

## PHYSICS 363 - Physics of Solids

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TEXT: *Solid State Physics, An Introduction, by Philip Hofmann*  
The course will focus on material in the first 7 chapters of Hofmann's book.

Supplementary texts:  
Elementary Solid-State Physics, M. Ali Omar  
Introduction to Solid-State Physics, Charles Kittel, 8<sup>th</sup> ed.

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### **Lectures and teacher-student interactions:**

Lectures will be given as synchronous presentations with zoom at the class time scheduled by the registrar, Tues. and Thurs. 1:35 pm – 2:50

There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions during lecture.

Detailed powerpoint slides for lectures will be made available on coursesite.

Student questions outside of class will be handled either by individual zoom meetings or by in-person meetings at my office or outdoors. For individual meetings, please make an appointment with me by e-mail.

For in-person meetings, we will be masked and maintain 6ft separation.

**My preferred mode of communication is e-mail.**

**Initial competences:**

Introductory quantum mechanics and thermal physics

**Final competences:**

Crystal lattices, Miller indices, and crystal structures

X-ray diffraction and the reciprocal lattice

Crystal binding and crystal types

Specific heat, lattice vibrations, neutron diffraction, thermal conductivity

Free electron theory of metals, electronic specific heat

Elementary theories of band structure, nearly free electron model, tight binding model

Semiconductor physics, electrons and holes, effective mass, simple devices