

Module title		Abbreviation
Topological Effects in Solid State Physics		11-TEFK-Int-201-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
Managing Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics		Faculty of Physics and Astronomy
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
8	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
1. Geometric phase in quantum systems 2. Mathematical basics of topology 3. Time-reversal symmetry 4. Hall conductance and Chern numbers 5. Bulk-boundary correspondence 6. Graphene (as a topological insulator) 7. Quantum Spin Hall insulators 8. \mathbb{Z}_2 invariants 9. Topological superconductors		
Intended learning outcomes		
In-depth theoretical understanding of the topological concepts in quantum physics related to solid state systems. Ability to connect their knowledge with different research activities at the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Würzburg University.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V (4) + R (2) Module taught in: English		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
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. Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester Language of assessment: English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
240 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

Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2020)
Master's degree (1 major) Quantum Engineering (2020)
exchange program Physics (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Quantum Engineering (2024)
Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2024)