

Academic Session: 2019-2020

PHY 2207: Semiconductor Physics

3 Hours/week 3 Credits Examination Duration: 3 Hours

- **1. Introduction to Semiconductor:** Metal, Insulator and Semiconductor; Semiconducting Materials; Intrinsic and Extrinsic Semiconductors.
- **2. Theory of Semiconductors:** P-Type and N-Type Materials; Bonding in Si and GaAs Crystals; Electron and hole concentrations; Diffusion of carriers; Characteristics of P-N junction; Bandgap Engineering; Hall Effects for One and Two-carrier Systems.
- **3. Semiconductor Crystal Growth and Doping:** Bulk Crystal Growth of Elemental (Si) and Compound (GaAs) Semiconductors; Epitaxial Material Growth: Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE), Mechanism of Carrier Generation by Doping in Elemental and Compound Semiconductors; Wafer Preparation; Fabrication of Integrated Circuits.
- **4. Diodes:** Volt-Ampere Characteristics, Junction Capacitances, Diode Applications: Rectifier and Power Supplies; Ripple factor; Special Diodes: Zener Diodes, Photo Diodes, LED; Weakly and Tightly Bound Excitons; Photoconductivity.
- **5. Transistor:** Fundamentals, Construction and Operation; Transistor DC and AC Characteristics; UJT; SCR; Phototransistor; FET: Construction and Characteristics of JFET and MOSFET.

Books Recommended:

Robert L. Boylestad Louis Nashelsky Electronic Devices and Circuit Theory

Gary S. May Simon Sze Fundamentals of Semiconductor Fabrication

Chenming Hu Modern Semiconductor Devices for Integrated Circuits

Ali Omar Elementary Solid State Physics

Simon M. Sze Physics of Semiconductor Devices