

### **Chapter 9**

The programme specific part of the curriculum for

# MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc) IN ENGINEERING (PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY)

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Please note that this version is a translation from Danish. In the event of discrepancies or ambiguity between this translation and the Danish version, the Danish version shall prevail.

The curriculum is divided into general provisions (Chapters 1-8), a programme specific part (Chapter 9) and the module descriptions of the programme's individual course modules. Students should familiarise themselves with all three parts in order to get a complete overview of the provisions regulating the programme.

# §1 Job Profiles

Physics and Technology is a multidisciplinary engineering master programme aimed at job functions that combine a fundamental understanding of physics with application oriented technological knowledge and reflection about how technology interact with the environment.

Graduates are primarily recruited for research and development in development-intensive manufacturing and consulting companies.

Graduate engineers in Physics and Technology are employed in the private as well as in the public sector. In general graduates are engaged in:

- Research and development
- Implementation of research methods and research results
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Consulting and project management

in the field of

- Acoustic transducers and sensors
- Simulation and measuring of acoustic fields
- Environmental and room acoustics
- Technological optical spectroscopy and other measuring techniques which rely on the interaction between light and molecular systems or solids
- Nanotechnology and materials technology including the use of state-of-the-art manufacturing and characterisation methods
- Manipulation of light on nanoscale (nanooptics)
- Design and realisation of optical systems
- Design and realisation of optical sensors
- Advanced signal analysis and processing.



### **§2** Competence Profile for the Programme

The master's programme in Physics and Technology is a research based programme which strengthens the competence profile of the bachelor programme in Physic and Technology or any corresponding qualifying bachelor degree. The programme is structured in accordance with the educational concept 'The Engineering Education Model of the University of Southern Denmark' or, in Danish, 'Den Syddanske Model for In-geniøruddannelser' (DSMI). The learning objectives and competence profile of the master programme are described in accordance with the learning objectives of the Danish Qualifications Framework in the categories competences, skills and knowledge. The below table shows in which courses the student achieves the qualifications mentioned – described as knowledge, skills and competences.

THE GRADUATE WITH AN ACADEMIC PROFILE IN ACOUSTICS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING WILL HAVE ACQUIRED	TK-SENS (1. sem.)	TK-ESS (1.sem.)	TK-VIB (1. sem.)	TK-STOK (1. sem.)	TK-NUM (1. sem.)	TK-AKFE (2. sem)	TK-RUAK (2. sem.)	TK-WAV ( 2. sem.)	TK-NUAC (3. sem)	тк-SP ( 3/4. sem.)
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT										
Available classes of sensors and actuators, their properties, manufac- turing, characterisation and the underlying theory of their function, strategies for measuring specific parameters as well as interfacing with sensors and actuators.	х	x	x	x		х	х	х		
Vibrations and waves in continuous, isolated or coupled systems, power transmission, vibration isolation, noise emission from plane surfaces as well as modal and statistical energy analysis of vibrations.			х			х	х			
Stochastic signals and noise, noise models, calculation and analysis of noise in systems as well as detection and filtering of stochastic noise.		х		х			х	х		
Iterative methods for interpolation, differentiation, integration, solv- ing linear and non-linear systems of equations and solving higher order differential equations, including consistency and convergence of the methods.		х			х				Х	

Sound fields in front of walls, acoustic impedance of walls, different types of noise absorbing materials and principles of calculation for determining acoustic absorption.			х	х			
Noise emission from single and correlated sources, acoustic energy concepts, modal sums to describe sound in closed rooms as well as acoustic holography.			х	х			
Various types of wavelet transformations and methods of analysis as well as characteristics and construction of wavelets and wavelet packets.					х		
Numerical methods to calculate the roots and vectors of matrices as well as the finite difference method, finite element method and boundary element method and their use in solving acoustic problems.						х	

