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# **INFORMATION PACKAGE**

/ECTS/

FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION: **4. NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS AND INFORMATICS**

PROFESSIONAL FIELD: **4.1 PHYSICS SCIENCES**

MASTER PROGRAMME: **MODERN ENERGY SOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**QUALIFICATION CHARACTERIZATION**  
**OF MASTER PROGRAMME: MODERN ENERGY SOURCES AND**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

EDUCATIONAL AND QUALIFICATION DEGREE: **MASTER**

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION: **PHYSICIST, MODERN ENERGY SOURCES AND**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

DURATION: **2 YEARS (4 SEMESTERS)**

FORM OF TRAINING: **REGULAR**

*The Master's program in “Modern energy sources and environmental protection”* with a study period of 4 semesters is intended for students with an acquired educational and qualification degree “*Bachelor*”/ “*Master*” in specialties in other professional fields from the field of *Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics* and the field of *Technical Sciences*.

*The Master's program in “Modern Energy Sources and Environmental Protection”* prepares qualified specialists with knowledge in the field of physical problems of the environment, ecology, biophysics, non-traditional energy sources, methods for environmental control, solar energy, etc. During their studies, students receive additional theoretical and applied knowledge and skills in informatics and information technologies.

Graduates of the master's program are prepared to work as specialists in environmental protection laboratories - RIOS, HEI, environmental monitoring base stations, in companies using non-traditional energy sources for energy production, in scientific institutes and laboratories in the field of physical sciences and related ones (chemistry, biology, geology), which use physical methods for environmental monitoring and control. They can hold the positions of head of a scientific program; head of a scientific section; head of a scientific laboratory; head of a production unit; head of a laboratory in an enterprise; analyst, air pollution; expert, environmental conservation; consultant, ecology; advisor, ecology; researcher, ecology; scientist, ecology; analyst, water quality; lecturer, higher education institution; assistant, higher education institution; part-time lecturer, higher education institution; and others.

## CURRICULUM

(Adopted in 2010, updated 2021)

First year			
First semester	ECTS credits	Second semester	ECTS credits
<b><u>Obligatory disciplines</u></b> <a href="#">Applied mathematics</a> <a href="#">Mathematical methods of physics</a> <a href="#">Mechanics</a> <a href="#">Electricity and magnetism</a> <a href="#">Atomic physics</a> <a href="#">Astronomy and astrophysics</a>	5 5 5 5 5 5	<b><u>Obligatory disciplines</u></b> <a href="#">Fundamentals of the computer technique and technologies</a> <a href="#">Molecular physics</a> <a href="#">Optics</a> <a href="#">Nuclear physics</a> <a href="#">Theoretical physics</a>	6  6 6 6 6
	Total 30		Total 30
Second year			
Third semester	ECTS credits	Fourth semester	ECTS credits
<b><u>Obligatory disciplines</u></b> <a href="#">Physical methods in environmental research</a> <a href="#">Chemical methods in environmental research</a> Elective discipline group I Elective discipline group I Elective discipline group I  <b><u>Elective disciplines group I</u></b> <a href="#">Modern energy sources</a> <a href="#">Visual programming</a> <a href="#">Solar architectures</a> <a href="#">Applied informatics</a> <a href="#">Modern methods in aerospace and environmental research</a> <a href="#">Ecology</a>	6 6 6 6 6  6 6 6 6 6	<b><u>Obligatory disciplines</u></b> <a href="#">Ecological expertise</a> Elective discipline group II Elective discipline group II State graduation examination in physics or Diploma theses  <b><u>Elective disciplines group II</u></b> <a href="#">Energy and ecological problems</a> <a href="#">Photovoltaic conversion of solar energy</a> <a href="#">Laser methods in environmental research</a> <a href="#">Fundamentals of biophysics</a> <a href="#">Philosophical problems of physics</a>	5 5 5 15  5 5 5 5 5
	Total 30		Total 30

**TOTAL FOR ONE YEAR: 120 CREDITS**

## **DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COURSES**

### **APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

**ECTS credits:** 5 credits

**Hours per week:** 2 lecture hours, 2 tutorial hours per week

**Assessment method:** Examination

**Course Status:** Obligatory

**Semester:** I

**Department:** Informatics

**Course Description:** The course includes:

- basic **numerical methods** of Mathematical Analysis (approximation of functions by interpolation and the least squares data fitting, numerical differentiation, numerical quadrature), of Algebra (solving nonlinear equations and systems of linear equations) and of Ordinary Differential equations (Cauchy problem for ordinary differential equations of I order and boundary problem for ordinary differential equations of order II);
- basic concepts and results of combinatorics and **Theory of Probability** (random events, probability, random variables, probability distributions, basic characteristics of random variables, basic results of theory of probability).

**Course Objectives:** Students should obtain basic knowledge about numerical methods and theory of probability and mathematical statistics.

