Crystallographic and microstructural characterisation of materials

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30.0 h + 30.0 h

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Language :	English > French-friendly				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	Study of the methods of characterisation of the microstructure of crystalline materials (metals and ceramics) and, in particular, of the methods based on (scanning and transmission) electron microscopy and diffraction of x rays and electrons. The objective is to show the specificity and complementarity of these methods for the description and quantification of the microstructure of crystalline materials. Overview of electro-analytical techniques, applied to the study of the chemical nature and electrochemical mechanisms of some technologically relevant electrochemical reactions.				
Learning outcomes	 At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : Contribution of the course to the program objectives With respect to the general objectives of the KIMA program, the present course contributes to the development of the following learning outcomes : AA1 Scientific and technical knowledge (AA1.1, A.A.1.3) AA2 Engineering competences (AA2.1) AA3 R&D competences (AA3.1) AA5 Effective communication(AA5.3) Specific learning outcomes of the course At the end of the course, the students should be able to • AA1.1 To characterise the microstructure of inorganic material using in a combined way microscopy techniques (light & electron), methods based on x-ray, electron and neutron diffraction as well as microanalysis. To do that, these different methods are described. The objectives are to show the specificity as well as the complementarity of these methods for the description and the quantification of the microstructure of cristalline materials. • AA3.1 To understand and analyse the results of the technical and scientific literature in relation with the characterisation techniques (micrography, spectra, diffrazction patterns,). • AA1.3 To evaluate the adequate technique for reaching the needed information to understand the behaviour of inorganic materials. These objectives will be reached through the ex cathedra lectures as well as with the help of short-term projects during which unknown metarials will be characterised following specific procedures. • AA1.3 To use statistical elements in order to compare in a quantitative way the experimental results from characterisation procedures. • AA3.3 To summarise the results reached through characterisation techniques. 				
Evaluation methods	The students are evaluated individually with a written and oral exam based on the objectives described above. Continuous evaluation based on homeworks to provide could be organised. These ones could count for up to 30% of the final grade. The written exam will concern the scientific and technical knowledge seen during the lectures as well as the projects carried out during the laboratories. Depending on the sanitary situation, the organisation of the exam could be adapted (online,).				
Teaching methods	The course is organised around 12/13 lectures and practicals / projects / laboratories. The scope will be put on the practical use of different characterisation equipments.				
Content	Quantitative microscopy - image analysis. Geometrical and electronic optics. Scanning electron microscopy. Electron probe microanalysis. Reminder of crystallography and diffraction. Transmission electron microscopy. Analysis of crystal defects. Analytical microscopy. Crystal texture and measurement. Diffraction of back-scattered electrons.				
Inline resources	https://moodleucl.uclouvain.be/course/view.php?id=8184				

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Bibliography	Slides and notes are available on Moodle. L' ouvrage de référence est				
	• D. Brandon & W.D. Kaplan, Microstructural Characterization of Materials, J. Wiley & Sons, 2001				
Other infos	It is supposed that the concepts of the FYKI orientation at the bachelor level are known.				
Faculty or entity in charge	FYKI				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Chemical and Materials Engineering	KIMA2M	5		٩		