THE GRADUATE WITH AN ACADEMIC PROFILE IN OPTICS, SENSORS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY WILL HAVE ACQUIRED	TK-SENS (1. sem.)	TK-ESS (1.sem.)	TK-VIB (1. sem.)	TK-STOK (1. sem.)	TK-NUM (1. sem.)	TK-ADOP (2. sem)	TK-MR1 (2. sem.)	TK-NAN ( 2. sem.)	MCMICRO2 (3. sem)	TK-TSPEC ( 3. sem.)	ТК-SР ( 3/4. sem.)
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT											
Available classes of sensors and actuators, their properties, manufac- turing, characterisation and the underlying theory of their function, strategies for measuring specific parameters as well as interfacing with sensors and actuators.	х	х	x	х		х		x	х	х	
Vibrations and waves in continuous, isolated or coupled systems, power transmission, vibration isolation, noise emission from plane surfaces as well as modal and statistical energy analysis of vibrations.			х				х			х	
Stochastic signals and noise, noise models, calculation and analysis of noise in systems as well as detection and filtering of stochastic noise.		х		х		х		х		х	
Iterative methods for interpolation, differentiation, integration, solv- ing linear and non-linear systems of equations and solving higher					Х		х	х	Х	Х	

order differential equations, including consistency and convergence of the methods.								
Frauenhofer and Fresnell diffraction, Fourier optics, the transfor- mation of light polarisation in optical systems, spatial and temporal coherence, characteristics of the laser light and its transformation in optical systems, non-linear effects in optical materials, fiber optics and optical detectors.			х		х		x	
Quantum mechanical description of the free radiation area and the free molecule, atomic and molecule orbitals, approximations, and operators for solving electronic eigenvalue equation, time-dependent perturbation calculation, symmetry and group theory.				x			x	
Physical properties and applications of materials and systems with dimensions of nanometers, methods of characterisation for the study of nanometer-scale objects and the principles of nanoelectronic and nanophotonic components.					х	х		
Advanced micro-and nano-lithography techniques, backside pro- cessing, MEMS and NEMS, membranes and beams, micro-and nanofluidics, bonding and packing, as well as electronic measurement techniques for micro and nano components.						х		
Modelling of vibrational and electronic transitions in two- and poly- atomic molecules, absorption spectroscopy, Raman spectroscopy, reflection and transmission spectroscopy, and scanning and CCD- based spectrometres.							х	

THE GRADUATE WITH AN ACADEMIC PROFILE IN ACOUSTICS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING WILL HAVE ACQUIRED	TK-SENS (1. sem.)	TK-ESS. (1.sem.)	TK-VIB (1. sem.)	TK-STOK (1. sem.)	тк-NUM (1. sem.)	TK-AKFE (2. sem)	TK-RUAK (2. sem.)	TK-WAV ( 2. sem.)	TK-NUAC 3. sem)	TK-SP ( 3/4. sem.)
THE FOLLOWING SKILLS										
Ability to apply mathematical methods and tools, including numerical methods and simulation tools, as well as to analyse and develop new	х		х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x

models for electrical and physical systems and their interaction.										
Ability to design, implement, analyse and optimise a sensor platform with given specifications, including the ability to work systematically with advanced signal processing and analysis of stochastic signals.	х	x	x	х		х	х			х
Ability to describe, analyse and perform measurements on the vibra- tions of mechanical systems.			x							
Ability to discuss technical and scientific issues with peers as well as with non-specialists in English.	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Ability to critically read and evaluate technical literature and research articles as well as to disseminate research based technical and scien- tific knowledge to different audiences.						х	х	х	х	х
Ability to design, characterise and optimise acoustic transducers and systems as well as to assess and choose between prevailing acoustic measurement principles.	х					х	х			х
Ability to assess and choose between the scientific theories, empirical knowledge and experimental methods to measure, analyse and optimise the acoustic characteristics of a room as well as to describe how sound is perceived by people present in the room.							х			
Ability to process, characterise and analyse signals based on wavelet- based signal analysis and processing.								x		

