Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Physics

Course Unit Title: Nuclear physics

Course Unit Code: F18NF

Name of Lecturer(s): Full Professor Miodrag Krmar

Type and Level of Studies: Bachelor Academic Degree

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): Summer

Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 7

Prerequisites: Fundamentals of Nuclear Physics

Course Aims:

To introduce students with the basic characteristics of the atomic nucleus, the interactions between nucleons, some of nuclear models, types of radioactive decay, and nuclear reactions.

Learning Outcomes:

General Skills:

Knowledge of the properties of the atomic nucleus, nuclear interactions, nuclear models, types of radioactive decay and nuclear reactions.

Specific Competencies:

Adopting practical knowledge in the field of nuclear physics, which will qualify student to continue education in the field of high energy physics and elementary particles, as well as gain possibility to introduce students to some practical disciplines based on the application of nuclear physics in medicine, energy, industry, etc.

Syllabus:

Theory

Basic nuclear properties, mass, binding energy, electromagnetic moments of the nucleus (magnetic dipole moment, electrical quadrupole moment, multipolar moments of higher order, measurements of multipole moments.) Nature of nuclear forces, nucleon - nucleon interaction, meson theory of nuclear power. Nuclear models (Fermi gas model, shell model, collective models, radioactive decay probability (alpha decay - tunnel effect, beta decay - week interaction, electromagnetic transitions. Alpha, beta, and gamma spectroscopy). Nuclear reactions.

Practice

Experimental and computational exercises.

Required Reading:

1. W.E.Burcham, Nuclear Physics An Introduction, Longmans Green and Co Ltd, London 1967

2. K.S.Krane, Introductory Nuclear Physics, John Willey and Sons, 1987

3. K.N. Mukhin, Physics of Atomic Nucleus, Mir Publishers, Moscow, 1987

Weekly Contact Hours:	Lectures: 3	Practical work: 3		
Teaching Methods:				
Lectures, seminars and practical work.				
Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):				

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points	
Active class	5	written exam	20	
participation	5			
Practical work	5	oral exam	50	
Preliminary exam(s)	-			
Seminar(s)	20			
The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam,				
project presentation, seminars, etc.				