**Teaching Methods:** lectures, tutorials and lab exercises

**Requirements/Prerequisites:** Mathematical Analysis, Linear Algebra, Analytic Geometry, Differential Equations.

**Assessment:** written final exam covering problems /omitted in case the average grade of two current problem tests is higher than Very Good 4.50/ (grade weight is 30 %) and theory on two topics (grade weight is 30 %); two homework (grade weight is 20 %) and two projects (grade weight is 20 %)

**Registration for the course:** not necessary

**Registration for the exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Student Service Department

### **MATHEMATICAL METHODS IN PHYSICS**

**ECTS credits:** 5.0

**Hours per week:** 2 Lectures + 2 Seminar

**Assessment:** exam

**Course Status:** Obligatory course

**Semester:** I

**Department of Mathematics and Physics**

**Faculty:** Natural Sciences & Mathematics

**Specific Goals of the Course:** the course aims at introducing some of the aspects of the theory of partial differential equations and the basis of vector and tensor analysis. The course focuses on physical aspect of basic mathematical notions and methods for the solving of important types of problems in order to clarify the possibility to practically apply the knowledge acquired in the course.

**Short Description:** Main topics to be considered:

- First degree partial differential equations
- Linear second degree partial differential equations from hyperbolic, parabolic and elliptic

kind

- Wave equation, heat equation, Laplac's and Poisson's equations
- Vector and Tensor Analysis

**Pedagogical Methods and Assessment:** The course includes lectures, seminars, consultations, course assignments and tests. Evaluation is made on the basis of term and final tests based on the contents of the lectures and the seminars. Only students who have positive evaluation mark on the term tests are allowed to take the final test. The students with high term evaluation marks varying between 5.00 and 5.50 only have to take theoretical exam, those who have term evaluation mark between 5.50 - 6.00 do not have to take the final exam and are given an excellent final mark for the course. The course grade (CG) is only assigned to students who have passed successfully and with a positive marks both their term and final tests. The final course grade is calculated with the help of the following formula:

$$CG = 0.6 \times \text{Term test results} + 0.4 \times \text{Final test result}$$

### MECHANICS

**ECTS credits:** 5.0

**Hours per week:** 2 Lectures + 1 Sem. + 1 Lab.

**Assessment:** exam

**Course Status:** Obligatory course

**Semester:** I

**Department of Mathematics and Physics**

**Faculty:** Natural Sciences & Mathematics

**Subject Description:** The course considers classical mechanics phenomena. It starts with kinematics and dynamics of point particle and system of point particles. The Newtonian principles of dynamics are considered in details. Particular attention is paid to motion in inertial and noninertial frames of reference, laws of conservation of energy and momentum, gravitation, such phenomena as mechanics harmonic oscillatory motions and waves. In addition the basic principles of the special theory of relatively and fluids mechanics are present.

**Specific Goals of the Subject:** The university course “Mechanics” is aimed to ensure basic knowledge on mechanics phenomena as a foundation of the physics. Receiving this grounding the students are getting ready for others special courses studying during the next years. Laboratory classes give the students practical skills for physics observations.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures are visualized by demonstrations. During the seminar classes students solve varied problems on optics. Parts of topics with practical importance are directed to the laboratory classes.

**Preliminary Requirements:** Basic knowledge in Physics and Mathematics.

**Subsidiary Materials:** Educational literature on General and Applied Physics and printed materials on the topics given by lecturer.

**Evaluation Method:** Written examination and additional conversation with the lecturer upon course topics. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Inscribing for tuition:** Not necessary.

**Inscribing for exam:** Agreement with the lecturer.

### ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM

**ECTS credits:** 5.0

**Hours per week:** 2 Lec/ 1 Sem/ 1 Lab

**Assessment:** exam

**Course Status:** Obligatory course

**Semester:** I

**University/Faculty/Department:** SWU “Neofit Rilsky”-Blagoevgrad; 66, Ivan Mihailov Blvd./ Natural Sciences & Mathematics/ Mathematics and Physics

**Subject Description:** The course considers the general laws of electrical and magnetic phenomena. The first part studies basic laws of electrical phenomena such as electromotive force, electric fields, electrical potential, Gauss law, dielectrics and metals in electrical field, conductors, and electrical current. The second part considers magnetic phenomena and includes field of moving charge, electrical dipole, magnetic forces, electromagnetic induction, and magnetic properties of mater. The third section concern questions of movement of the electrical parts in electric and magnetic fields.

**Specific Goals of the Subject:** Students acquire knowledge about Electromagnetism, Optics, Quantum Mechanics, Modern Atomic and Nuclear Physics. Material is selected depending of the specificity of the speciality. For that reason some specific topics are presented in details. Parts of topics with practical importance are directed to the laboratory classes.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures are visualized by demonstrations and laboratory tasks performance during the laboratory classes. From methods point of view teaching material is grouped in sections following logical consistency of the cause.

**Preliminary Requirements:** Basic knowledge in Physics and Mathematics.

**Subsidiary Materials:** Educational literature on General and Applied Physics and printed materials on the topics given by lecturer.