THE GRADUATE WITH AN ACADEMIC PROFILE IN OPTICS, SENSORS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY WILL HAVE ACQUIRED	TK-SENS (1. sem.)	TK-ESS. (1.sem.)	TK-VIB (1. sem.)	TK-STOK (1. sem.)	TK-NUM (1. sem.)	TK-ADOP (2. sem)	TK-MR1 (2. sem.)	TK-NAN ( 2. sem.)	MCMICRO2 3. sem)	TK-TSPEC ( 3. sem.)	TK-SP ( 3/4. sem.)
THE FOLLOWING SKILLS											
Ability to apply mathematical methods and tools, including numerical methods and simulation tools, as well as to analyse and develop new models for electrical and physical systems and their interaction.	x		x	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x

Ability to design, implement, analyse and optimise a sensor platform with given specifications, including the ability to work systematically with advanced signal processing and analysis of stochastic signals.	х	x	x	х		х		x	х	х	х
Ability to describe, analyse and perform measurements on the vibra- tions of mechanical systems.			х								
Ability to discuss technical and scientific issues with peers as well as with non-specialists in English.	х	x	x	х	х	х	х	x	х	х	х
Ability to critically read and evaluate technical literature and research articles as well as to disseminate research based technical and scien- tific knowledge to different audiences.						х	х	х	х	х	х
Ability to set up, implement, evaluate and conclude on practical experiments related to special linear and non-linear optical effects.						х		x		х	
Ability to perform molecular spectroscopic measurements and analyse the spectra using quantum mechanical theory for quantification of electron and vibration spectra of simple molecules.							х			х	
Ability to design, produce and characterise micro- and nano compo- nents and systems using state-of-the-art process technology and characterisation techniques.									х		

THE GRADUATE WITH AN ACADEMIC PROFILE IN ACOUSTICS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING WILL HAVE ACQUIRED	TK-SENS (1. sem.)	TK-ESS (1.sem.)	TK-VIB (1. sem.)	TK-STOK (1. sem.)	ТК-NUM (1. sem.)	TK-AKFE (2. sem)	TK-RUAK (2. sem.)	TK-WAV ( 2. sem.)	TK-NUAC 3. sem)	TK-SP ( 3/4. sem.)
THE FOLLOWING COMPETENCES										
Ability to identify, formulate and solve technical development tasks which are complex, unpredictable and require new solutions, and which must be solved in a social and ethical context.							х		х	х
Ability to develop, execute, evaluate and conclude on experimental work in relation to the latest research based theory and empirical knowledge, including assessing uncertainties, sources of error and advisability of methods.		х	х			х	х			x

Ability to independently initiate, collaborate on and assume profes- sional responsibility in academic and interdisciplinary projects within scientific development and research work where methods and tools from the programme's core courses are applied and where the work procedures require reflection, teamwork, independence and a high degree of innovation.						Х	х		x	х	
Ability to independently assume responsibility for structuring and enhancing own competences through independently planned learn- ing, including the use of the latest research literature.						х	х	x	х	х	
THE GRADUATE WITH AN ACADEMIC PROFILE IN OPTICS, SENSORS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY WILL HAVE ACQUIRED	TK-SENS (1. sem.)	TK-ESS. (1.sem.)	TK-VIB (1. sem.)	TK-STOK (1. sem.)	TK-NUM (1. sem.)	TK-ADOP (2. sem)	TK-MR1 (2. sem.)	TK-NAN ( 2. sem.)	MCMICRO2 3. sem)	TK-TSPEC ( 3. sem.)	TK-SP ( 3/4. sem.)
THE FOLLOWING COMPETENCES											
Ability to identify, formulate and solve technical development tasks which are complex, unpredictable and require new solutions, and which must be solved in a social and ethical context.								х	х	х	х
Ability to develop, execute, evaluate and conclude on experimental work in relation to the latest research based theory and empirical knowledge, including assessing uncertainties, sources of error and advisability of methods.		х	х			х		х	х	х	х
Ability to independently initiate, collaborate on and assume profes- sional responsibility in academic and interdisciplinary projects within scientific development and research work where methods and tools from the programme's core courses are applied and where the work procedures require reflection, teamwork, independence and a high degree of innovation.								Х	Х	Х	Х
Ability to independently assume responsibility for structuring and enhancing own competences through independently planned learn- ing, including the use of the latest research literature.						х	Х	х	х	Х	х



## §3 Academic Progression of the Programme

The subject coloumns of the programme consist of constituent courses and profile courses.

