

Semester-wise Revised Syllabus under CBCS, Course Code:

Four-year B.Sc. PHYSICS Program Domain

Subject: Physics

III Year B. Sc. Physics(Mains) – Semester – V

ELECTIVE EB-1 : Solar Energy and Applications

Credits: 04

Max Marks: 75

I. Learning Outcomes: After successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand Sun structure, forms of energy coming from the Sun and its measurement.
2. Acquire a critical knowledge on the working of thermal and photovoltaic collectors.
3. Demonstrate skills related to callus culture through hands on experience
4. Understand testing procedures and fault analysis of thermal collectors and PV modules.
5. Comprehend applications of thermal collectors and PV modules.

II. Syllabus: (Total Hours: 90 including Teaching, Lab, Field Training, Unit tests etc.)

Unit - I: BASIC CONCEPTS OF SOLAR ENERGY (10hrs)

Sun Structure: Spectral distribution of solar radiation, Solar constant, zenith angle and Air-Mass, standard time, local apparent time, equation of time, direct, diffuse and total radiations. Pyrheliometer - working principle, direct radiation measurement, Pyrometer-working Principle, *Sunshine recorder*, diffuse radiation measurement, Distinction between the two meters.

Unit - II: SOLAR THERMAL COLLECTORS (10hrs)

Solar Thermal Collectors-Introduction, Types of Thermal collectors, Flat plate collector –liquid heating type, Energy balance equation and efficiency, Evacuated tube collector, collector overall heat loss coefficient, Definitions of collector efficiency factor, collector heat-removal factor and collector flow factor, Testing of flat-plate collector, solar water heating system, natural and forced circulation types. Concentrating collectors, *Parabolic trough collector* Solar cookers, Solar dryers, Solar desalinators.

Unit - III: FUNDAMENTALS OF SOLAR CELLS (10hrs)

Semiconductor interface, Types, homo junction, hetero junction and Schottky barrier, advantages and drawbacks, *Conversion of Solar energy into electricity*, *Photo Voltaic effect*, *Solar photovoltaic cell and its working principle*, equivalent circuit, output parameters, conversion efficiency, quantum efficiency, Measurement of I-V characteristics, series and shunt resistance, their effect on efficiency, Effect of light intensity, inclination and temperature on efficiency

Unit -IV: TYPES OF SOLAR CELLS AND MODULES (10 hrs)

Types of solar cells, Crystalline silicon solar cells, I-V characteristics, poly-Si cells, Amorphous silicon cells, Thin film solar cells-CdTe/CdS and CuInGaSe₂/CdS cell configurations, structures, advantages and limitations, Multi junction cells – Double and triple junction cells, *Dye sensitized solar cell*. PV Module fabrication steps, Modules in series and parallel, Bypass and blocking diodes.

Unit – V: SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS (10hrs)

Types of solar PV systems [Grid Connected, Stand-alone Systems, Hybrid Systems], Energy storage in PV systems, Energy storage modes, electrochemical storage, Batteries, Primary and secondary, Solid-state battery, Molten solvent battery, lead acid battery and dry batteries, Mechanical storage – Flywheel, Electrical storage – Super capacitor.

References:

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2. Solar Energy- Fundamentals, design, modelling and applications by G.N. Tiwari, Narosa Publications, 2005.
3. Solar Energy-Principles of thermal energy collection & storage by S.P. Sukhatme, TataMc-Graw Hill Publishers, 1999.
4. Science and Technology of Photovoltaics, P. Jayarama Reddy, CRC Press(Taylor & Francis Group), Leiden &BS Publications, Hyderabad, 2009.
5. Solar Photovoltaics- Fundamentals, technologies and applications, Chetan SinghSolanki, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.,
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 - (a) https://courses.edx.org/c4x/DelftX/ET.3034TU/asset/solar_energy_v1.1.pdf
 - (b) [https://www.sku.ac.ir/Datafiles/BookLibrary/45/John%20A.%20Duffie,%20William%20A.%20Beckman\(auth.\)-Solar%20Engineering%20of%20Thermal%20Processes,%20Fourth%20Edition%20\(2013\).pdf](https://www.sku.ac.ir/Datafiles/BookLibrary/45/John%20A.%20Duffie,%20William%20A.%20Beckman(auth.)-Solar%20Engineering%20of%20Thermal%20Processes,%20Fourth%20Edition%20(2013).pdf)