Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2014-2015

Advanced X-ray Spectroscopic Techniques for Chemical Analysis (C002961)

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2017-2018

A (semester 1) lecture 15.0 h

Offered in the following programmes in 2017-2018

- Master of Science in Chemistry 3 A
- Master of Science in Chemical Engineering 3 A
- Master of Science in Chemical Engineering 3 A
- Exchange Programme in Chemistry (master's level) 3 A

Teaching languages
English

Keywords
X-ray spectroscopy, Monte Carlo simulation, synchrotron radiation, XRF, XAFS, XANES, EXAFS

Position of the course
This course provides a detailed knowledge of the principles of the most important analytical methods based on advanced X-ray induced (micro)spectroscopic techniques which make use of either laboratory or synchrotron radiation sources. The course discusses in detail the principles of chemical/structural analysis on the microscopic level by X-ray absorption/emission techniques. Special attention is given to the use of synchrotron radiation for trace-element microanalysis, absorption microspectroscopy and novel X-ray imaging methods such as transmission, phase-contrast and fluorescence microtomography. Throughout the course, examples of applications of the discussed techniques will be given in the field of materials science, geochemistry, archaeology and environmental science.

Contents
- Quantitative X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectroscopy
- Monte Carlo simulation for XRF
- Complementary information on X-ray interactions with matter (polarisation effects in X-ray scattering, Doppler effect in Compton scattering, X-ray resonant Raman scattering, effects of secondary photoelectrons via impact ionisation and photoelectron bremsstrahlung)
- X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) using synchrotron radiation

Initial competences
Having followed successfully the course "Spectroskopische analysemethoden / Spectroscopic Methods of Analysis" or having achieved these competences in an alternative way.

Final competences
The student has a thorough knowledge of the concepts of advanced X-ray (micro) spectroscopic methods for chemical analysis. He/she knows how to apply them in specific applications.

Conditions for credit contract

(Approved)
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**
Lecture

**Learning materials and price**
English syllabus Cost: 8 EUR

**References**

**Course content-related study coaching**
Interactive support through Minerva, personal: upon electronic appointment.

**Evaluation methods**
end-of-term evaluation

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

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

**Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation**

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation**
not applicable

**Calculation of the examination mark**
Written exam counts for 100 %.