Constituent courses:

- Sensor Technology
- Stochastic Processes
- Experimental Sensor Technology and Signal Processing
- Mechanical Vibrations
- Numerical Methods

Profile courses for the academic profile in 'Acoustics and Signal Processing':

- Acoustics of Rooms
- Acoustic Fields
- Numerical Acoustics

Profile courses for the academic profile in 'Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology':

- Advanced Optics
- Molecules and Radiation
- Nanophysics
- Micro- and Nanofabrication 2 or Technical Spectroscopy

# §4 Structure of the Programme

The study programme has two academic profiles:

- Acoustics and Signal Processing
- Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology

Acoustics and Signal Processing	Themes
4 <sup>th</sup> semester	Thesis*
3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	Numerical Acoustics, Thesis preparatory electives and opportunity for In-company Period
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Acoustics of Rooms and Acoustic Fields
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Sensor Technology and Stochastic Processes

Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology	Themes
4 <sup>th</sup> semester	Thesis*
3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	Micro- and Nanofabrication 2 and/or Technical Spectroscopy, Thesis preparatory electives and opportunity for In-company Period
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	Advanced Optics, Molecules and Radiation, and Nanophysics
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Sensor Technology and Stochastic Processes

\* If the master's thesis is experimental, the student may choose to spend the 10 ECTS electives on the 3rd semester on the thesis work. The master's thesis will then be extended to 40 ECTS.

### §5 Programme Structure and Modules (by academic profile)

### Academic Profile: Acoustics and Signal Processing (see §§ 6-9)

Semester	Modules																														
4 <sup>th</sup> semester (spring)	TK-SP Thesis																														
3 <sup>rd</sup> semester (autumn)	TK-NUAC Numerical Acoustics										E	Elective / In-company Period*						od*	Elective / In-company Period* / Thesis**					Elective / In-company Period* Thesis**				d* /			
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (spring)	TK-AKFE Acoustic Fields										TK-RUAK Acoustics of Rooms										TK-WAV1 Wavelets 1					Elective					
1 <sup>st</sup> semester (autumn)	Sto	T ocha	FK-ST stic F	OK Proce	sses	S	T ensoi	K-SE r Tec	NS hnol	ogy	TK-ESS Experimental Sensor Technology and Signal Processing						TK <sup>.</sup> Mechanica						-VIB al Vibrations					TK-NUM Numerical Methods			
ECTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

\* The student may choose to spend 15 ECTS elective courses on an In-company Period (TK-VF).

\*\* If the master's thesis is experimental, the student may choose to spend 10 ECTS elective courses on the 3rd semester on the thesis work. The master's thesis will then be extended to 40 ECTS.

Students on a 4+4 PhD programme may use their 15 ECTS electives on third semester together with the 30 ECTS on fourth semester on a 45 ECTS master thesis.

#### Academic Profile: Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology (see §§ 10-13)

Semester	Modules																													
4 <sup>th</sup> semester (spring)	TK-SP Thesis																													
3 <sup>rd</sup> semester (autumn)	MCMICRO2: Micro- and Nanofabrication 2 or TK-TSPEC: Technical Spectroscopy										Elective / In-company Period*						od*	Elective / In-company Period* / Thesis**					Elective / In-company Period* Thesis**				;* /			
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester (spring)	TK-ADOP Advanced Optics												Мо	lecul	TK-I es an	MR1 Id Ra	diati	on 1			TK-NPHY Nanophysics					Elective				
1 <sup>st</sup> semester (autumn)	Sto	T ocha	-K-ST stic F	OK Proce	sses	Se	T ensor	K-SE Tec	NS hnol	ogy	TK-ESS Experimental Sensor Technology and Signal Processing							N	1echa	TK- anica	-VIB Il Vibrations					TK-NUM Numerical Methods				ods
ECTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

\* The student may choose to spend 15 ECTS elective courses on an In-company Period (TK-VF).

\*\* If the master's thesis is experimental, the student may choose to spend 10 ECTS elective courses on the 3rd semester on the thesis work. The master's thesis will then be extended to 40 ECTS.

# §§6-9 Academic Profile: Acoustics and Signal Processing

### §6 Description of the 1st Semester – Acoustics and Signal Processing

### SEMESTER THEME

Sensor Technology and Stochastic Processes

### VALUE ARGUMENT

A common frame of reference for graduates in Physics and Technology is to, on a scientific basis, analyse and model physical sizes in relation to design and realisation of sensors, actuators and measuring systems.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- explain and apply knowledge of stochastic processes as the basis of practical application and scientific analysis.
- analyse and explain measurement systems, including establishing a model for the transducer components, especially through the use of micro and nanotechnology
- characterise and design sensor components with specified properties, which are optimised by, e.g., the use of stochastic models.
- explain and describe vibrations of complex mechanical systems, as well as perform and document vibration measurements on selected structures
- apply numerical methods to solve mathematical problems drawn from practical engineering relevant examples, implement numerical calculations and evaluate sources of error in the calculations.

### MODULES

The semester includes the following common constituent, compulsory modules:

- TK-STOK Stochastic Processes (5 ECTS)
- TK-SENS Sensor Technology (5 ECTS)
- TK-ESS Experimental Sensor Technology and Signal Processing (5 ECTS)
- TK-VIB Mechanical Vibrations (10 ECTS)
- TK-NUM Numerical Methods (5 ECTS)

### STRUCTURE

The semester consists of a theoretical part with the courses TK-VIB Mechanical Vibrations, TK-STOK Stochastic Processes, TK-SENS Sensor Technology and TK-NUM Numerical Methods. These modules provide the theoretical and mathematical basis for TK-ESS Experimental Sensor Technology and Signal Processing as well as the practical part of TK-VIB Mechanical Vibrations.

The master programme is a direct continuation of the bachelor programme. First semester consists of two courses which supports each of the profiles 'Acoustics and Signal Processing' and 'Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology'. These courses are structured in a way that makes them immediately accessible to the students based on knowledge of e.g. mathematics, physics, technology and signal processing acquired at the bachelor programme.

### §7 Description of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester – Acoustics and Signal Processing

### SEMESTER THEME

Acoustics of Rooms and Acoustic Fields

### VALUE ARGUMENT

A common frame of reference for the profile in Acoustics and Signal Processing is to, on a scientific basis, apply theory, methods and practice in acoustic fields, acoustics of rooms and wavelet-based signal analysis and processing.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- \_ explain acoustic fields and, based on analyses, design and optimise acoustic transducers as well as explain the theoretical background of prevailing acoustic measurement principles and keep a critical, analytical approach to practical measurements.
- compare and qualitatively describe the three main theories to describe the spatial distribution of sound and analyse in detail which theory is the most relevant in a given environment.
- explain and apply wavelet-based signal analysis and signal processing as the basis for advanced signal processing, acoustics, optics, image processing and time frequency analysis.

#### MODULES

The semester includes the following profile constituent, compulsory modules:

- TK-AKFE Acoustic Fields (10 ECTS)
- TK-RUAK Acoustics of Rooms (10 ECTS) -
- \_ TK-WAV1 - Wavelets 1 (5 ECTS)

In addition the semester includes elective courses of 5 ECTS

### **STRUCTURE**

The semester consists of TK-AKFE Acoustic Fields, TK-RUAK Acoustics of Rooms, TK-WAV1 Wavelets, and one elective activity, which together provide the basis for the profile in Acoustics and Signal Processing.

# **§8 Description of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester** – Acoustics and Signal Processing

### SEMESTER THEME

Numerical acoustics, thesis preparatory activities and opportunity for in-company period.

### VALUE ARGUMENT

Numerical acoustics and individual study activities constitute a nessecary link and basis from the profile constituent courses to the final thesis work.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- apply theories, methods and practice within numerical acoustics, including analyse and model practical acoustic problems.

Added to that are learning objectives obtained in the elective courses, individual study activities, and thesis preparatory activities.

### MODULES

The semester includes the following profile constituent, compulsory module:

- TK-NUAC – Numerical Acoustics (10 ECTS)

In addition, the semester includes elective courses of 20 ECTS.

Should the student choose to write a 40 ECTS thesis, the thesis work will start in the 3rd semester where it will replace elective courses of 10 ECTS.

### STRUCTURE

The semester consists of TK-NUAC Numerical Acoustics and elective activities which provide the individual basis for the final specialisation. The elective activities can be courses, individual activities, thesis preparatory activities and an in-company period.

### STUDY ABROAD

It is possible to spend third semester at a university abroad, provided the courses are approved by the Academic Study Board of the Faculty of Engineering.

## **§9 Description of the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester** – Acoustics and Signal Processing

#### SEMESTER THEME

#### Master Thesis

During the 4th semester, the student will prepare a 30 ECTS thesis, or continue the work on a 40 ECTS thesis.

#### VALUE ARGUMENT

The thesis is a project that documents the student's engineering competences, skills and knowledge within a limited, relevant and engineering-specific subject.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- explain relevant engineering knowledge based on the highest international research in the subject area
- explain and critically reflect on relevant knowledge in the subject area
- identify relevant scientific problems in the subject area
- evaluate, select from and apply scientific methods, tools and skills in the subject area
- develop new analysis models and approaches
- explain and discuss relevant professional and scientific problems
- manage work and development situations that are complex, unpredictable and require new approaches
- independently initiate and implement disciplinary and interdisciplinary collaboration and assume professional responsibility
- independently take responsibility for their own professional development and specialisation
- disseminate research-based technical knowledge
- express themselves in writing in a clear and understandable language.

#### MODULES

- TK-SP30 Thesis (30 ECTS) or
- TK-SP40 Thesis (40 ECTS)

The module is compulsory.

# §§10-13 Academic Profile: Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology

# **§10 Description of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester** – Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology

### SEMESTER THEME

Sensor Technology and Stochastic Processes

### VALUE ARGUMENT

A common frame of reference for graduates in Physics and Technology is to, on a scientific basis, analyse and model physical sizes in relation to design and realisation of sensors, actuators and measuring systems.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- explain and apply knowledge of stochastic processes as the basis of practical application and scientific analysis.
- analyse and explain measurement systems, including establishing a model for the transducer components, especially through the use of micro and nanotechnology
- characterise and design sensor components with specified properties, which are optimised by, e.g., the use of stochastic models.
- explain and describe vibrations of complex mechanical systems, as well as perform and document vibration measurements on selected structures
- apply numerical methods to solve mathematical problems drawn from practical engineering relevant examples, implement numerical calculations and evaluate sources of error in the calculations, and use CFD tools for simulation and analysis of flow and heat transfer.

#### MODULES

The semester includes the following common constituent, compulsory modules:

- TK-STOK Stochastic Processes (5 ECTS)
- TK-SENS Sensor Technology (5 ECTS)
- TK-ESS Experimental Sensor Technology and Signal Processing (5 ECTS)
- TK-VIB Mechanical Vibrations (10 ECTS)
- TK-NUM Numerical Methods (5 ECTS)

### STRUCTURE

The semester consists of a theoretical part with the courses TK-VIB Mechanical Vibrations, TK-STOK Stochastic Processes, TK-SENS Sensor Technology and TK-NUM Numerical Methods. These modules provide the theoretical and mathematical basis for TK-ESS Experimental Sensor Technology and Signal Processing as well as the practical part of TK-VIB Mechanical Vibrations.

The master programme is a direct continuation of the bachelor programme. First semester consists of two courses which supports each of the profiles 'Acoustics and Signal Processing' and 'Optics, Sensors and Nan-

otechnology'. These courses are structured in a way that makes them immediately accessible to the students based on knowledge of e.g. mathematics, physics, technology and signal processing acquired at the bachelor programme.

