

Module title		Abbreviation
Semiconductor Lasers and Photonics		11-HLF-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
Managing Director of the Institute of Applied Physics		Faculty of Physics and Astronomy
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
6	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>This lecture discusses the principles of laser physics, based on the example of semiconductor lasers, and current developments regarding components. The principles of lasers are described on the basis of a general laser model, which will then be extended to special aspects of semiconductor lasers. Basic concepts such as threshold condition, characteristic curve and laser efficiency are derived from coupled rate equations for charge carriers and photons. Other topics of the lecture are optical processes in semiconductors, layer and ridge waveguides, laser resonators, mode selection, dynamic properties as well as technology for the generation of semiconductor lasers. The lecture closes with current topics of laser research such as quantum dot lasers, quantum cascade lasers, terahertz lasers or high-performance lasers.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>The students have advanced knowledge of the principles of semiconductor-laser physics. They can apply their knowledge to modern questions and know the applications in the current development of components.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
<p>V (3) + R (1) Module taught in: German or English</p>		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>a) written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes). If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest. Language of assessment: German and/or English Assessment offered: Once a year, summer semester</p>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
180 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		

Bachelor's degree (1 major) Physics (2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Nanostructure Technology (2015)
Master's degree (1 major) Functional Materials (2016)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Physics (2020)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Nanostructure Technology (2020)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Quantum Technology (2021)
Master's degree (1 major) Functional Materials (2022)
exchange program Physics (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Functional Materials (2025)