

COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Identification

Code and title: QUP 143 – Methods in Electronic Molecular Structure

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Level: Master and Doctorate

Credit hours: 3

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2. Summary

Postulates of Quantum Mechanics. Wave functions for many electron systems. Hartree-Fock method. Base sets. Complete Base Set Templates. Electronic correlation. Methods for incorporating electronic correlation: Interaction of Configurations, Moller-Plesset Perturbation Theory and Coupled Clusters Theory. Density Functional Theory. Semi-empirical Methods.

3. Objective

Provide a knowledge concerning the fundamentals, concepts, approaches and methodologies related to the quantum mechanical description of molecular systems in the approximation of mono-electronic wave functions, in multiconfiguration methodologies and in approaches based on electron density.

4. Contents

- 4.1. Postulates of Quantum Mechanics. Hermitian operators and their properties.
- 4.2. Molecular Schroedinger Equation. Born-Oppenheimer Separation. Principle of Pauli. Determinants of Slater.
- 4.3. Hartree-Fock method. Hartree-Fock equations: Open and closed layer systems. Interpretation of the solutions of the Hartree-Fock Equations. electronic correlation
- 4.4. Roothaan-Hall Equations. Base function sets. Extrapolative and Additive Complete Base Set Models
- 4.5. Post-Hartree-Fock Methodologies: Configuration Interaction Method, Moller-Plesset Disturbance Theory and Coupled Cluster Theory.
- 4.6. Density Functional Theory. Hohenberg-Kohn theorems. Kohn-Sham equations. Exchange-correlation functionals.
- 4.7. Semi-empirical methods. ZDO approximation and derivatives. Parameterization Strategies.

5. Assessment

List of exercises, presentation and discussion of scientific articles, theoretical tests and/or directed works. 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



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6. Methodology

Lectures, exercises lists, seminars and examinations.

7. Bibliography

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