# **§11 Description of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester** – Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology

### SEMESTER THEME

Advanced Optics, Molecules and Radiation, and Nanophysics

### VALUE ARGUMENT

A common frame of reference for the profile in Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology is to, on a scientific basis, apply theory, methods and practice in advanced optics, molecular spectroscopy and nanotechnology.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- explain and apply theory of the diffraction, polarisation and coherence of light and explain the technological applications of light characteristics and transformation of optical systems, non-linear effects in optical materials, fiber optics and optical detectors.
- set up, implement, evaluate and conclude on practical experiments in relation to linear and nonlinear optical effects
- explain the quantum mechanical basis for molecular spectroscopy and apply the theory to quantitatively describe the electron and vibration spectra of simple molecules.
- explain how the physical properties of the materials and components change when the dimensions are reduced, as well as how these functionalities can be used in new materials and components (sensors, actuators, etc.).

### MODULES

The semester includes the following profile constituent, compulsory modules:

- TK-ADOP Advanced Optics (10 ECTS)
- TK-MR1 Molecules and Radiation 1 (10 ECTS)
- TK-NPHY Nanophysics (5 ECTS)

In addition the semester includes elective courses of 5 ECTS

### STRUCTURE

The semester consists of TK-ADOP Advanced Optics, TK-MR1 Molecules and Radiation 1, TK-NPHY Nanophysics and one elective activity, which together provide the basis for the profile in Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology.

## **§12 Description of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester** – Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology

### SEMESTER THEME

Micro- and Nanofabrication 2 and/or Technical Spectroscopy, thesis preparatory electives and opportunity for in-company period.

### VALUE ARGUMENT

Micro- and nanofabrication and/or technical spectroscopy as well as individual study activities constitute a nessecary link and basis from the profile constituent courses to the final thesis work.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- perform molecular spectroscopic measurements and analyse the spectra using the quantum mechanical theory for the quantification of electron and vibration spectra of simple molecules, and / or
- design, make and characterise micro-and nano components and systems using state-of-the-art process technology and characterisation techniques.

Added to that are learning objectives obtained in the elective courses, individual study activities, and thesis preparatory activities.

### MODULES

The semester includes the following profile constituent, compulsory modules, 10 ECTS:

- MCMICRO2 Micro- and Nanofabrication 2 (10 ECTS) or
- TK-TSPEC Technical Spectroscopy (10 ECTS)

In addition, the semester includes elective courses of 20 ECTS.

Should the student choose to write a 40 ECTS thesis, the thesis work will start in the 3rd semester where it will replace elective courses of 10 ECTS.

### STRUCTURE

The semester consists of MCMICRO2, Micro- and Nanofabrication 2, and/or TK-TSPEC, Technical Spectroscopy, and elective activities which provide the individual basis for the final specialisation. The elective activities can be courses, individual activities, thesis preparatory activities and an in-company period.

### STUDY ABROAD

It is possible to spend third semester at a university abroad, provided the courses are approved by the Academic Study Board of the Faculty of Engineering.

# **§13 Description of the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester** – Optics, Sensors and Nanotechnology

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#### SEMESTER THEME

#### Master Thesis

During the 4th semester, the student will prepare a 30 ECTS thesis, or continue the work on a 40 ECTS thesis.

#### VALUE ARGUMENT

The thesis is a project that documents the student's engineering competences, skills and knowledge within a limited, relevant and engineering-specific subject.

The problem can be addressed from a theoretical, experimental or practical starting point.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students can:

- explain relevant engineering knowledge based on the highest international research in the subject area
- explain and critically reflect on relevant knowledge in the subject area
- identify relevant scientific problems in the subject area
- evaluate, select from and apply scientific methods, tools and skills in the subject area
- develop new analysis models and approaches
- explain and discuss relevant professional and scientific problems
- manage work and development situations that are complex, unpredictable and require new approaches
- independently initiate and implement disciplinary and interdisciplinary collaboration and assume professional responsibility
- independently take responsibility for their own professional development and specialisation
- disseminate research-based technical knowledge
- express themselves in writing in a clear and understandable language.