**Evaluation Method:** Final examination in written form and subsequent conversation with the lecturer. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Inscribing for tuition:** Not necessary.

**Inscribing for exam:** Agreement with the lecturer.

### ATOMIC PHYSICS

**Semester:** 1 semester

**Cours Tipe:** Lectures, seminars and laboratory exercises

**Hours per week/FS/SS:** 2 lecture hours, 1 seminar hour and 1 laboratory hour per week/SS

**ECTS credits:** 5 credits

**Status of the Subject:** Compulsory course

**University/Faculty/Department:** SWU “Neofit Rilsky”-Blagoevgrad; 66 Ivan Mihailov Blvd./ Natural Sciences & Mathematics/ Mathematics and Physics

**Subject Description:** Introduction to Atomic and Molecular Physics. Structure of the Atom. The Bohr Model. Atomic Orbitals. Hydrogen Atom. One and Two Electron Atoms. Interaction of Atoms with Electromagnetic Radiation, External Electric and Magnetic Fields. Fine and Hyperfine Structure. X-ray Spectra. Zeeman Effect. Balmer Series. Photoelectric Effects. The Periodic Table. The Nature of Chemical Bonds. Molecular Geometry. Intermolecular Interactions.

**Specific Goals of the Subject:** Students acquire basic knowledges required about Atomic and Molecular Physics. Material is selected depending of the specificity of the speciality. For that reason some specific topics are presented which are not included in the Physics programme for non-physical students.

**Teaching Methods:** Lectures are visualised by demonstrations and laboratory tasks performance during the laboratory classes. Exercises and case studies are decided at seminars. From methods point of view teaching material is grouped in sections by logical consistency from Structure of Atoms and Atomic Models via Interaction of Atoms with External Electric and Magnetic Fields to Fine and Hyperfine Structure and the nature of Chemical Bonds. Practical topics are directed to the laboratory classes.

**Requirements/Prerequisites:** in General Physics and Maths.

**Evaluation Method:** Evaluation defined by a written exam and current control of the laboratory and seminar exercises taken certain gravity. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Registration for the course:** Not necessary.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

### ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

**ECTS credits:** 5,0

**Form of assessment:** Written exam

**Semester:** 1

**Weekly workload:** 2 + 1 + 0

**Statute of the course:** Compulsory

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**Annotation:** The course “Astronomy and Astrophysics” is included as compulsory course in the specialty curriculum. The course “Astronomy and Astrophysics” is with total workload 45 hours, which includes 30 hours lectures and 15 hours seminars. The students’ self-study is 105 hours.

Teaching on the course “Astronomy and Astrophysics” has theoretic-applied character.

Current control of the students' educational achievements is carried out during the semester in the hours for seminars. Teaching on the course ends with a written exam.

**Course content:**

1. Astronomy and astrophysics as science.
2. Visible positions and movements of the celestial objects.
3. Sun. Movement of the Sun.
4. Solar system.
5. Moon. Movement of the Moon.

6. Astronomical methods for measuring the time.
7. Stars. Stellar evolution.
8. Interstellar medium.
9. Galaxies and Universe.
10. Milky Way Galaxy.
11. Fundamentals of the contemporary astrophysics.
12. Methods and instruments of the astrophysics.
13. Astrodynamics.

**Teaching methods and evaluation:** Lectures are held in a lecture hall, that is equipped with the necessary technique – computer and multimedia projector, using the computer presentations, which are developed in accordance with the educational content of the lectures.

To conduct the seminars are used variety of didactic materials – computer presentations, electronic visual materials, tasks and other.

Certification of the semester get students who have received an evaluation of the current control at least “Satisfied 3” (D).

Teaching on the course “Astronomy and Astrophysics” ends with a written exam on the educational content. A final evaluation is formed only if the student has received an evaluation of the written exam at least “Satisfied 3” (D). In forming of the final evaluation are reported the evaluations from the written exam (40 %) and from the current control (60 %).

#### FUNDAMENTALS OF THE COMPUTER TECHNIQUE AND TECHNOLOGIES

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Weekly workload:** 2 + 0 + 2

**Form of assessment:** Current assessment

**Statute of the course:** Compulsory

**Semester:** II

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**Annotation:** The course “Fundamentals of the Computer Technique and Technologies” is included as compulsory course in the specialty curriculum. Teaching on the course “Fundamentals of the Computer Technique and Technologies” has theoretic-applied character.

Current control of the students' educational achievements is carried out during the semester in the hours of laboratory exercises.

**Course content:**

1. Introduction to databases.
2. Introduction to Microsoft Office Access 2010. Creating databases.
3. Creating tables in databases.
4. Data input in tables of databases.
5. Providing and maintaining the data integrity in databases.
6. Creating links between tables in databases.
7. Creating queries in databases.
8. Creating forms in databases.
9. Creating controls in forms and subforms to the forms in databases.
10. Creating reports in databases.
11. Creating macros in databases.
12. Creating switchboard in databases.



