

Technological Processes for Photonics and Electronics: Laboratory (E030890)

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Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>		
Credits 4.0	Study time 120 h	Contact hrs	45.0 h

Course offerings in academic year 2021-2022

A (year)	English	Gent
B (year)	Dutch	

Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

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Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

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Bridging Programme Master of Science in Photonics Engineering	4	A
European Master of Science in Photonics	4	A
Master of Science in Photonics Engineering	4	B
Master of Science in Photonics Engineering	4	A

Teaching languages

Dutch, English

Keywords

Photonics, lab work, clean room, fabrication, technology, lithography, etching, deposition, design and CAD.

Position of the course

This course consists of a series of lab exercises and small projects aiming at learning the student how to carry out work in a lab and cleanroom environment in an independent way. The exercises are carried out in small groups (2-3 persons). The course follows a course that describes the physics of technological processes in a theoretical way and makes the student familiar with standard fabrication technologies for photonic and semiconductor devices. In the first part individual process modules are studied. In the second part students work towards a larger project combining design, CAD, fabrication (using first semester process modules) and characterisation.

Contents

- * Introduction: Safety
- * Lithography
- * Etching technology: Wet Etching, Dry etching (plasma etching)
- * Deposition: Metallization, Dielectrics
- * Characterisation technologies: Electron microscopy, Profilometry, Ellipsometry
- * Bonding: Waferbonding
- * Maskdesign
- * Oxidation technologies
- * Characterisation techniques (SEM, AFM, ellipsometry)
- * Design and fabrication of own device

Initial competences

Course physics of technological processes or similar

Final competences

- 1 Safely entering a cleanroom and carrying out research in a cleanroom environment.

- 2 Carry out basic steps for the fabrication of semiconductor devices such as lithography, etching, deposition, bonding.
- 3 Designing a fabrication flow for a photonic device.
- 4 Using advanced mask software for creating gds-files.
- 5 Independently fabricating a semiconductor component.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Practicum, project

Extra information on the teaching methods

Part 1: lab exercises in small groups (2-3 persons), learn basic processing skills (lithography, etching, deposition...)

Part 2: individual project - design of photonic IC, preparation of processing scheme, processing in cleanroom, characterisation

Learning materials and price

Syllabus (English), elektronisch (gratis)

References

References

Course content-related study coaching

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Oral examination, report

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Report

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Participation, report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Project is evaluated on the basis of report and oral discussion of report

Calculation of the examination mark

50% lab exercises, 50% project report