Cristobal Voz

PRIOR SKILLS

Background in semiconductor device physics.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CEMT-1. Understand, describe and analyse, in a clear and comprehensive manner, the entire energy conversion chain, from its status as an energy source to its use as an energy service. They will also be able to identify, describe and analyse the situation and characteristics of the various energy resources and end uses of energy, in their economic, social and environmental dimensions, and to make value judgments.
CEMT-4. Efficiently collect data on renewable energy resources and their statistical treatment and apply knowledge and endpoint criteria in the design and evaluation of technology solutions for using renewable energy resources, for both isolated systems and those connected to networks. They will also be able to recognise and evaluate the newest technological applications in the use of renewable energy resources.
CEMT-7. Analyse the performance of equipment and facilities in operation to carry out a diagnostic assessment of the use system and establish measures to improve their energy efficiency.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

During the development of the course the following teaching methods will be used:

- Lecture or conference (EXP): presentation of the topics from professors lectures or by outsiders experts (through invited lectures).
- Participatory classes (PART): resolution of exercises (individually or by group), group discussions with the professors about specific topic, classroom presentation of an activity carried out individually or in small groups.
- Theoretical or practical work supervised by the professor (TD): completion of a classroom activity or exercise (theoretical or practical), individually or in small groups with the professor’s guidance.
- Project activity (PR): Learning activities focused on the development of an individual (or small group) activity of limited complexity and/or length, applying previous knowledge acquired at during the course and presentation of the results.
- Project work (PA): learning based on the design, planning and implementation of a project with higher complexity complexity, with the objective to extend the knowledge acquired at the class courses. A writing report summarizing the objectives, development, results and conclusions will be performed.
- Evaluation activities (EV).
LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

At the end of the course the student will understand the principles of operation of solar cells, both inorganic and organic. Manufacturing technologies will be also studied, and the student will be able to propose alternative technologies that would result in the production of more efficient photovoltaic devices.

STUDY LOAD

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<td>Guided activities</td>
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Total learning time: 124.9 h

CONTENTS

**Module 1. Crystalline silicon pn junction**

**Description:**
- Introduction to photovoltaic devices.
- Absorption of photons and light-matter interaction.
- Introduction to the physics of semiconductors.
- Crystalline silicon solar cells.

**Specific objectives:**
To introduce students to the technology of photovoltaic devices. Understand the principles of operation of solar cells from crystalline silicon. Resolution of exercises of progressive difficulty.

**Related activities:**
Exercises and problems

**Full-or-part-time:** 41h
- Laboratory classes: 17h
- Guided activities: 2h
- Self study: 22h
Module 2. Thin-Film solar cells

Description:
- Thin-Film solar cells
- Fabrication processes of Thin-film solar cells.
- Electrical characterization (I-V) of solar cells.
- Optoelectronic characterization (EQE) of solar cells.

Specific objectives:
- The student will understand the principles of operation of thin-film solar cells, manufacturing technologies and be able to propose alternative technologies that would result in the production of more efficient photovoltaic devices.
- The student understands the principles of electrical and optoelectronic characterization of solar cells and is capable of solving exercises related to this topic (with progressive difficulty).

Related activities:
Exercises and problems

Full-or-part-time: 41h
Laboratory classes: 17h
Guided activities: 2h
Self study: 22h

Module 3. New concepts on photovoltaic conversion

Description:
- Introduction to organic semiconductors
- Organic Solar Cells
- Manufacturing technologies of organic solar cells.
- Introduction of new concepts for solar conversion: plasmons, nanotexturization, thermo-photovoltaic.

Related activities:
The student will understand the working principles of organic solar cells, manufacturing technology, and will be able to propose alternative technologies that would result in the production of more efficient photovoltaic devices.

Full-or-part-time: 33h
Laboratory classes: 16h
Guided activities: 6h
Self study: 11h
ACTIVITIES

Exercises and problems

Description:
Exercises and problems

Specific objectives:
Deepen in the theoretical knowledge and in its application to practical cases. The objective is to solve exercises with progressive difficulty.

Material:
Statement of the exercises and problems.
References and data sources

Full-or-part-time: 60h
Laboratory classes: 20h
Guided activities: 5h
Self study: 35h

GRADING SYSTEM

Written control test (PE): 50%
Work done individually or in groups throughout the course (TR): 40%
Attendance and participation in classes and laboratories (AP): 5%
Quality and performance of group work (TG): 5%

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic:

Complementary: