

## GP 9507 ASPECTS OF HIGH PRESSURE GEOPHYSICS

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Lectures: Tue, Thu 11:30-12:30, BGS1069

Lab: Wed 2:30 - 4:30 PM BGS1065

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course introduces elementary solid state theory, thermodynamics, elasticity, equation of state, stress and strength, phase transformations, high pressure and high temperature science and technique, mineral physics of mantle and core. This course aims to introduce how to study the **physical and mechanic properties of materials** at ambient and extreme conditions that can be applied to nature and industry system.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

### LEARNING OUTCOME:

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Explain the basic concept of the thermodynamics and their relations to the properties of materials
- Explain the basic concept of the crystal chemistry and physics and their responses to extreme pressure and temperature conditions
- Explain the basic concept of the equation of state and spectroscopy and their relations to elastic property of the materials
- Explain the basic concept of the stress and stress and their relations to mechanical property of the materials
- Explain the basic concept of the high pressure apparatus and their applications to the study of formation and evolution of the planetary bodies.
- Apply the knowledge of mineral physics to the synthesis, structure and elasticity of the materials under ambient and extreme conditions

### COURSE OUTLINE

The following topics represent a general overview of the course.

However, readings that will be assigned may cover other topics as well.

#### Thermodynamics of Solids

Thermodynamic potentials

Maxwell relations

Elastic moduli

Thermoelasticity (lattice harmonicity / anharmonicity)

Grüneisen parameter

#### Physical Properties of Solids

Elasticity

Bonding property

Equations of state

Thermoelasticity

Stress and strength

#### High Pressure and Temperature Generating Devices

Static methods (large volume press, diamond-anvil cell)

Dynamic methods (shock wave)

Pressure determination

Lattice vibration

### **Transport Properties**

Melting

Electrical conductivity

Thermal conductivity

Viscosity

Mantle rheology

### **Mineral Physics Constraints on Mantle and Core**

Properties

Composition

Interaction

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignments on topics related to the above sections, though not necessarily specifically discussed in the lectures, will be set during term time. Some questions may require extra reading/study and you are therefore encouraged to refer to the books listed below (or any other book).

### **SEMINAR**

You will be required to present a seminar on an approved topic of your choice which is related to topic of this course. Seminars will be given at a date to be determined near the end of term. Details will follow.

### **FINAL REPORT**

You will be required to hand in a written report on an approved topic of your choice which is related to topic of this course. The report should be no more than 10 pages, including figures and tables but not references. Format: Time New Roman, font size 12, double spacing,

### **MIDTERM**

Midterm will be held around but not in the reading week.

### **GRADE**

The final grade will be calculated with the approximate breakdown as follows:

Assignments 30%

Midterm 25%

Seminar 25%

Final report 20%

### **TEXT BOOK (Recommended)**

Introduction to the Physics of the Earth's Interior, J-P. Poirier, Cambridge University Press, 2000 (2nd ed.).

### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

Physics of the Earth 3rd ed., F. D. Stacey, Brookfield Press, 1992. (library has 2nd edition, 1977)

New Theory of the Earth, D.L. Anderson, Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Advances in High-Pressure Mineralogy, E. Ohtani, GSA, 2007.  
The Physics of High Pressure, P.W. Bridgman, G. Bell and Sons, 1958.  
Kittel, C., Introduction to Solid State Physics, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1976.

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[https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical\\_document.pdf](https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_document.pdf)

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