13. Creating indexes in tables of databases.
14. Application of the databases.

**Teaching methods and evaluation:** To conduct the laboratory exercises is used the material base of the department of Physics (computer laboratory). The laboratory exercises are conducted in groups. Each student has workplace. Students work individually and they perform the practical tasks, which are described in the methodological guidelines and discussed in advance with the assistant. The laboratory exercise is considered done after presentation and defense of the performance of assigned tasks.

Certification of the semester get students who have done all laboratory exercises and who have received an evaluation of the current control at least “Satisfied 3” (D).

Teaching on the course “Fundamentals of the Computer Technique and Technologies” ends with a written exam.

## MOLECULAR PHYSICS

**ECTS credits:** 6.0

**Hours per week:** 2 Lectures + 1 Sem. + 1 Lab.

**Assessment:** exam

**Course Status:** Obligatory course

**Semester:** II

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,

Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**Subject Description:** The course is basic in the physical education and has two parts in the general physics – thermodynamics and molecular physics. They continues one semester and ends with an examination. The course combines the fondation of the reversible thermodynamics, statistical and thermodynamical treatment of its basic values, surface tension, viscosity difusion, physical acustics and elements of nonreversible thermodynamics.

**Specific Goals of the Subject:** The course gives to the students minimal knowledge required about the basic macroscopic physical phenomena in the region of the thermodynamics and molecular physics. The pracrical appliation of the knowledges is the object of treatment in the seminars and laboratory.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures visualized by physical demonstrations, seminars with decision of physical problems, laboratory classes. Some of the lectures are in a multimedia form.

**Preliniuary Requirements:** Basic Knowledge in mathematical analysis.

**Subsidiary Materials:** Educational literature on general physics (parts molecular physics and thermodynamics), printed materials on the some topics, given wy the lectures to the students.

**Evaluation Methods:** Every part ends with written and oral examination. The results from the test examination during lectures, seminars and laboratory take place in the full evaluation.

**Inscribing for tuition:** Not necessary.

**Inscribing for exam:** Agreement with the lecturer.

**Note:** The lecture course is convenient for Students of Physical, Chemistry and other natural and technical sciences.

### OPTICS

**ECTS credits:** 6.0

**Hours per week:** 2 Lec/ 1 Sem/ 1 Lab

**Assessment:** exam

**Course Status:** Obligatory course

**Semester:** II

**University/Faculty/Department:** SWU "Neofit Rilsky"-Blagoevgrad; 66, Ivan Mihailov Blvd./ Natural Sciences & Mathematics/ Mathematics and Physics

**Subject Description:** The course considers optics phenomena on the base of theory of electromagnetic wave propagation. It starts with Maxwell's equations and describes the general properties of the light waves. Particular attention is paid to such phenomena as refraction on the dielectric and metal surface, total internal refraction. Important part of the course is the consideration of the interference and the diffraction of the light, some types of interferometers and principles of the working of diffractive gratings. In addition the basic principles of geometric optics are present.

**Specific Goals of the Subject:** Students acquire knowledge about general phenomena and laws of light wave propagation. The course gives a base for others special courses such as Quantum electronics and Optical communication.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures are visualized by demonstrations. During the seminar classes students solve varied problems on optics. Parts of topics with practical importance are directed to the laboratory classes.

**Preliminary Requirements:** Basic knowledge in Physics and Mathematics.

**Subsidiary Materials:** Educational literature on General and Applied Physics and printed materials on the topics given by lecturer.

**Evaluation Method:** Written examination and additional conversation with the lecturer upon course topics. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Inscribing for tuition:** Not necessary.

**Inscribing for exam:** Agreement with the lecturer.

**Note:** The lecture course is suitable for students of all natural and technical sciences.

### NUCLEAR PHYSICS

**Semester:** II

**Type of presentation:** Lectures / Laboratory classes

**Hours per week / AS / SS:** 2 Lecture hours / 1 Seminar hour / 1 Laboratory hour / SS

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Department:** Mathematics and Physics Department

**Course Status:** Compulsory course

**Short Description:** Basic concepts of Nuclear Physics. Nuclear structure. Nuclear models. Nuclear Forces. Isotopic Spin. Parity Violation. Nuclear reactions. Fission. Fusion. Scattering theory. Neutron Physics. Accelerators. Nuclear reactors. Radiation  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Basic concepts of Radiation Safety. Elementary particles.

**Course Aims:** The students acquire basic knowledges required about Nuclear Physics. Material is selected depending of the specificity of the speciality. For that reason some specific topics are presented which are not included in the Physics programme for nonphysical students.

**Teaching Methods:** The lectures are visualised by demonstrations and laboratory tasks performance during the laboratory classes. Exercises and case studies are decided at seminars. From methods point of view teaching material is grouped in sections by logical consistency from Structure of Nuclei and Nuclear Models via Nuclear reactions, Neutron Physics to Radiation and Radiation Safety.

