

PHS6317

NANO-ENGINEERING OF THIN FILMS

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Course schedule – Winter 2024

- 12 January Introduction – Scientific and technological challenges
- 19 Fabrication methods – Vacuum physics and vapor-phase techniques
- 26* Fabrication methods – Plasma processes
- 2 February Fabrication methods - Plasma-surfaces interactions and diagnostics
- 9* Fabrication methods – Thermal/Plasma spray technologies
- 16*** Optics of thin films 1, optical characterization, *Miniquiz1 (5%)*
- 23** Optics of thin films 2, design of optical filters
- 1* March *Presentations – Emerging fabrication techniques (30%)*
- March 4-8 - Winter/Spring break***
- 15*** Tribomechanical properties of films and coatings
- 22** Electrochemical properties – corrosion and tribo-corrosion (*filter-20%*)
- 5 April Passive functional films and coatings, *Miniquiz 2 (5%)*
- 12 Active functional films and coatings
- 16 Life cycle analysis and environmental impact
- 19*** *Presentations – Emerging applications of nanostructured films (40%)*

Deadlines:

Project #1 – Fabrication technique:

Choice of the subject: **26 January**

Abstract and references: **9 February**

Report and presentation: **1st March**

Projet #2 – Design of an optical filter:

Choice of the subject: **16 February**

Report: **22 March**

Projet #3 – Application of nanostructured thin films:

Choice of the subject: **16 February**

Abstract and references: **15 March**

Report and presentation: **19 April**

Evaluation

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| 1. Project 1: Bibliographic research on an emerging fabrication technique of thin films - Report and presentation | 30% |
| 2. Project 2: Design of an optical filter - Report | 20% |
| 3. Project 3: Bibliographic research on a specific application of the nano- engineering of thin films - Report and presentation | 40% |
| 4. Miniquiz 1 and 2 (@ 5%) | 10% |



Project 1: Bibliographic research on an emerging fabrication technique; Report and presentation (20% + 10% = 30%)

Deliverables: Report – max 10 pages (letter size, 2 cm margins, Times New Roman 12 pts single space)

Structure and contents:

Summary – abstract

Introduction: challenges, possible approaches, choice of the subject and its justification

Scientific description of the fabrication technique: principles of operation, background theory, experimental set up, advantages and disadvantages, open questions

Conclusions

Bibliography – papers from refereed journals

Evaluation:

Scientific depth – 50%

Structure, clarity, consistency, critical sense – 30%

Form – how smooth reading and listening, quality of figures and tables, language – 20%

Deadlines:

Choice of the subject: **26 January**

Summary (150 words) and list of references: **9 February**

Report and presentation: **1st March**



Project 2: Design of an optical filter (20%)

Specific requirements:

Deliverables: Report, maximum 8 pages (letter size paper, 2 cm margins, Times new roman 12 pts)

Structure and contents:

- Introduction – describe the choice of the specific filter
- Optical specifications of the filter: spectral characteristics in T and R, tolerances
- Methodology of the design (architecture, materials, optimization,...)
- Discussion of the performance and sensitivity to the fabrication process
- Conclusions

Deadlines:

Choice of the filter: .. **16 February**

Report: **22 March**



Project 3: Bibliographic reserach on an emerging application of the nanoengineering of thin films; Report and presentation (30% + 10% = 40%)

Deliverables: Report – max. 16 pages (letter size, 2 cm margins, Times New Roman 12 pts single space)

Structure and contents:

Summary – abstract

Introduction: challenges and problems, possible approaches

Scientific description of the solution: principles of operation, background theory, experimental set up, advantages and disadvantages, impact, open questions

Conclusions

Bibliography – papers from refereed journals

Evaluation:

Scientific depth – 50%

Structure, clarity, consistency, critical sense – 30%

Form – how smooth reading and listening, quality of figures and tables, language – 20%

Deadlines:

Choice of the subject: **26 January**

Summary (150 words) and list of references: **9 February**

Report and presentation: **1st March**