Nanotechnology in Energy Research

Contents
Nanotechnology is of great significance for energy research. Energy efficiency can be heightened in numerous processes or applications by using special functional materials. This module covers special materials, surfaces and structures that have optimised properties due to effects of nanotechnology. It explains the underlying physical contexts. It uses specific materials and components as examples, such as thermal insulation materials, heat accumulators, functional nanoscale layer and particle systems with spectral selective properties, nanoporous vacuum insulations and electrode materials.

Intended learning outcomes
The students have specific and advanced knowledge of the application of nanotechnology in the field of energy research. They know methods of nanotechnology to influence the properties of materials and their applications. They are able to apply their knowledge to specific questions.

Method of assessment
written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or 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.

Assessment offered: Once a year, summer semester
Language of assessment: German and/or English