**Requirements / Prerequisites:** Basic knowledge in General Physics and Mathematics.

**Evaluation Method:** Evaluation defined by a written exam and current control of the seminar exercises taken certain gravity. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Registration for the course:** Not necessary.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

### THEORETICAL PHYSICS

**Semester:** 2 semester

**Cours Tipe:** Lectures and tutorials

**Hours per week/FS/SS:** 2 lecture hours, 1 tutorial hours per week/SS

**ECTS credits:** 6 credits

**Department:** Department of Physics

**Course Status:** Obligatory course in the B.S. Curriculum of physics

**Short Description:** The course deals with standard material of theoretical physics from the following areas: mechanics, electrodynamics, quantum mechanics, statistical physics and thermodynamics but adapted to students with a serious mathematical background who have not graduated a bachelor course in physics.

**Course Aims:** The course aims at giving fundamentals knowledge in theoretical Physics and to serve as a foundation for courses in theoretical physics, quantum electronics, astrophysics and other special courses.

**Teaching Methods:** lectures, tutorials, individual student's work

**Requirements/Prerequisites:** General knowledge in mathematical Analysis

**Assessment** Current evaluation at seminars and final written examination with discussion upon the end of the course.

**Registration for the Course:** by request at the end of the current semester (when is not obligatory course).

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department

#### PHYSICAL METHODS IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

**ECTS credits:** 6 credits

**Hours per week:** 2 Lec. + 0 Sem. +2 Lab.

**Assessment method:** Examination

**Course Status:** Obligatory

**Semester:** I

**Methodical leadership:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Annotation:** The course includes studying of the basic physical phenomena in the environment, including the Distribution and properties of the water, structure and energy balance of the atmosphere, heat, electromagnetic, noise and aerosol-pollutions.

**Course aims:** The students in physics have to receive ground knowledge about using the contemporary physical Methods in the monitoring of the environment.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures, laboratory, homework, tutorials.

**Preliminary Requirements:** Basic knowledge in General Physics – parts mechanics, molecular physics, thermodynamics and electricity.

**Assessment:** Written examination. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Registration for the course:** Not necessary.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

#### CHEMICAL METHODS IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

**ECTS credits:** 6 credits

**Hours per week:** 2 Lec. + 0 Sem. +2 Lab.

**Assessment method:** Examination

**Course Status:** Obligatory

**Semester:** I

**Methodical leadership:**

Department of Chemistry,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Annotation:** The main stages of analysis using instrumental methods are considered; absolute and relative methods; calibration methods and basic metrological characteristics of instrumental methods of analysis. The most commonly used spectral, magnetochemical and chromatographic methods of analysis are presented in a systematic manner.

**Course Aims:** The course aims to familiarize students with the basic principles of the most commonly used instrumental methods for analyzing the composition and structure of various objects. The

physical basis, advantages and limitations of the considered analytical methods are discussed. The aim is for students to acquire the knowledge necessary for selecting a method and adequately formulating an analytical problem.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures, laboratory, homework, tutorials

**Evaluation Method:** Written examination.

**Registration for the course:** Not necessary.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

#### ECOLOGICAL EXPERTISE

**ECTS credits:** 6 credits

**Hours per week:** 2 Lec. + 0 Sem. + 2 Lab.

**Assessment method:** Examination

**Course Status:** Obligatory

**Semester:** I

**Methodical leadership:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Subject Description:** A key approach to environmental protection is the implementation of preventive actions and measures that, before the implementation of investment intentions, ensure the prevention of significant adverse impacts on environmental components and natural ecosystems. An important tool in this direction, regulated in European and national environmental legislation, are the procedures for the implementation of regulated, preventive activities.

The course is aimed at presenting the stages, procedures and legislative framework for the development of environmental assessments and compatibility assessments as preventive tools for assessing possible significant impacts on environmental components, as a result of the implementation of investment proposals, plans and programs at national, regional and local levels, which are in the process of being prepared.

**Course content:** The curriculum contains 15 topics dedicated to environmental legislation in the field of preparing environmental assessments. Practical exercises are included to familiarize with and prepare different types of environmental assessments.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures, exercises, homework, tutorials.

**Assessment:** Written examination.

**Registration for the course:** not necessary.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

#### MODERN ENERGY SOURCES

**Semester:** 1 semester

**Cours Tipe:** Lectures and laboratory exercises

**Hours per week/FS/SS:** 2 lecture hours, 2 laboratory/FS

**ECTS credits:** 6.0 credits

**Department:** Mathematics and Physics

**Status of the Subject:** Elective course

**Subject Description:** The course introduces students to the basic physical aspects and technology of radiant energy conversion. The general energy resources of the earth and the place of solar energy in the general energy balance, the physical and technical features of the elements for the utilization of solar energy, as well as some general problems of energy as a main branch of the economy are considered. Attention is paid to the most important theoretically and practically problems related to the use, transfer and accumulation of solar energy, energy saving and the protection of the environment from harmful effects related to the production and consumption of energy.

