

## Course guide

# 295023 - ECMA - Materials Structure and Characterization

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona East School of Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 702 - CEM - Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

**Degree:** BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MATERIALS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Compulsory subject).

**Academic year:** 2024    **ECTS Credits:** 6.0    **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

### LECTURER

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### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

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**Specific:**

1. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

**Transversal:**

07 AAT N1. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 1. Completing set tasks within established deadlines. Working with recommended information sources according to the guidelines set by lecturers.

### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

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Sessions will be taught in a theory, problems and laboratory practices format in which the subject's specific competencies will be introduced. Present directed activities to work on spoken and written communication and team work will take place. Autonomous learning and the solvent use of information resources by means of non-presence directed activities will also be encouraged.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

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The subject's objective is that students acquire knowledge on the fundamentals of material families, their structure and defects. In addition, students will have to know the different microstructural characterisation techniques as well as knowing to interpret results obtained by means of different techniques.

### STUDY LOAD

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Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	90,0	60.00
Hours large group	51,0	34.00
Hours small group	9,0	6.00

**Total learning time:** 150 h



## CONTENTS

### TOPIC 1. Engineering materials

**Description:**

- Material's science and engineering.
- Types of materials: metals, ceramics and glasses, polymers, composite materials, semiconductors.
- From structure to properties.

**Related competencies :**

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

**Full-or-part-time:** 15h

Theory classes: 4h

Laboratory classes: 1h

Self study : 10h

### TOPIC 2: The chemical bond

**Description:**

- Primary bonds: ionic, covalent, metallic, mixed
- Secondary bonds
- Force and bonding energy, relationship with properties of materials
- Band theory

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h

### TOPIC 3: Polymers' structure and characterisation

**Description:**

- Obtaining polymers (polymerisation reactions). Average molecular mass and techniques to determine it.
- Architecture molecular (linear, ramified and reticulated) and polymer classification into thermoplastics, Thermoplastics and elastomers.
- Polymers' structure (amorphous and semicrystalline). Techniques to determine vitreous transition temperature.
- Aggregation states.
- Copolymers.

**Related competencies :**

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

**Full-or-part-time:** 20h

Theory classes: 4h

Laboratory classes: 1h

Self study : 15h



#### TOPIC 4: Crystalline structure

**Description:**

- Unit cell.
- Crystal systems.
- Primary crystal structures (BCC, FCC, HCP)
- Crystallographic directions and planes. Miller indices.
- Octahedral and tetrahedral interstices
- Solid metal solutions: interstitial and substitute
- Rules of Hume-Rothery
- Ceramic solid solutions

**Related competencies :**

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

**Full-or-part-time:** 35h

Theory classes: 9h

Practical classes: 6h

Self study : 20h

#### TOPIC 5: Crystalline defects

**Description:**

- Defects in crystalline materials (point defects, linear defects, planar defects, volumetric defects)
- Dislocations (Geometry of dislocations and Burgers vector)
- Movement of dislocations (dislocation glide)

**Related competencies :**

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

**Full-or-part-time:** 35h

Theory classes: 9h

Laboratory classes: 6h

Self study : 20h

#### TOPIC 6: Analysis of crystal structures

**Description:**

- Diffraction techniques: X-Ray Diffraction (properties and X-ray sources, formulation Bragg powder diffractometer)
- Spectroscopic techniques: Infrared Spectroscopy
- Identification and analysis of crystalline phases

**Related competencies :**

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

**Full-or-part-time:** 20h

Theory classes: 7h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Self study : 10h



## TOPIC 7: Experimental techniques to identify microstructures and defects

### Description:

- Optical metallography. Preparing samples. Grain size according to ASTM and determining the grain's diameter.
- Sweeping electronic microscopy (SEM). Electronic microscopy techniques. Secondary electrons mode and retrodispersion mode.
- Transmission electronic microscopy (TEM).

### Related competencies :

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

### Full-or-part-time: 25h

Theory classes: 7h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Self study : 15h

## GRADING SYSTEM

A student's grade will be:

Final Mark= 0,35\*Final Exam + 0,35\*Midterm Exam + 0,15\* Lab Practices \* 0,15\*Works

Finally, as detailed in the academic normative of the EEBE, a reevaluation exam will take place (midterm+final contents). To be able to do the reevaluation exam, the student has to fail and has to attend to all the evaluation exams of the subject and its mark, N, for the part which can be reevaluated has to be such that  $N > 3,0$  (<https://eebe.upc.edu/ca/estudis/normatives-academiques/documents/eebe-normativa-avaluacio-ipermanencia-18-19-aprovat-je-2018-06-13.pdf>).

Final Mark = 0,8\*Reassessment Exam + 0,1\* Lab Practices \* 0,1\*Works

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- Shackelford, James F. Introducción a la ciencia de materiales para ingenieros [on line]. 7a ed. Madrid: Pearson, 2010 [Consultation: 29/04/2020]. Available on: [http://www.ingebook.com/ib/NPcd/IB\\_BooksVis?cod\\_primaria=1000187&codigo\\_libro=1258](http://www.ingebook.com/ib/NPcd/IB_BooksVis?cod_primaria=1000187&codigo_libro=1258). ISBN 9788483229606].

### Complementary:

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- Bermúdez-Polonio, Joaquín. Métodos de difracción de rayos X : principios y aplicaciones. Madrid: Pirámide, 1981. ISBN 8436801806.

## RESOURCES

### Other resources:

Teaching material available in Atenea