Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Physics

Course Unit Title: Experimental techniques for the characterization of nanostructures

Course Unit Code: FD18ETN

Name of Lecturer(s): Full Professor Srđan Rakić, Full Professor Željka Cvejić, Associate Professor Sonja Skuban

Type and Level of Studies: PhD in Physics

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Elective

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: 15

Prerequisites: None

#### **Course Aims:**

The aim of this course is to teach students the basic principles of experimental techniques that are commonly used to investigate the structure and physical properties of nanomaterials. The course is planned in the form of theoretical and experimental modules.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

Students should develop:

- General abilities: Students will learn the basic principles of conventional techniques that are based on the processes of scattering X rays, electrons, neutrons, visible and infrared light.

- Course specific abilities: Students will be able to work on microscopic techniques, to analyze information on morphology and microstructure and to analyze magnetic and electrical properties of nanomaterials.

# Syllabus:

Theory

Theoretical foundations and principles of experimental methods for the characterization of nanomaterials. SEM, TEM, STEM, HRTEM, XPS, AFM and SPM techniques. Methods based on emission / absorption of electrons / photon or particle emitted X-rays. X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy (XRF). Photoelectron spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy, Raman spectroscopy. Resonant-spectroscopic techniques. Diffraction of X rays, electrons and neutrons. Magnetometers (SQUID and vibration magnetometer-VSM) - fundamentals, instrumentation, sample preparation, parameters of the hysteresis loop – specificity in nanomaterials, interparticle interactions, AC susceptibility, temperature dependence of magnetization (FC-ZFC curve). Specifics of techniques for measuring electrical properties of nanomaterials.

# Practice

Students are expected to implement a method for characterization of nanostructures throung project making.

### **Required Reading:**

- 1. *A Laboratory Course in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*, Dr Gérrard Eddy Jai Poinern, CRS Press, Taylor&Francis Group (2015)
- 2. *Nanostructures and Nanomaterials*, Guozhong Cao, Ying Wang , World Scientific Series in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology: Volume 2 (2011)
- 3. Principles of Condensed Matter Physics, Chaikin RM, Lubensky TC., Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, (2000)

Weekly Contact Hours	: Lectur	res: 4	Practical work: 6
Teaching Methods:			
Lectures and student res	earch		
Knowledge Assessment	t (maximum of 10	<b>00 points):</b> 100	
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation	-	written exam	-
Practical work	50	oral exam	-
Preliminary exam(s)	-		
Seminar(s)	50		