

## Module Description, available in: EN

# Laser and laser applications

## **General Information**

**Number of ECTS Credits** 

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- Instruction is given in the language defined below for each location/each time the module is held.
- Documentation is available in the languages defined below. Where documents are in several languages, the percentage distribution is shown (100% = all the documentation).
- The examination is available 100% in the languages shown for each location/each time it is held.

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| Instruction   |          |  |        |        | <b>X</b> E 100% |  |  |
| Documentation |          |  |        |        | <b>X</b> E 100% |  |  |
| Examination   |          |  |        |        | <b>X</b> E 100% |  |  |

#### **Module Category**

TSM Technical scientific module

## Lessons

2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

## Entry level competences

#### Prerequisites, previous knowledge

Optics: Basics of wave and geometrical optics; without optics basics during bachelor studies, the EVA "Fundamentals of light" should be visited before visiting further TSM modules.

Physics: Basics for engineers (bachelor niveau)

## Brief course description of module objectives and content

TSM module "Laser and Laser applications" provides a broad overview about the fascinating field of state-of-the-art Laser technology and its applications in industry, R&D, medicine and communication. The modul provides a comprehensive insight into the Laser and applications market, Laser types and devices, Beam deliveries, Laser machines, Physics of interaction between laser and material, and real industrial application examples presented by experts with industrial background. Module objective is to increase and enhance the technological competences on laser generation, control, and laser-material interaction.physical/ technological limits and competing technology.

## Aims, content, methods

Learning objectives and competencies to be acquired

After successfully completing this course the student:

- knows the concepts of the most important laser types with their respective advantages and disadvantages and will be informed about future trends.
- will be skilled to decide between Laser-based technology or other manufacturing technology based on knowledge in technology, efficiency, economical, and ecological reasons
- · knows industrial relevant beam guiding and delivery systems and technologies
- will be skilled to make decision on suitable laser source and beam delivery depending on application process.
- thoroughly understands important laser applications and can design the most relevant features of the systems required for them
- · knows the most relevant physical effects which happen during the interaction between laser and material
- · will be skilled to determine processing strategy, basic parameters and supporting technology
- · knows basics methods of beam diagnostics, process monitoring, and industry 4.0 technology

Module content with weighting of different components

## Laser [7 weeks]

- 1. Basics [2 wk]
- Repetition of basics, Resonators, Laser modes, etc.
- 2. Technical realization of Lasers [3 wk]
- Design concepts of significant laser sources, Pulse generation, Wavelength conversion,
- 3. Beam Delivery and Optics [1 wk]
  - hard optics, fibers, working head concepts, beam forming, Scanners, fast and ultra-fast optics etc.
- 4. Laser Safety and health protection [1 wk]

## Laser Applications [7 weeks]

- 1. Industrial Laser Applications [4 wk]Market description, Applications (Welding, Cutting, Drilling, Structuring, Hardening, Marking, Additive Manufacturing etc.), Laser material interaction, parameters, process properties and limits, laser machine concepts
- 2. Lasers in Medicine, Measuring Technology, Communication and Science [2 wk]
- Interferometry, Spectroscopy, Surgery, Ophthalmology, Displays and Communication, Microscopy 3. Beam and process diagnostics [1 wk]

Methods of beam analytics and validations, Methods of process monitoring and control, lasers and industry 4.0

## **Teaching and learning methods**

- · Lectures and self-study
- · Practical and theoretical exercises

### Literature

- 1) William Silfvast: Laser fundamantals
- 2) Rainer Dohlus: Lasertechnik
- 3) Helmut Hügel, Thomas Graf: Laser in der Fertigung
- 4) Saleh, Teich: Photonics
- 5) Fritz Kneubühl: Laser

## Assessment

**Certification requirements** 

Module does not use certification requirements

## Basic principle for exams

As a rule, all standard final exams are conducted in written form. For resit exams, lecturers will communicate the exam format (written/oral) together with the exam schedule.

Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

Kind of exam Written exam

Duration of exam

120 minutes

Permissible aids

Aids permitted as specified below:

Permissible electronic aids

calculator

Other permissible aids

• personal formulary 4 A4 pages

Special case: Resit exam as oral exam

Kind of exam Oral exam Duration of exam 30 minutes Permissible aids Aids permitted as specified below: Permissible electronic aids specified by the lecturers Other permissible aids specified by the lecturers