



COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Identification

Code and title: QUP 142 – Advanced Statistical Thermodynamics

Professor: Hubert Stassen

Level: Master and Doctorate

Credit hours: 3

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2. Summary

Statistical Mechanics of Real Systems, Fluctuations, Temporal Dependence

3. Objective

Introduce the Physical-Chemical Concepts of Real Systems and their Temporal Dependence at the Microscopic Level

4. Contents

- Classical Mechanics: Initial Conditions, Equations of Motion, Liouville Equation, Phase Space
- Review of Thermodynamics-Statistics of Ideal Systems: Microcanonical and Canonical Ensembles, Thermodynamic Functions, Gases, Crystals
- Liquids and Solutions: Distribution Functions
- Dynamic Means: Temporal Correlation Function, Thermal Fluctuations
- Wiener-Khinchine Theorem: Spectral Density, Fourier Transform
- Dynamic Variables: Density, Current, Van Hove Correlation Function, Wave Vector, Reciprocal Space, Dynamic Structure Factor
- Diffraction: Experimental Principles
- Spectroscopy: Bandwidth, Spectral Moments
- Transport Phenomena: Self-Diffusion Example, Green-Kubo Relationships
- Langevin's Equation: Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem, Brownian Motion
- Linear Response Theory: Susceptibility, Dielectric Relaxation

5. Assessment

List of exercises, presentation and discussion of scientific articles. The student, who obtains a final grade of A, B or C, awarded as per the list below, will be considered approved:

A: grade equal to or above 9.0

B: grade equal to or above 7.5 and below 9.0

C: grade equal to or above 5.0 and below 7.5

D: grade below 5

FF: lack of frequency

6. Methodology

Lectures, exercises lists, seminars and examinations.



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7. Bibliography

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