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Nano and micro heat transfer 781 (MWX 781)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Module credits 16.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 21 contact hours per semester

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The applications of transport processes pose new challenges in emerging areas like electronic cooling, Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS) and micro biological sciences. This involves devices where heat, species and fluid flows are involved within very small dimensions. Topics covered: Statistical thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, thermal properties of molecules, kinetic theory, micro/nanofluidics; thermal transport in solid micro/nanostructures, electron and phonon scattering, size effects, quantum conductance, electronic band theory, tunneling, nonequilibrium heat conduction, analysis of solid state devices such as thermoelectric refrigeration and optoelectronics; nanoscale thermal radiation and radiative properties of nanomaterials, radiation temperature and entropy, surface electromagnetic waves, near-field radiation for energy conversion devices.

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