Statistical physics and Thermodynamics

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4.0 credits

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30.0 h + 22.5 h

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Teacher(s) :	Hagendorf Christian ; Goosse Hugues ;			
Language :	Français			
Place of the course	Louvain-Ia-Neuve			
Main themes :	- Thermodynamic state of a closed system, concepts of pressure and temperature Macroscopic properties of ideal gases Internal energy and first principle of thermodynamics, application to ideal gases Entropy and second principle of thermodynamics, applications (including heat engines). Microscopic formula for entropy (Boltzmann) Thermodynamic functions and potentials. Corresponding microscopic formulae (partition function, free energy). Equilibrium conditions Real gases Phase changes in pure substances Equilibrium procedures: Microcanonical and canonical distribution			
Aims :	 a. Course contribution to the LO reference framework (programme LO) LO1: 1.1, 1.3 LO3: 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 b. Specific formulation of programme LOs for this course At the end of this course, the student will be able: to describe and interpret the fundamental concepts of thermodynamics, in particular the first and second principles of thermodynamics. to apply the basic principles of thermodynamics to simple cases, standard heat engines and examples from everyday life. to interpret transformations involving mass and energy transfers through the principles of thermodynamics. to connect the concepts developed in the context of thermodynamics with those tackled in other courses, in particular mechanics and chemistry. to discuss the main processes associated with phase changes in pure substances. to describe and apply the kinetic theory of gases, including an introduction to real gases. to describe and interpret the fundamental concepts of statistical physics, in particular in the context of microcanonical and canonical distributions. to find the fundamental connections in macroscopic thermodynamics by explaining the transition from the microscopic to the macroscopic level. to describe the principle of maximum entropy of data <i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i> 			
Evaluation methods :	Closed question, short or long development,written exams.			
Teaching methods :	Lectures Individual, supervised exercise sessions			
Content :	 Introduction to basic concepts Entropy, temperature, pressure Energy conservation Microscopic study of liquids, ideal gases and real gases Transformations Phase transitions in a pure substance Statistical physics 			
Bibliography :	Georges Gonczi (2005), Comprendre la thermodynamique. Ellipses, 260pp, ISBN 2-7298-2363-8			
Faculty or entity in charge:	PHYS			

Programmes / formations proposant cette unité d'enseignement (UE)					
Intitulé du programme	Sigle	Credits	Prerequis	Acquis d'apprentissage	
Minor in Physics	LPHYS100I	4	-	٩	
Bachelor in Physics	PHYS1BA	4	-	٩	