

IDENTIFYING DATA				
Laser technology				
Subject	Laser technology			
Code	V12G380V01908			
Study programme	Degree in Mechanical Engineering			
Descriptors	ECTS Credits	Choose	Year	Quadmester
	6	Optional	4th	2nd
Teaching language	Spanish English			
Department	Applied Physics			
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General description	(*)Introduction to laser technology and its applications for undergraduate students of the industrial field.			

Competencies	
Code	
B10	CG10 Ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multilingual environment.
D10	CT10 Self learning and work.

Learning outcomes		
Expected results from this subject	Training and Learning Results	
- Know the physical principles in which it bases the operation of a laser and his parts. - Know the main properties of a laser and relate them with the potential applications. - Know the different types of lasers differentiating his specific characteristics. - Know the main applications of the technology laser in the industry.	B10	D10

Contents	
Topic	
Chapter 1.- INTRODUCTION	1. Electromagnetic waves in the vacuum and in the matter. 2. Laser radiation. 3. Properties of the laser radiation.
Chapter 2.- BASICS	1. Photons and energy level diagrams. 2. Spontaneous emission of electromagnetic radiation. 3. Population inversion. 4. Stimulated emission. 5. Amplification.
Chapter 3. COMPONENTS OF A LASER	1. Active medium 2. Excitation mechanisms. 3. Feedback mechanisms. 4. Optical cavity. 5. Exit device.
Chapter 4. TYPES OF LASER	1. Gas lasers 2. Solid-state lasers 3. Diode lasers. 4. Other lasers.

Chapter 5. OPTICAL COMPONENTS AND SYSTEMS	1. Spherical lenses. 2. optical centre of a lens. 3. Thin lenses. Ray tracing. 4. Thin lenses coupling. 5. Mirrors. 6. Filters. 7. OPtical fibers.
Chapter 6. INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS	1. Introduction to laser materials processing 2. Introduction to laser cutting and drilling. 3. Introduction to laser welding. 4. Introduction to laser marking. 5. Introduction to laser surface treatments.

Planning

	Class hours	Hours outside the classroom	Total hours
Laboratory practices	18	30.6	48.6
Lecturing	32.5	65	97.5
Essay questions exam	1.7	0	1.7
Practices report	1.9	0	1.9
Short answer tests	0.3	0	0.3

*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies

	Description
Laboratory practices	Activities of application of the knowledge to specific situations and of acquisition of basic and practical skills related to the matter object of study. They will be developped in the laboratories of industrial applications of the lasers of the EEI.
Lecturing	Exhibition on the part of the teacher of the contents on the matter object of study. Exhibition of real cases of application of the laser technology in the industry.

Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
Laboratory practices	

Assessment

	Description	Qualification	Training and Learning	Results
Essay questions exam	The examination will consist of five questions of equal value. Four of them will correspond to the contents of theory and the fifth one to the contents seen in the laboratory practices.	70	B10	D10
Practices report	The evaluation of the laboratory practices will be carried out by means of the qualification of the corresponding practice reports.	20	B10	D10
Short answer tests	During the course there will be carried out a test of follow-up of the subject that will consist of two questions of equal value.	10	B10	D10

Other comments on the Evaluation

If some student was resigning officially the continuous assessment that is carried out by means of the test of follow-up of the subject, the final note would be calculated by the following formula: (0.8 x Exam qualification) + (0.2 x Practices qualification). It is mandatory to carry out the laboratory parctices in order to pass the subject. It is mandatory to attend 75% of the theory lessons to pass the subject.

Ethical commitment: it is expected an adequate ethical behaviour of the student. In case of detecting unethical behaviour (copying, plagiarism, unauthorized use of electronic devices, etc.) shall be deemed that the student does not meet the requirements for passing the subject. In this case, the overall rating in the current academic year will be Fail (0.0).

The use of any electronic device for the assessment tests is not allowed unless explicitly authorized. The fact of introducing unauthorized electronic device in the examination room will be considered reason for not passing the subject in the current academic year and will hold overall rating (0.0).

Sources of information

Basic Bibliography

Jeff Hecht, **UNDERSTANDING LASERS: AN ENTRY-LEVEL GUIDE**, IEEE, 2008
W.Steen, J. Mazumder, **LASER MATERIALS PROCESSING**, Springer, 2010

Complementary Bibliography

Recommendations

Other comments

Requirements: To register for this module the student must have passed or be registered for all the modules of the previous year.

In case of discrepancies, the spanish version (castellano) will prevail.