Level: bachelor

Course title: Statistical Physics

Status: obligatory

#### **ECTS:** 4

Requirements: Modern Theoretical Physics, Fundamentals of mathematical physics

#### Learning objectives

Acquiring the basic knowledge of the fundamental concepts, methods and laws of statistical physics.

### Learning outcomes

After taking the course, the student should have developed:

**General abilities:** basic knowledge of this field, following the literature, analysis of various solutions and the choice of the most adequate solution, application in practice and other subjects.

# Subject-specific capabilities:

- application of methods of statistical physics in the analysis of simple model systems;

- knowledge acquired in this course presents the necessary base for the student to follow the more advanced courses (theory of magnetism, liquid crystals, superconductivity, phase transitions etc.).

## Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

Elements of Classical Field Theory. Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalism. Noether's theorem. Global symmetry. Spontaneous symmetry breaking. Local (gauge) symmetry. Ginsburg-Landau theory of superconductivity. Phase transitions of first and second order. Critical phenomena and critical indices; application of the mean-field theory to simple systems. Introduction to the theory of phase transitions: critical behaviour of Heisenberg model, mean-field approximation. Ising model. O(N) model. Landau's theory of phase transitions.

Practical instruction - Problem solving.

Weekly teaching load				Other:
Lectures:	Exercises:	Other forms of teaching:	Student research:	
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