

EP 782  
Solid State Electronics  
Graduate Studies  
Fall/Winter 2023/24  
Course Outline

**CALENDAR/COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course serves as a first graduate course in Solid State Electronics and covers the following topics: Crystallography - binding and structure, free and nearly free electrons, energy bands; Electronic aspects of semi-conductors - doping, carrier statistics; Point defects - energy levels, atomic configuration, thermodynamics; Experimental aspects of defect spectroscopy.

**PRE-REQUISITES AND ANTI-REQUISITES**

Prerequisite(s): Registration in an Engineering Physics graduate program or permission by the instructor  
Antirequisite(s): N/A

**INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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By appointment

**TEACHING ASSISTANT OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

N/A

**COURSE WEBSITE/ALTERNATE METHODS OF COMMUNICATION**

<https://avenue.cllmcmaster.ca/d2l/home/550005>

Alternate method of communication: e-mail (McMaster e-mail addresses only)

**COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Understand the relationship between bonding and structure
- Relate symmetries to general features of electronic band structures
- Use band structure diagrams to assess electronic properties of semiconductors
- Understand the role of impurities (dopants) and defects in determining the electronic properties of solids
- Understand the concept of defect engineering

## MATERIALS AND FEES

### Required Texts:

Custom courseware on eReserves:

<https://avenue.cllmcmaster.ca/d2l/le/content/550005/viewContent/4234787/View?ou=550005>

## COURSE FORMAT AND EXPECTATIONS

The course is organized as follows:

- 2 or 3 in-class lectures per week (to be confirmed)
- 1 in-class presentation per student (to be confirmed)

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Date/Week	Topic	Readings
1	General Solid-State Physics – Bonding and Structure	Custom Courseware
2-4	The Perfect Lattice - Real Space and Reciprocal Lattices; Free and Nearly Free Electrons	Custom Courseware
5-8	Semiconductors - Energy Bands; Methods of Band Structure Calculations; Experimental Confirmation; Intrinsic and Extrinsic Semiconductors	Custom Courseware
9-13	Defect Engineering - Doping and Impurities; Electronic Configuration; Energy Levels (Shallow and Deep States); Vacancies and Interstitials; Lattice Relaxations and Metastabilities; Diffusion	Custom Courseware

## ASSESSMENT

Component	Due Date	Weight
Presentation	November (exact dates TBD)	35%
Report	November (exact dates TBD)	35%
Final Exam	December (exact dates TBD)	30%
Total		100%

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Every registered student belongs in this course. Diversity of backgrounds and experiences is expected and welcome. You can expect your instructor to be respectful of this diversity in all aspects of the course, and the same is expected of you.

The Department of Engineering Physics is committed to creating an environment in which students of all genders, cultures, ethnicities, races, religions, sexual orientations, abilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds have equal access to education and are welcomed and treated fairly. If you have any concerns regarding inclusion in our Department, in particular if you or one of your peers is experiencing harassment or discrimination, you are encouraged to contact the Chair, Associate Graduate Chair, Academic Advisor, or to contact the [Equity and Inclusion Office](#).

These principles and expectations extend to online activities including electronic chat groups, video calls and other learning platforms.

## PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

For a list of McMaster University's resources, please refer to the [Student Wellness Centre](#).

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. **It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty.**

Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g., the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: "Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty"), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the [Academic Integrity Policy](#), located at <https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/>

The following illustrates only three forms of common academic dishonesty:

1. plagiarism, e.g., the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained.
2. improper collaboration in group work.
3. copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

Note that **allowing** another student to copy one's work also falls under academic dishonesty and will be treated in the same way as copying another student's work.

## AUTHENTICITY / PLAGIARISM DETECTION

N/A

## COURSES WITH AN ON-LINE ELEMENT

Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of a course using on-line elements (e.g., e-mail, Avenue to Learn (A2L)) or is delivered fully on-line, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in a course that uses on-line elements will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure, please discuss them with the course instructor.

## CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

As a McMaster student, you have the right to experience, and the responsibility to demonstrate, respectful and dignified interactions within all of our living, learning and working communities. These expectations are described in the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#) (the "Code"). All students share the responsibility of maintaining a positive environment for the academic and personal growth of all McMaster community members, **whether in person or online.**

It is essential that students be mindful of their interactions online, as the Code remains in effect in virtual learning environments. The Code applies to any interactions that adversely affect, disrupt, or interfere with reasonable participation in University activities. Student disruptions or behaviours that interfere with university functions on online platforms (e.g., use of Avenue2Learn, MS Teams or Zoom for delivery), will be taken very seriously and will be investigated. Outcomes may include restriction or removal of the involved students' access to these platforms.

#### ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who require academic accommodation must contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) (SAS) at 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or [sas@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sas@mcmaster.ca) to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. For further information, consult McMaster University's [Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities](#) policy.

Note that accommodations granted while in the undergraduate program do not transfer automatically to the graduate program.

#### ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION FOR RELIGIOUS, INDIGENOUS OR SPIRITUAL OBSERVANCES (RISO)

Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the [RISO](#) policy. Students should submit their request to their Faculty Office **normally within 10 working days** of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar's Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

#### COPYRIGHT AND RECORDING

Students are advised that lectures, demonstrations, performances, and any other course material provided by an instructor include copyright protected works. The Copyright Act and copyright law protect every original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic work, **including lectures** by University instructors

The recording of lectures, tutorials, or other methods of instruction may occur during a course. Recording may be done by either the instructor for the purpose of authorized distribution, or by a student for the purpose of personal study. Students should be aware that their voice and/or image may be recorded by others during the class. Please speak with the instructor if this is a concern for you.

#### EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

The University reserves the right to change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances (e.g., severe weather, labour disruptions, etc.). Changes will be communicated through regular McMaster communication channels, such as McMaster Daily News, A2L and/or McMaster email.