**Course aims:** The aim of the course is for students to become familiar with the physical principles of solar energy conversion and its use for the production of electrical energy. They should receive information about the resource possibilities and prospects for the development of various technologies and the possibilities for their use in the domestic and industrial sectors.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures, laboratory, homework, tutorials.

**Preliminary Requirements:** Knowledge from courses in General Physics, Atomic and Nuclear Physics, etc.

**Assessment:** Written examination. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Registration for the course:** By request at the end of the current semester.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

### VISUAL PROGRAMMING

**Semester:** 1 semester

**Course Type:** lectures and laboratory exercises

**Hours per week FS/SS:** 2 lectures hours and 2 laboratory hours per week /FS

**ECTS credits:** 6 credits

**Department:** Mathematics and Physics

**Course Status:** Optional Course

**Subject Description:** The course is designed to introduce students to the methods and tools of visual programming in the Visual Studio 2019 IDE. The course includes topics: programming languages such as C #, HTML, CSS, PHP, SQL, JavaScript, XML.

**Course Objectives:** Students should obtain fundamental knowledge and skills related to the basics of the visual programing and related technologies.

**Teaching Methods:** lectures and laboratory exercises

**Requirements/Prerequisites:** Basic knowledge and skills for information systems and technology.

**Assessment:** written final exam

**Registration for the Course:** by request at the end of the previous academic year

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with lecturer and Student Service Department

### SOLAR ARCHITECTURES

**ECTS credits:** 6,0

**Weekly workload:** 2 Lec. + 2 Sem. + 0 Lab.

**Form of assessment:** Written exam

**Statute of the course:** Elective

**Semester:** I

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Description of Subject:** Solar Energy. Thermal solar applications. Passive solar systems. Types of passive solar systems. Direct passive solar systems. Efficient building orientation and form. Indirect Passive solar systems.

**Specific goals of Subject:** Students will acquire knowledge for modern building technologies and practical experience to use this system.

**Pedagogical methods:** Lectures will be visualized by tables, slides and presentations. In seminar exercises a real computer application will be observed and simple examples will be developed.

**Preliminary requirements:** Basic knowledge in heat physics and mechanics.

**Help Materials:** Lectures disposed in Internet (Web site of department), copies of teaching materials and publications.

**Assessment:** Examination upon the lecture material. During the semester there are interim tests.

### APPLIED INFORMATICS

**Semester:** 1 semester

**Course Type:** lectures and laboratory exercises

**Hours per week FS/SS:** 2 lectures hours and 2 laboratory hours per week /FS

**ECTS credits:** 6 credits

**Department:** Mathematics and Physics

**Course Status:** Optional Course

**Subject Description:** The course is designed to introduce students to the main methods and tools applied informatics and program language C++.

**Course Objectives:** Students should obtain fundamental knowledge and skills related to the basics of the visual programing and related technologies.

**Teaching Methods:** lectures and laboratory exercises

**Requirements/Prerequisites:** Basic knowledge and skills for information systems and technology.

**Assessment:** written final exam



**Registration for the Course:** by request at the end of the previous academic year

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with lecturer and Student Service Department.

### MODERN METHODS IN EXAMINATION OF THE AEROSPACE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

**ECTS credits:** 6,0

**Weekly workload:** 2 + 0 + 2

**Form of assessment:** Written exam

**Statute of the course:** Elective

**Semester:** 1

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Annotation:** The course „Modern methods in examination of the aerospace and natural environment“ is included as elective course in the master program „Modern Energy Sources and Environmental Protection“. The course is with total workload 60 hours, which includes 30 hours lectures and 30 hours laboratory exercises. The students' self-study is 90 hours.

Current control of the students' educational achievements is carried out during the semester in the hours of laboratory exercises. Teaching on the course ends with a written exam.

**Course content:**

1. Sun. Solar System. Planet Earth. Basic methods of their examination.
2. Lithosphere. Magnetosphere. Atmosphere. Hydrosphere. Biosphere. Main characteristics. Methods for examining.
3. Cosmic rays background and magnetosphere. Correlations and methods of their examination.
4. Aerospace environment. Basic parameters of the aerospace environment.
5. Basic methods and instrumentation for study of the aerospace environment. Telescopes, satellite detectors and others.
6. Meteorological parameters. Basic methods for their measurement.
7. Aerosols. Physical characteristics. Atmospheric transport. Basic methods for their measurement.
8. Atmospheric transport of heavy and toxic metals.
9. Atmospheric transport of chemical contaminants. Basic methods for their measurement.
10. Ozone, radon, CO<sub>2</sub> and their role in the atmosphere.
11. Cosmic rays background and meteorological effects.
12. Cosmic rays background, atmosphere and biosphere.
13. Natural environment. Basic parameters and characteristics. Approaches in the study of the natural environment. Control and management of the natural environment.
14. Radioecology and natural environment. Migration of radionuclides. Engineered barriers. Management.
15. Information systems and natural environment. Transmission and analysis of data for the natural environment.