#### MODULES

- TK-SP30 Thesis (30 ECTS) or
- TK-SP40 Thesis (40 ECTS)

The module is compulsory.

# §14 Qualifying degrees

### 14.1. Qualifying degrees

Based on 14.2 – 14.4 the university has assessed that the below degrees qualify for admission to Master of Science in Engineering (Physics and Technology). The list is not exhaustive

- BSc in Engineering (Physics and Technology) University of Southern Denmark (legal entitlement for admission)
- BSc in Physics Faculty of Science, University of Southern Denmark
- BSc in Engineering (Physics and Nanotechnology) DTU

Below degrees are qualifying depending on academic profile and specialisation

- BEng degrees in Electronic Engineering, Electrical Power Engineering and Mechatronics University of Southern Denmark
- BSc in Engineering (Mechatronics) University of Southern Denmark

Applicants who meet the requirements of 14.3 qualify for admission. Any additional courses necessary can be taken in accordance with 14.4. Students who are interested in a master degree in Physics and Technology are encouraged to contact the programme coordinator for advice regarding elective courses.

### 14.2 Level and content of qualifying degrees

Qualifying bachelor and professional bachelor degrees in the scientific and technical area where the level and content of the scientific and technical courses correspond to a bachelor of science degree or a bachelor of engineering degree in the subject area of the MSc in Engineering (Physics and Technology) programme.

### 14.3 Academic content of qualifying degree

MSc in Engineering (Physics and Technology) admits applicants with a bachelor degree or a professional bachelor degree in the subject area of the programme, primarily physics and electro technology cf. 14.2 provided that the degree covers:

Basic subjects in mathematics (mathematics, statistics and signal processing): minimum 30 ECTS Basic subjects in physics (mechanics, electronics, electrophysics, thermal physics, quantum mechanics, optics and/or acoustics): minimum 50 ECTS.

### 14.4 Additional courses

Should the applicant's degree fail to meet the requirements mentioned in 14.1 - 14.3, it is possible to acquire the necessary skills through additional courses offered at the University of Southern Denmark. The extent of additional courses cannot exceed 15 ECTS.

Additional courses have to be taken after admission to the programme. The courses can be taken during the first two semesters of the programme and must be passed by the end of the first year of study. Additional courses are restricted to courses offered by the University of Southern Denmark as summer courses or parallel to the first year of the master programme.

### 14.5 Admission with a foreign degree

Applicants with a bachelor degree or professional bachelor degree from a foreign university who meet the requirements of 14.2 and 14.3 are eligible for admission subject to an academic assessment and comparison of whether the applicant's academic qualifications correspond to those of qualifying Danish degree.

### 14.6 Possible exemptions

Applicants whose bachelor degree or professional bachelor degree fails to meet the terms stated in 14.1 – 14.5 are not eligible for admission.

Applicants who do not hold a bachelor degree or a professional bachelor degree but who have the academic qualifications equivalent thereto are eligible for admission should their qualifications, based on an academic assessment and comparison, correspond to those of a qualifying Danish degree.

### Two-year transitional arrangement regarding additional courses:

Completed and passed additional courses, i.e. single courses from existing bachelor programmes, may be included in the application for admission until 31 August 2016.

## §15 External Examiners and Study Board

The study programme belongs under the Academic Study Board of the Faculty of Engineering and the Danish corps of external examiners for engineering programmes. Modules offered by the Faculty of Science belong under the corps of external examiners for science.

### §16 Entry into Force and Amendments

- 1. Approved by the Academic Study Board of the Faculty of Engineering and the Director of Studies on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering on 14 September 2010.
- 2. Curriculum 2014 is approved by the Academic Study Board of the Faculty of Engineering and the Director of Studies on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering on 10 April 2014 (Version 1.0).
- 3. Curriculum 2015 is approved by the Academic Study Board of the Faculty of Engineering and the Director of Studies on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering on 27 January 2015 (Version 1.0).