

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Materials Science
MSc Materials Science

MSE 457: SCIENCE OF MATERIALS IN DAILY LIFE (open elective-1)(3 Credits)

Objectives: Objective of the present course is to give a fundamental knowledge about technologically important materials such as metals, semiconductors, polymers, composite materials, ceramic materials and basic semiconductor devices to the non-materials science students.

Expected course outcomes: This course imparts basic knowledge on the topics studied to the students who are not studying materials science..

Unit I

Conductors: Metals, Alloys, Semiconductors- Definition, elementary ideas of electrical properties, optical properties, mechanical properties, thermal properties. Specific examples of metals- Copper, Aluminium, Iron, Gold, Silver. Uses of metals. Drawbacks of metals. Alloys- advantages of alloying. Examples-Brass, Bronze, Steel, Stainless steel, Gold alloys, silver alloys and their uses.

Semiconductors: Elemental semiconductors- Silicon, Germanium. Doping- n-type and p-type semiconductors, p-n junctions. Qualitative ideas of devices- diodes to ICs. Compound Semiconductors.

14 hours

Unit II

Polymers and composites: Plastics- Introduction. Types of plastics. Rubber- Types of rubber. Vulcanization of rubber. Fibres- Different types of natural and synthetic fibres. Resins, Adhesives and polymer coatings. Physical, chemical, mechanical properties and applications of polymers. Recycling of polymers.

Composites- Introduction, types. Wood, Concrete, FRP and some advanced composites. Properties and applications.

14 hours

Unit III

Ceramics and Glasses: Ceramics- Introduction, classification, raw materials, fabrication methods, properties and applications. Types of ceramics- oxide and non-oxide ceramics. Allotropes of carbon- graphite, diamond and fullerene. Primary refractory materials.

Glasses- Introduction, raw materials, manufacture of glass, properties and applications. Types of glasses, properties and Applications. Photochromic and photosensitive glasses.

14 hours

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