CHM 6628  Chemistry of Solid Materials
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Syllabus

Topics:

Fundamentals
  Classification and Structures of Solids
  Electronic Structure of Solids
    Semiconductors, Metals and Superconductors
  Magnetism and Magnetic Materials
  Optical Properties of Solids
  Surfaces
  Characterization Methods (Student Presentations)

Current Topics
  Nanoscale and Mesoscale Solid-State
  Nanochemistry at Surfaces
  Porous Solids
  Biominerals

Objective:
At the conclusion of the course students should have an understanding of the fundamentals that
underlie most contemporary solid-state and materials chemistry, including: solid-state structure types;
electronic structure of semiconductors, metals, and superconductors; magnetism and magnetic
materials; optical properties; surface effects and properties; solid-state nanochemistry; and modern
characterization methods.

Office Hours:  Monday and Wednesday 10:30 am, and by appointment, CLB 412.

Grading:  Grades will be based on student presentations and homework (25%), midterm exam to be
given in-class on Wed. Feb. 26 (30%), and final exam to be given during the last week of class (45%).
Readings:
“Solid State Chemistry, An Introduction” fourth edition, L. Smart and E. Moore. Chapters of this book will be used as an introduction to several topics.

Reading will also be assigned throughout the course from several sources including books, review articles and primary literature articles.

Homework:
Homework will be assigned approximately every two weeks and will be graded as pass/fail. Doing homework with a partner or in groups is encouraged. On the due date, students will take turns working problems and leading the discussion.

Academic Honesty:
UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel.

Accommodations for students with disabilities:
Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

The following information is required by UF policy:

Attendance:
Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx.

UF grading policies for assigning grade points:
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

UF Course Evaluation Process:
Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/.