**Teaching methods and evaluation:**

Lectures are held in a lecture hall, that is equipped with the necessary technique – computer and multimedia projector, using the computer presentations, which are developed in accordance with the educational content of the lectures.

Current control of the students' educational achievements is carried out during the semester. Certification of the semester get students who have done all laboratory exercises, who have submitted



and defended the relevant protocols and who have received an evaluation of the current control at least „Satisfied 3“ (D).

Teaching on the course ends with a written exam on the educational content. A final evaluation is formed only if the student has received an evaluation of the written exam at least „Satisfied 3“ (D). In forming of the final evaluation are reported the evaluations from the written exam (40 %) and from the current control (60 %).

### ECOLOGY

**ECTS credits:** 6,0

**Weekly workload:** 2 Lec. + 0 Sem. + 2 Lab.

**Form of assessment:** Written exam

**Statute of the course:** Elective

**Semester:** 1

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Course Description:** The course "Ecology" focuses on basic concepts, approaches and concepts in ecology as an interdisciplinary science that unites biological, physical and social sciences and is closely related to environmental protection. During the course, students become familiar with the object, subject, tasks and methods of research in ecology, with the main ecological factors - abiotic, biotic and anthropogenic; with the concept of the limiting effect of environmental factors and the adaptations of organisms to them; with the composition, structure, development and productivity of biological macrosystems - populations, biocenoses, ecosystems; with the cycle of substances and the flow of energy in ecosystems; with the essence and organization of the biosphere, with the concept of the ecosphere.

**Course Objective:** Students to obtain basic knowledge of concepts, approaches and concepts in ecology.

**Teaching method:** Lectures and practical (laboratory) exercises, Lectures are read to the entire stream simultaneously. Practical exercises are conducted in groups.

**Prerequisites:** Basic knowledge from the courses in General Physics-Mechanics, Molecular Physics, Thermodynamics and Electromagnetism.

**Assessment method:** Grade determined by a written exam and by ongoing control of laboratory exercises, taken with a certain weight.

**Registration for the Course:** by request at the end of the previous academic year

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with lecturer and Student Service Department.

### ENERGY AND ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

**Semester:** 2 semester

**Cours Tipe:** Lectures and laboratory exercises

**Hours per week/FS/SS:** 2 lecture hours, 2 laboratory/FS

**ECTS credits:** 5.0 credits

**Department:** Mathematics and Physics

**Status of the Subject:** Elective course

**Subject Description:** Introduction. Thermal motors and machines. Organic fuels. Processes and products of combustion. Industrial and power boilers. Thermal and Nuclear power plants. Basics of the Building Physics. Energy efficiency and environmental saving. Kyoto Protocol and Energy Efficiency Act.

**Course aims:** The students acquire basic knowledges about methods of effective output, transformation, transfer and use of energy from conventional and alternative sources, as well as with methods for environmental protection and legislative framework for that.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures, laboratory, homework, tutorials.

**Preliminary Requirements:** Fundamental Physics and Mathematics.

**Assessment:** Written examination. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Registration for the course:** By request at the end of the current semester.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

### PHOTOVOLTAIC CONVERSION OF SOLAR ENERGY

**Semester:** 2 semester

**Cours Tipe:** Lectures and laboratory exercises

**Hours per week/FS/SS:** 2 lecture hours, 2 laboratory/FS

**ECTS credits:** 5.0 credits

**Department:** Mathematics and Physics

**Status of the Subject:** Elective course

**Subject Description:** This course is not obligatory course with general loading of 60 hours in fact 30 lecture hours and 30 hours exercises. The course purpose is to introduce the student with physical bases of the photovoltaic converting as well as with the possibilities of the photovoltaic effect's practical realizations

**Course aims:** Students will acquire knowledge for modern solar technologies and practical experience to use this system.

**Pedagogical Methods:** Lectures, laboratory, homework, tutorials.

**Preliminary Requirements:** Fundamental Physics, Mathematic Methods Physics, Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Electronics.

**Assessment:** Written examination. Some intermediate tests conduct through the semester.

**Registration for the course:** By request at the end of the current semester.

**Registration for the Exam:** coordinated with the lecturer and Students Service Department.

### LASER METHODS IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

**ECTS credits:** 5,0

**Weekly workload:** 2 Lec. + 0 Sem. + 2 Lab.

**Form of assessment:** Written exam

**Statute of the course:** Elective

**Semester:** 2

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Abstract:** The discipline is built on the basis of the previous mandatory and elective disciplines "Optics", "Atomic Physics", "Quantum Electronics", "Biophysics". The best development has been achieved by laser methods in the identification of soil pollution, the study of the concentration of impurities in the atmospheric air and laser diagnostics of pollution in the troposphere and stratosphere. The bioactivity of natural aquatic environments has been studied with mapping of water pollution. As a result of the study of the natural landscape, data have been collected for the use and mapping of protected natural sites, the structure has been studied and the sizes of the main ecological reserves have been determined.

