

MSE-238

**Structure of materials**

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<b>Cursus</b>	<b>Sem.</b>	<b>Type</b>
Materials Science and Engineering	BA4	Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Written
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
<b>Hours</b>	<b>3 weekly</b>
Lecture	2 weekly
Exercises	1 weekly
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Summary**

Introduction to materials structure including crystallography, the structure of amorphous materials such as glasses, polymers and biomaterials as well as the basics of characterization techniques.

**Content**

This course gives an introduction to materials structure with a first part on crystallography, followed by the study of the structure of amorphous materials such as glasses, polymers and biomaterials. We will also discuss the basics of characterization techniques for crystalline and amorphous structures, in particular diffraction and scattering techniques.

- Crystallography
- Glasses and liquid crystal
- Polymers
- Polymer composites
- Biomaterials
- Structural characterization of materials, including scattering and diffraction

**Keywords**

Material structure, crystallography, amorphous materials, polymers, structure characterization, diffraction, scattering

**Learning Prerequisites****Required courses**

Introduction to Materials Science

Analysis 1, 2 and 3

Linear Algebra 1 General Chemistry

**Teaching methods**

Lectures (2h) and Exercises (1h)

The nature of the exercises will vary, depending on the topic at hand.

**Supervision**

Office hours	Yes
Assistants	Yes
Forum	No

## Resources

### Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/MSE-238>