
On leave Spring only: Professors: S. Goh.

Materials Science is an interdisciplinary field which combines microscopic physics and chemistry in order to understand and control the properties of materials such as plastics, semiconductors, metals, liquid crystals, and biomaterials. Williams students with an interest in the properties of materials or in pursuing careers in materials science or a variety of engineering disciplines would benefit from following the courses in this program.

MTSC Courses

CHEM 336 (S) Materials Chemistry
Materials Science focuses on the study of bulk physical properties such as hardness, electrical conductivity, optical behavior, and elasticity. Materials chemists bridge the gap between traditional synthetic chemists and materials scientists, by working to understand the relationships between bulk physical properties, length scale (mesoscale, nanoscale), and molecular structure. This course will cover a variety of different types of materials and their properties including solids (insulators, semiconductors, conductors, superconductors, magnetic materials), soft materials (polymers, gels, liquid crystals), nanoscale structures, and organic electronics. We'll examine some of the latest developments in materials chemistry, including new strategies for the synthesis and preparation of materials on different length scales, as well as a variety of potential applications of emerging technologies.

Class Format: lecture, three hours per week
Requirements/Evaluation: evaluation is based on problem sets, reviews of research articles, hour exams, and a final exam
Prerequisites: CHEM 155 or 256 and 251/255
Enrollment Limit: 24
Expected Class Size: 16
Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D3)
Attributes: MTSC Courses

CHEM 348 (F) Polymer Chemistry
From synthetic to natural macromolecules, we encounter polymers everywhere and everyday. This course explores the multitude of synthetic techniques available and discusses how structure defines function. Topics include condensation and chain (anionic, cationic, radical) polymerizations, dendrimers, controlling molecular weight, ring opening, and biopolymer syntheses. Fundamentals of composition and physical properties of polymers, and methods of characterization are also covered.

Class Format: lecture, three hours per week
Requirements/Evaluation: problem sets, participation, two exams, and a final project
Prerequisites: CHEM 251/255
Enrollment Limit: 19
Expected Class Size: 19
Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
Distributions: (D3)
Attributes: BIMO Interdepartmental Electives  MTSC Courses
CHEM 364 (S) Instrumental Methods of Analysis

Cross-listings:  ENVI 364  CHEM 364

Primary Cross-listing

This course provides the student an understanding of the applicability of current laboratory instrumentation both to the elucidation of fundamental chemical phenomena and to the measurement of certain atomic and molecular parameters. Student will gain knowledge and understanding of the theory and practical use of a variety of instrumental techniques; including, but not limited to, chromatography, mass spectrometry, thermal methods, electroanalytical techniques, atomic and molecular absorption and emission spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction, and optical and electron microscopies, with examples drawn from the current literature. Analytical chemical and instrumental techniques will be developed in the lecture and extensively applied within the laboratory. These skills are useful in a wide variety of scientific areas. Through exploration of primary literature and review articles we will discuss recent developments in instrumental methods and advances in the approaches used to address modern analytical questions.

Class Format: lecture, three hours per week; laboratory, four hours per week

Requirements/Evaluation:  evaluation is based on class participation, 2 exams, problem sets, oral presentations and discussions of selected topics, and an independent project

Prerequisites:  CHEM 155 or 256 and 251/255; may be taken concurrently with CHEM 256 with permission of instructor

Enrollment Limit:  9 per lab

Expected Class Size:  18

Grading:  no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions:  (D3)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENVI 364 (D3) CHEM 364 (D3)

Attributes:  BIMO Interdepartmental Electives  ENVI Natural World Electives  EVST Methods Courses  MTSC Courses
**Enrollment Limit:** 14
**Enrollment Preferences:** sophomores and juniors planning to take GEOS 301, 302 and/or 303 in the subsequent year

**Expected Class Size:** 12
**Grading:** no pass/fail option, no fifth course option
**Distributions:** (D3)
**Attributes:** EXPE Experiential Education Courses GEOS Group C Electives - Solid Earth MTSC Courses

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**LEC Section: 01** TR 8:30 am - 9:45 am  Bud Wobus

**LAB Section: 02** T 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Bud Wobus

**GEOS 234 (S) Introduction to Materials Science** (QFR)

**Cross-listings:** PHYS 234 GEOS 234

**Secondary Cross-listing**

Materials Science is the study of how the microscopic structure of materials--whether steel, carbon fiber, glass, wood, plastic, or mayonnaise--determines their macroscopic mechanical, thermal, electric, and other properties. Topics of this course include classifying materials; material structure; thermodynamics and phase transformations; material properties and testing; how solids bend, flow, and ultimately break; and how to choose the right material for design applications. Materials Science is a highly interdisciplinary field and as a result the course prerequisites are broad but also flexible. Interested students who are unsure about their preparation are strongly encouraged to contact the instructor.

**Class Format:** lecture (3 hours per week), plus three to four small-group laboratory sessions throughout the semester (to be scheduled with instructor)

**Requirements/Evaluation:** based on weekly problem sets, class participation, and midterm and final exams, all of which have a substantial quantitative component

**Prerequisites:** high school physics and chemistry, preferably at the AP level, and MATH 140 or AP Calculus (BC), and one 200-level PHYS, CHEM, or GEOS course; or permission of instructor

**Enrollment Limit:** 20
**Enrollment Preferences:** based on students' scientific background and seniority

**Expected Class Size:** 10
**Grading:** yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option
**Distributions:** (D3) (QFR)

**This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:**
PHYS 234 (D3) GEOS 234 (D3)

**Attributes:** MTSC Courses

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**LEC Section: 01** MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm  Katharine E. Jensen

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**PHYS 451 (S) Condensed Matter Physics** (QFR)

Condensed matter physics is an important area of current research and serves as the basis for modern electronic technology. We plan to explore the physics of metals, insulators, semiconductors, superconductors, and photonic crystals, with particular attention to structure, thermal properties, energy bands, and electronic properties.

**Class Format:** seminar

**Requirements/Evaluation:** weekly readings and problem sets, and exams

**Prerequisites:** Phys 301, Phys 302 (may be taken simultaneously) preferred; or permission of instructor

**Enrollment Limit:** 10
Enrollment Preferences: Physics majors

Expected Class Size: 4-6

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D3) (QFR)

Attributes: MTSC Courses

Not offered current academic year