The course aims to provide basic knowledge of modern laser methods for studying the components of the natural environment and their protection. In addition, students will receive the necessary skills and habits for the practical rational use of natural resources and ecological reserves.

**Course content:**

- Main types of lasers and their main characteristics
- Sources of soil pollution and laser methods for determining the amount of heavy metals, hydrocarbons, ethylene, ammonia, chlorides, fluorides, etc. in the soil.
- Atmospheric pollutants and the impact of pollution on the climate. Laser diagnostics of the atmosphere.
- Mineral, organic and thermal pollution of water. Laser ecology of water.
- Protected natural sites. Biosphere reserves. Laser methods for studying components of the natural environment in reserves.
- Characteristics of sound and noise. Requirements for meteorological factors in determining noise levels.

**Teaching and assessment technology:** During the lectures, auxiliary aids are used. A computer with a multimedia projector is used to illustrate the lecture material. Physical demonstrations are also held. During the course, laboratory exercises are mandatory. The exercises are conducted in groups. They begin with checking the degree of mastery of the study material and the readiness of the students for the specific exercise. After an introduction to the topic, specific practical tasks are solved. The protocols of the laboratory exercises are defended by the student and are assessed with a grade. Current control is carried out during the lectures and exercises throughout the semester through control checks and homework assignments. The exam is carried out on the basis of written questions developed by the students from a previously distributed outline (up to 2 hours), followed by an oral interview with tests. The final grade takes into account the grades from the current control (control works and homework) and from the semester exam in a ratio of 70/30%.

### FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOPHYSICS

**ECTS credits:** 5,0

**Weekly workload:** 2 Lec. + 2 Sem. + 0 Lab.

**Form of assessment:** Written exam

**Statute of the course:** Elective

**Semester:** II

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Annotation:** The course "Fundamentals of biophysics" is included as elective course in the specialty curriculum. The course "Fundamentals of biophysics" is with total workload 60 hours, which includes 45 hours lectures and 15 hours seminars. The students' self-study is 90 hours.

Teaching on the course "Fundamentals of biophysics" has theoretic-applied character.

Current control of the students' educational achievements is carried out during the semester in the hours for seminars.

Teaching on the course ends with a written exam.

**Course content:**

1. Introduction to Biophysics.
2. Biothermodynamics.
3. Biomechanics.
4. Biological and artificial membranes.
5. Transport of substances through biomembranes.
6. Electrical properties of cells and tissues.
7. Nanotechnologies in Biophysics.

**Teaching methods and evaluation:**

Lectures are held in a lecture hall, that is equipped with the necessary technique – computer and multimedia projector, using the computer presentations, which are developed in accordance with the educational content of the lectures.

To conduct the seminars are used variety of didactic materials – computer presentations, electronic visual materials, tasks and other.

Certification of the semester get students who have received an evaluation of the current control at least "Satisfied 3" (D).

Teaching on the course "Fundamentals of biophysics" ends with a written exam on the educational content. A final evaluation is formed only if the student has received an evaluation of the written exam at least "Satisfied 3" (D). In forming of the final evaluation are reported the evaluations from the written exam (70 %) and from the current control (30 %).

### PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS OF PHYSICS

**ECTS credits:** 5,0

**Weekly workload:** 2 Lec. + 2 Sem. + 0 Lab.

**Form of assessment:** Written exam

**Statute of the course:** Elective

**Semester:** 2

**Departments involved:**

Department of Mathematics and Physics,  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

**Abstract:** The course “Philosophical Problems of Physics” is included as an elective in the curriculum of the Master's program “Modern Energy Sources and Environmental Protection”. The course has a total teaching time of 60 hours, of which 30 hours of lectures and 30 hours of seminars. The extracurricular employment of students is 90 hours. The training in the course is of a theoretical and applied nature. Current control of the students' academic achievements is carried out during the semester in the hours for seminars. The training in the course ends with a written exam.

**Course content:**

1. The image of science.
2. Science as a process of knowledge.
3. Science and philosophy.
4. Structure of scientific knowledge.
5. Theoretical structure of modern physics.
6. Scientific revolutions.
7. Quantum and the Microworld.
8. Gravity and the Universe.
9. Theory of Relativity.
10. Order and Chaos.

**Teaching and assessment technology:** Lectures are held in a lecture hall, that is equipped with the necessary technique – computer and multimedia projector, using the computer presentations, which are developed in accordance with the educational content of the lectures.

To conduct the seminars are used variety of didactic materials – computer presentations, electronic visual materials, tasks and other.

Certification of the semester get students who have received an evaluation of the current control at least “Satisfied 3” (D).

Teaching on the course ends with a written exam on the educational content. A final evaluation is formed only if the student has received an evaluation of the written exam at least “Satisfied 3” (D). In forming of the final evaluation are reported the evaluations from the written exam (70 %) and from the current control (30 %).